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At the heart of Pray Together Sunday is the belief that Jesus changes everything. With one voice, we will worship him and ask him to transform our congregations, communities and nation for his glory. We will ask God for renewal in our own hearts and in those around us.

- In order to live at peace with others, we must be worshipers of the Prince of Peace and filled with his Spirit of peace. Take time to worship Jesus and seek the control of the Holy Spirit as you trust him to guide your prayers.
- Ask God to purify your heart so that you can love others with his strength. Pray this simple prayer: “Jesus, show me how I can live in peace with others.” Then invite him to help you do so!
- Division can easily begin in our own homes. Consider different family members and pray for wisdom to live together in peace. Pray for healing where there has been misunderstanding or hurt.
- Our local church is a place of outreach to the community with the message of Christ. Pray that God would breathe spiritual renewal within our church body and among our pastors and church leaders.
- The Christian body is diverse — not only with different ministries and gifts, but with different backgrounds and ways of relating to each other as we work together for his kingdom. Pray that God would give us understanding for one another as we live out different callings.
- Our nation is deeply divided, particularly over politics. Pray that God would enable American Christians to be bridge builders and to model Christian civility even when there is disagreement over particular policies.
- Jesus said that we are the light of the world. Pray that our Christian witness would show God’s love for others in our local community and throughout the world.
- American Christians face many temptations as we seek to be in the world but not of the world. Pray for God’s wisdom and strength to resist temptation, and pray that God would renew our hearts, churches and country with a greater understanding of his love.
- There are many people suffering in our country and throughout the world. Pray that God would burden our hearts for the vulnerable and that we would share our resources and the Good News of the cross with them.

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