

Three Requests of God for Our Church

Our Father in Heaven,

(Stewardship of the Gospel)

Convict us, Lord, with a personal responsibility as disciples of Jesus to steward Your grace that was given to us for others (Ephesians 3:2; 4:7; Matthew 28:18-20); that the gospel we have received we pass on to others as of first importance (1 Corinthians 15:3), making disciples of those who accept our message (Acts 2:37-41).

(Adding to the Church)

We know that Christians are the church (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 5:30), and yet many find themselves in a situation where the things that make them the church (Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:1-16) are not happening. Fellowship and commitment are often casual or inconsistent, if they happen at all (Hebrews 10:24-25). And there is little opportunity for ministry or mutual discipleship to Jesus. Use our church to meet these believers where they are and add them to the body.

(Equipping the Church)

May every Christian in our church be a minister. Unite us in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. Mature us in the practice of truth in love. And, equip us for the work of ministry. In this way, Father, build us up into Christ our Lord (Ephesians 4:4-6; 4:11-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Amen.