



Vision and Commitment 2018  
**A year to focus on discipleship**

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## Vision and Commitment Sunday (2 Peter 1:3-11)

### Corporate Prayer

Generous God, we come together today to celebrate life and godliness, coming to us from your glory and goodness.

Loving friend, we praise you that through Jesus we are called into a deep personal relationship with you.

Powerful Lord, we step out in faith to claim your precious promise that we can be free from the contamination of the world around us and receive the blessing of sharing your divine life.

Open our eyes to see your possibilities.

Enthuse us with a passion to know you more.

Reassure us of your ability to help us to stand firm and become more like you each day that we live. Amen.

### Prayer Points

- Rejoice in the generosity of God and his ability to meet all our needs. Spend time in thanksgiving for the many blessings that you have in Christ.
- God gives us everything we need to live a life pleasing to God, and his grace is not rationed. Seek forgiveness for doubting that living a life of victory over sin, living like Jesus and growing in faith, are possible for you.
- Humbly ask God to help you build your character, and allow him to supply you with what you need at this particular time in your life.

### Prayer Activities

- *Prayer Mathematics*

Following the reading of 2 Peter 1:3-9, give everyone a sheet with maths symbols on it and ask them to respond to the accompanying questions while suitable music is played.





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- +** What do you need to add to your life?
- What needs to be subtracted from your life?
- ÷** What has God given you that you could share with others?
- ×** How is the Lord using you to multiply his blessings to others?

- **Musical Prayer**

‘For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith...’ (2 Peter 1:5 NIV)

The word translated ‘add’ is a pictorial term which refers to a choir or an orchestra of different voices and instruments being blended together to form a harmonious sound. Although each of the attributes Peter mentions are of value in themselves, each one complements the others, and together they produce the life that is truly pleasing to God.

The following reading leading to prayer blends voices and percussion instruments to illustrate this point. From verse 5, as each voice or group of voices is added, add on a percussion instrument. It is best to start with a quiet instrument such as a triangle, and it might be helpful to practise, perhaps more than once, so that a rhythm can be established before beginning.

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| <b>Voice 1:</b>            | Read 2 Peter 1:3-4.  |
| <b>Female voice 1:</b>     | For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness... (v5) |
| <b>Add female voice 2:</b> | And to goodness, knowledge...  |
| <b>Add male voice 1:</b>   | And to knowledge, self-control...  |
| <b>Add male voice 2:</b>   | And to self-control, perseverance...   |
| <b>Add group 1:</b>        | And to perseverance, godliness...  |
| <b>Add group 2:</b>        | And to godliness, mutual affection...  |
| <b>Add group 3:</b>        | And to mutual affection, love.   |





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STOP the instruments.

**Voice 1:**

Lord, help us to discover the vibrant melody that you have written just for us, to deepen our understanding of how to achieve inner harmony and to submit to your rhythm and pace for our lives, so that we display your divine life in everything we do.

Make our lives into a symphony of praise to you.

Amen.

