

Transition

PRAYER CARD

A WEEK OF PRAYER

Day 1: Monday—Our Transition and The Search for a New Rector

Our Father in Heaven, in our season of transition, we pray that according to the riches of your glory, you may grant us to be strengthened with power through your Spirit. Please bring us a new rector to shepherd us to Christ faithfully. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith that being rooted and grounded in love, we may have strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Unite us in your gospel and our fellowship. May you do wonders amongst us and through us that magnify your name so that Jesus we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

Day 2: Tuesday—For David and Bronwyn: Through This Transition

Almighty God, who made a time for everything under heaven, grant that David and Bronwyn, being called into a new season in life and ministry, may hold fast to your unending love and mercy. Bless them, as they have been a great blessing to your church. May they grow in grace and truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 3: Wednesday—For Unity in the Gospel

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: unite us in the gospel you have entrusted to us. Take away all pride and prejudice and whatever else may hinder us from godly union. Fill us with all humility, gentleness, and patience, that bearing with one another in love, we may be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 4: Thursday—For the Work of God Among Us

O Lord our God, you have created the church as a spiritual house for your dwelling. As we seek to build up your church, please establish your eternal purposes among us. Turn us outward toward others and your world, and make us joyful enough to serve you heartily in our generation. Give us that most precious gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may love each other earnestly from the heart, and so establish the work of our hands. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the deepest desire of our souls. Amen.

Day 5: Friday—Thanksgiving for God's Faithfulness over the Last 100 years

Almighty God, our strong tower in times of change and transition. Fill us with gratitude in this centennial year as we live secure in the certain hope that you are with us. Pour out your Spirit on this church that we may continue to preach the gospel, live joyfully for you, and send laborers into the harvest field. And as we celebrate our past, we ask that we would look forward with eagerness to the future you have for us. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Day 6: Saturday—For a New Church Home

Almighty and ever-living God, who has faithfully sustained and blessed St. John's for one hundred years, grant us the grace to trust your guidance as we seek a permanent church home where we may gather in your name. Give us wisdom in discernment, unity in vision, and courage to follow wherever you lead. Help us to know and obey your will in all things, ever mindful that our true foundation is you, Lord Jesus, the chief cornerstone, in whom your people are built together as a living temple for your dwelling place. Align our hearts and decisions with your purposes, that we may glorify you from one generation to the next, until the day you gather us to yourself in eternal joy and glory. All this we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Day 7: Sunday—Grief and Gratitude

Our loving Father who grieves for the lostness of your world: assist us in our grief to place our trust in you. In our sorrow, may seeds of faith take root and bear fruit. Lead us in our lament to place our hope in Jesus, building our lives upon him and his gospel. Guide us through sorrow to joy, from grief to gratitude, that we may thank you for the surpassing grace that has been given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

