

DAY EIGHT | worship

Teach us to pray, to sing, to listen, to learn, to love as You desire. Lead us in showing Your grace to others as we lead, sing, work for Your glory. Grant us Your wisdom in working with others, training and equipping those in our midst to be used of You, and sharing Your love with all those around us. Show us divine appointments to assimilate others into Your kingdom, Your ministry, Your church, for Your glory alone.

Lord, enable our gifts. Make us desperate in all of our efforts for Your spirit to show up, enable and empower. Remove our insecurities, restore our joy in Your blessings, and create in us a savvy that will be infectious for Your kingdom and glory. Through Your gift of music and worship, You have created a unique community of musicians, vocalists and technicians that long to use their gifts to bring You glory. Those same gifts and that same community, by the power of Your spirit can woo others that are longing to get involved. Compel us to seek and invite those that are only waiting to be asked, in Your most gracious name, Amen.

We pray that our worship, both corporate and individual would bring us to a deeper understanding of your grace and mercy in our lives. We pray for your transforming power in our hearts as we seek your face through prayer, music and scripture.

Father in Heaven - we pray that you would grant to us the spirit of the Psalmist as he wrote in Psalm 67 - that You would be gracious to us, and bless us. We pray for the nations that they would be glad and sing for joy and that all, to the ends of the earth, would know your blessing, pursuit and love.

We pray for the worship ministries of the Birmingham churches that they would empower those in their care to use their gifts, given by You, to lead others in praise of Your glory. We pray that their services of worship would be honoring and glorifying to You. We pray that distractions would be removed, that leadership would seek Your face, and that Your spirit and Word would move in power in a glorious way.

Father we pray for our worship choir, kids choir, praise bands and tech teams as they strive to serve together as one worshipping body and lead OMPC to Your glory, and to Your gaze. Would you protect families as they strive to serve? Would you free up schedules to allow some margin for service? Would you compel those with musical gifts that are still sitting in the pew to reach out and get involved? And of course, would you do all of this for Your honor and Your glory alone.

Father we pray for impact in the families of OMPC, our neighbors and our community as Your spirit works in each of us through our gifts and acts of service. Would you bring us together more regularly on Sunday mornings for worship? And as we enter the building, would we sense distractions being removed, Your spirit leading us in worship, Your Word moving in us in power and authority, and Your transforming power sending us out into our jobs, our homes, our schools, and our community to be agents of transformation. For Your glory.

Holy Spirit, further enlighten us to the truths behind the texts that we read and sing through corporate and individual worship, Scripture reading, and devotional time. Would You equip us to have a deeper understanding of Your mighty power in our everyday lives. Would You give us savvy, compassion, and understanding as we interact on a daily basis with those in our spheres of influence, and lead us; teach us that our everyday lives and everyday acts are services of worship. Would You impress on our souls moments during the mundane that fuel our desire for Your leading in our lives.

