

## **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD**

~Psalm 33:12

1. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
2. For Fr. Matt: an extra portion of Your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen him as rector.
3. Thank you for giving Fr. Matt a vision of St. Francis as the place we come to recharge before going into the community sharing God's love through a wide and growing variety of ministries.
4. Thanksgiving for God's calling and anointing Jarred McKinney for youth ministry to draw the minds and hearts of our youth to God.
5. That God's people will pray fervently for the leadership and future direction of our community, state, nation and world.
6. Thank you for the new Christian education curriculum that provides heart and head knowledge for disciples of *all* ages.
7. So fill us with Your love and compassion for all that we truly become "one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for *all*."
8. For all suffering the effects of Covid-19—whether physical, emotional, financial or spiritual: healing and restoration.
9. Guide and protect citizens and poll workers and grant us fair, uncontested elections.
10. That we follow Fr. Matt's lead in reaching out to brothers and sisters of color, building bonds of love and Christian community.
11. While social distancing, inspire Fr. Matt and the vestry with creative, effective ways to minister God's love to our congregation and community.
12. Lord, give all elected officials wisdom and a servant's heart to lead people in right paths for Your honor and glory.
13. Pray safety, respect and peace for law enforcement *and* the communities they serve.
14. Holy Spirit, take our groanings and turn them into powerful intercessions for our hurting nation and world.
15. Pray protection for lives and livelihoods in the midst of peaceful protests overtaken by violent elements.
16. Pray for renewed faith, strength and purpose for Christians and churches.
17. Empower us to lead winsome lives so full of love that unbelievers want to know You.
18. For our next bishop: "Raise up a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for Your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission."
19. Help us see, serve and love *all people* as image bearers of God and intentionally work for unity and peace with all.
20. That God will extinguish Covid-19 in His way and timing, showing His power and love.
21. Pray against the pervasive spirit of fear stirred up by the events of 2020.
22. That we turn our hearts to God and seek His guidance in all decisions, especially as we vote in upcoming elections.
23. Fill us with Your spirit that we might bring the light of Your hope and love to this dark world.
24. May we worship with reverence, expecting and experiencing God's presence with us.
25. Work through us to make disciples of all people, giving us the courage and sense of urgency to spread the Good News to all who are spiritually lost.
26. For a robust newcomer's ministry to welcome and orient visitors and draw them into opportunities for growth, service and fellowship.
27. May all who come to worship with us know our love for them, You and one another.
28. May our homilies continue to open to us the relevance of scripture to our lives.
29. That pastors of all Christian churches in Lee County create an opportunity for a large-scale gathering for shared prayer, praise and repentance.
30. We pray for hope and restoration for all who've experienced natural disasters.
31. Thanksgiving for God's incredible blessings on St. Francis—especially during these difficult times—and prayers that we joyfully, faithfully and responsibly use these blessings to further the kingdom of God.