

Clergy

Lord we thank you that you call and equip your children with different gifts for ministry. We pray for wisdom and understanding for Fr. Cameron; for faithfulness, boldness and power to preach your Word, and for doors to be opened for him to spread the Gospel, and for the quiet time needed to study and prepare to preach your Word. We pray for spiritual and physical protection from the world, the flesh and the devil for he and his family, for rest and good health, and for the fellowship of good and Godly friends. May he trust you in all things and remember always to give you the glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Vestry

Heavenly father we pray that the Vestry will always seek your will in all things, for we all are but stewards of this place – all that is here belongs to you and is set apart for your glory and for your kingdom work. May your Holy Spirit shine forth from this place so that people are drawn to its spiritual light and find here the one who is the Good Shepherd, the one who searches for the sheep, cares for the sheep, lays down his life for the sheep, and protects and sustains them. May we do likewise in his holy name. Amen.

Staff

Lord God we thank you for drawing each member of the staff into ministry here. Sustain them in their ministry and protect them from any of the wiles of the Enemy who seeks to seed disorder and disharmony in your churches. Give them all the tools necessary to fulfill their ministry needs and pour your blessings upon them as they seek to serve you faithfully in this place. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Food Bank

Lord we pray for your provision for this ministry. We pray for those who serve and those who come in need. Lord protect those who minister here, give them compassionate, tender and servant hearts that they may reveal your love to all who enter through the door. We pray that those who come are truly those who are in need and not those who would work the system. May your children find here a place of encouragement and hope and the love that the Good Shepherd has for all his sheep. Amen.

OSL Members/Ministry

O God we pray that you would imbue your ministers with the grace of your gifts of healing, that they would be vessels of your grace, that through them your healing power would flow so that every sickness and affliction is healed and any evil spirits that would come against your children would be bound and cast out to your judgment seat. Lord give to each OSL minister a grateful heart, a heart full of praise for you. Equip them, Lord, in all the ways needed. Let each one keep their eyes fixed on you and you alone that none may be tempted to believe that they have special gifts that make them special, only that you are the one who comes to heal. Draw others into this ministry as the need arises. We ask all this in the holy and all-powerful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Altar Guild

Heavenly Father we pray you give to those who minister in your sanctuary in preparation of the services of worship such a joy in their ministry that you are glorified in all their work. Give them a reverence for all the sacred vessels, ornaments, linens and vestments that have been blessed and set apart for your worship. Give them clarity of thought and purpose as they put all things in place so that no distractions occur to take our eyes off you. May their ministry be a time of devotion, of quietude, and of peace. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

Acolytes

Lord we pray that those whom you have called into this ministry of service at the altar will recognize both the blessing and responsibility of the ministry. We pray that they will rejoice in serving you and your people in your holy place and that they may enter into the ministry diligently and with reverence that you may be glorified and your people blessed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Office Volunteers

Father we thank you that through the Holy Spirit you give different kinds of gifts for the building up of the body. We thank you for sending us those with gifts of hospitality and administration to be the face of the Church in the front office and others who help with various tasks in the office. We ask a blessing on each one as they give their time to this ministry. Give them peace and joy as they go about their ministry. In Jesus' Name we pray.

Prayer Ministers

Lord, you have taught us to offer prayers to you in all circumstances and to trust that you hear the prayers of your faithful children and answer them according to your perfect and good will. We pray for discernment for those whom you have called into the ministry of intercessory prayer that they may be constant in their ministry and trust you always to perfectly answer our prayers on behalf of those people and ministries who seek our prayers on their behalf. It is in the power of Jesus' Name that we pray. Amen.

LEMs

Almighty God we thank you for calling your children to the servant ministry of Lay Eucharistic Minister. Give each one clarity of thought and a reverent and joy-filled heart as they serve at your altar so that our time of worship may focus on you alone and so that you may be glorified in all we do. In Jesus' Name. Amen

LEVs

Father we thank you that you care so deeply for all of your children and that when we are physically unable to be present to receive the sustenance of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son you raise up those with your compassionate heart to minister the healing and nourishment of the sacrament to those in need. Sustain them in their ministry and increase their love for you and your children. Amen.

Godly Play

Lord Jesus you bid the little children come unto you, and lifted up the open faith of children as a model for all faithful people. Provide, we pray, for the spiritual nurture of the youngest of your children in this place by raising up loving and caring teachers who love you and know your word and can draw your children closer and closer into a relationship with you so that as they grow they may know how to trust you for all their needs and rest in the certainty of your love and know the ways you would have them go. Amen.

A Prayer for our Young Adults

Almighty God, you call out people of every age to be your disciples by abandoning all to follow you. Grant to our young adults humility,

faith, and holiness of life, that they would shine your light into a world darkened by sin, and so draw others to the love and forgiveness of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for our Youth

Gracious Lord Jesus, in your own youth you sought the Heavenly Father in study, prayer, and works of mercy. Fill our youth with holy desires to seek and know you more each day; empower them to love God and others above themselves; enable them to grow in prayer and the study of your word, and above all, to be rooted in your love. For your tender mercy's sake, Amen.

Celandine School and Good Shepherd

Lord, we thank you for bringing Celandine School and your beloved children onto this your campus for our mutual ministry. We pray for the teachers, for the children and their parents for wisdom, an eagerness to learn, and for peace. In the Name of Jesus our Good Shepherd we pray. Amen

Tabitha's Treasures

Lord we thank you for the example of Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, who made items of clothing and helped the poor. We pray that those who enter this ministry would have the same prayerful spirit as they make the caps, shawls and blankets to be given to those in need of a comforting reminder of your loving presence. We pray that each member is blessed in this ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Stewardship

Almighty God, we acknowledge and give you thanks that all that we have comes as a gift from you, including life itself, our talents, and our treasure and most especially the gift of eternal life through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Open the hearts of all your people to your limitless generosity, teach them to see stewardship as looking after those things that are yours of which you have made us responsible for our time on earth. May they receive the blessing of trusting you with all that they have: time, talent, and treasure and of returning to you a percentage of the 100% you have given them for the spread of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Facilities Maintenance and Repair and Landscape Committee

Lord, we thank you for the ground and the physical plant that you have set aside, and sanctified, for your kingdom work. May we be good stewards of your buildings and grounds. We pray for provision of people and funds to properly care for that which is yours that it may show forth your glory and be used for the increase of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Card Ministry

Lord Jesus you sent Barnabas as an encourager to the first Christians in Antioch, and as an encourager for the Apostle Paul. There are times in our own lives when we are very much in need of encouragement. Bless we pray this card ministry: those who write the cards and those who receive them that in all your heart for your children may be made known. Amen.

Hospitality

Heavenly Father through your Holy Spirit you have graciously bestowed the gift of hospitality on your people. May we show forth that gift in our welcoming of others into this community of the Good Shepherd. Lead us we pray to provide for such fellowship events so as the radical hospitality that marked our Lord's table fellowship during his earthly ministry may be likewise experienced here. Amen.

Evangelism Commission

Lord Jesus you opened wide your loving arms on the hard wood of the cross so that all might come within the reach of your saving embrace. Teach us how to draw into that embrace those who do not know you. We pray you Lord to open up the spiritual eyes of those in the neighborhood that they would be drawn to your light. May we, more and more, be filled with that light, so that people can see, and come to experience for themselves, your grace poured out on your children. Amen.

Ushers and Greeters

Merciful and loving Father, call and equip, we pray, into the ministry of ushers and greeters, those of your children who have the gift of hospitality, in order that each person, who enters through the doors of the church, may encounter you; may be welcomed in and made to feel at home; and may be equipped to enter fully into worship. And

then Lord, bless the ushers and greeters in their ministry, give them a sense of joy in greeting others in your name. Amen.

Music Ministry

Lord, we know from your Word that music is part of the worship in your throne room in heaven. Your beloved David was an accomplished musician and singer. Give us those same gifts. May the ministry of praising you in song bless the congregation and bless the singers and musicians that their ministry is filled with joy and thankfulness. And may it above all bring you glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Flower Guild

Loving creator, we thank you for the beauty of your creation, that in it we see your loving hand at work in designing things of beauty. We thank you especially for flowers and plants that lift our hearts in praise of you. Bless we pray those who minister at your altar by creating flower arrangements that enhance our worship of you. Provide all things necessary for their ministry. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Fundraising

Father God, we pray that you would turn the hearts of the people to give generously to support your kingdom work here through pledging and tithing back to you that which you have given them. Abundantly provide for all the needs of the ministries and administration. We pray that you would bless each fundraising endeavor needed to cover the operating expenses not covered by pledges. Give insight into each event, and vision for any new events that might be needed. Bless those who organize and those who participate and bring forth a harvest of fellowship and financial provision. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Audio Visual

Lord God you invite us into worship by lifting our voices in prayer and praise to you, and you task your ministers with preaching your Word. For this to be done well we rely on the modern technology of microphones, cables, speakers, and sound boards. Where any of this equipment is malfunctioning send those with the expertise to make the necessary changes that it may be used to show forth your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.