# Lifting Our Voices to the Lord

They lifted their voices together to God. *Acts 4:24* 

## Lifting Our Voices Together in Praise

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "the LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty. *Exodus 34:6-7c* 

- Praise the Lord, He is merciful and gracious!
- Praise the Lord, He is slow to anger!
- Praise the Lord, He is faithful!
- Praise the Lord, He is just!

#### Lifting Our Voices Together in Confession

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32* 

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. *James 1:19* 

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah* 6:8

- Forgive us, Lord, for being ready to receive Your forgiveness but reluctant to extend it to others.
- Forgive us, Lord, for being slow to hear, quick to speak, and quick to anger.
- Forgive us, Lord, for prioritizing our own comfort rather than pursuing justice; for delighting ourselves in material things rather than loving kindness; for chasing after false gods rather than walking humbly with You.

## Lifting Our Voices Together in Thanksgiving

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works for the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. *Psalm 107:8-9* 

- Thank the Lord for His unfailing love toward us.
- Thank the Lord for living sinlessly, dying sacrificially, raising victoriously, and ascending gloriously in our place.
- Thank the Lord for satisfying our longings and filling our hunger with Christ.

## Lifting Our Voices Together in Supplication

Our World

- Pray for persecuted Christians around the world-that they would persevere in faith and holiness.
- Pray for the Gospel to be proclaimed to all nations, so that Jesus will return (Matthew 24:14).
- Pray for the effectiveness, fruitfulness, and overall wellbeing of all our missionaries.

#### Our Nation

- Pray against polarization and hostility in public discourse.
- Pray for the healing of racial wounds, tensions, and divisions.
- Pray for wisdom and a posture of repentance for all our national leaders: Present Biden; Vice President Harris; Members of Congress; Senators Blackburn and Hagerty; U.S. Representatives Jim Cooper, Mark Green, Diana Harshbarger, Tim Burchett, Chuck Fleischman, and David Kustoff; the Supreme Court; and the U.S. Judicial System

Our State

- Pray that our state leaders will seek the Lord and listen to Him: Governor Bill Lee; Tennessee General Assembly; and the State Judicial System
- Pray that they will surround themselves with wise counsel.
- Pray that they would personally know the Lord in a saving way through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Our City

- Pray for our church to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in Memphis.
- Pray for our city leaders to seek the Lord and His will: *Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland; Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris*
- Pray for the flourishing of our school systems, teachers, administrators, parents, and students.
- Pray for the protection and integrity of our law enforcement and emergency personnel.

Our Church and Ministry Partners

- Pray for God's blessing on our pastoral staff, church officers, and ministries.
- Pray for God's blessing on our parishes.
- Pray for God's blessing on our local ministry partners and church plants.

