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## **‘Getting Together’ (Gathering) (Based on Acts chapters 2 to 4)**

### **Corporate Prayer**

- All:** Father, Son and Spirit, we worship you - you are almighty, all-loving, all-powerful. We gather together in your holy presence, in your name, as your followers did on the day of Pentecost - together in worship, community, focus and intention. Father, may your Spirit fall upon us again today - your Spirit that draws us to you, to each other and to the world outside this building.
- Leader:** May we, through your power, speak out boldly for Christ, the only Saviour. We pray that our community, our country and our world may truly believe that people need the Lord.
- All:** ‘Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved.’
- Leader:** May we, through your power, lift Christ up. It’s all about him!
- All:** ‘Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your Holy Spirit.’
- Leader:** May we, through your power, reveal Jesus in all we are and do.
- All:** May people ‘recognise us as being companions of Jesus’.
- Leader:** May we, your people, live in unity with each other. May the centre and focus of that unity be Christ and Christ alone. May we be one, as Christ and his Father are one.
- All:** May we live in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common.
- Leader:** We now take time to listen to what God is saying to us, as individuals and as a worshipping community (... a period of silence...)
- All:** As we pray, may this place be shaken, may we all be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the word of God boldly. Amen!





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## Prayer Points

- May we each become true disciples of Jesus - following him in every aspect of his life and living.
- May we become one with him - through prayer, Bible reading, obedience, repentance, Christlike living and repentance - and one with each other - through enthroning Christ as Lord of our individual lives and this worshipping community.
- As people enter these doors during the week, may they see and sense Christ here. May every activity be about Jesus - and may his name be spoken freely in this place, where we live, work, study and socialise.
- May the broken, fragmented lives within this place, this community, this country and this world be healed. May God gather us, and all he has laid upon our hearts, to himself.

## Prayer Activities

- Encourage the congregation to pray together in small groups during worship. Some congregations will be comfortable doing this - for those who are not, introduce a 'fun element'. Hand out Celebrations or Quality Street chocolates, asking those who have a certain colour of wrapper to sit together - you may need to print out the prayer points and ask someone in each group to read them out.
- Encourage each member of the congregation to quietly think of and pray for someone less fortunate than themselves - and then to ask God what they can do to bless that person in his name over the coming week. It could involve offering to help clean their flat, weeding a garden, DIY, baking a cake, taking them for a game of golf, inviting them for a cup of tea etc.
- Encourage your congregation to gather together in small groups to pray during the week - this could be before coffee morning, after lunch club, during sectional practices, in youth cell groups, in someone's home.
- Encourage people to share a meal/refreshments with each other during the week - either at home or in a coffee shop - or if possible, invite the whole congregation to join in a 'Faith Meal' after worship.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

