

Christianity, if it is false, it is of no importance, and if it is true, it is of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important. C.S. Lewis

O God who is greater than we can even begin to comprehend, whose power and creation stretch across galaxies and universes, and yet whose love and compassion and grace is as intimate as knowing the very number of hairs on our head, we come in awe and worship and gratefulness this morning. We come to be reminded that our Christian faith is of infinite importance. That both our life here on this earth, and our life on the other side is determined by our faith and how we live it out. Lord, in this world of material obsession, overbooked schedules, political posturing, sensationalism, feel good pursuits, we confess that it is often too easy for us to confuse our priorities and turn our attention away from the One we are to follow in our life – Jesus Christ. It is easy for us to think that so many other things are important, and yet those other things have no eternal impact on our lives. Those other things cannot forgive our sins, heal our wounds, offer us love, give us inner peace, or prepare a place for us in heaven. Only you can do those things. And so forgive us when we are lukewarm in our Christian walk. Give us courage, strength, desire, and passion to live our lives each and every day, knowing that our Christian faith is the most important thing in our lives. That, as Jesus said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be given you.”

Lord, this day, we lift our prayers for those around us. There is hurt and sorrow and suffering and injustice both here and in all parts of your world. And we have faith that our prayers do matter. That you do hear, and that it pleases you when your children pray with and for one another. And so we lift up those who are in need. You have heard those on our prayer list, but there are others...

Lord, thank you for this time of quiet renewal, of knowing we are heard, we are loved and that we can have faith in your will and way. And help us to continue to be inspired to so live to the highest and best that we can. As we seek to follow Jesus Christ, in the way we live and the way we pray...

Lord's Prayer