

**Mission Creek Alliance**  
**Sweet! An Hour of Prayer**  
**December 27, 2011 and January 2, 2012**

As we've gathered together weekly to pray over the last number of months we've seen amazing answers to prayer. We must continue on in prayer now more than ever! Over the Christmas season, we want to respect your family time and schedules, and to also encourage you **to continue on in this season of prayer**. We encourage you to gather on Tuesday evenings (**December 27th and January 2nd**), **as a family in your home or with friends and pray** for Mission Creek Alliance, for protection against the enemy, and for God's will in our families, individual lives, for our community, and as a church.

We invite you to use the following outline to guide your prayer time on those two nights as you gather together in your homes.

**FAITH**

For prayer to be meaningful, it must be founded on biblical faith. True faith encapsulates *knowledge, agreement, and trust* in God alone. As Paul puts it in [Romans 10:17](#), 'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God'.

Spend some time reading scripture, sharing favourite scripture verses, and allowing God's word to build your faith.

**ADORATION**

Faith naturally leads to adoration that expresses our love and longing for God. Adoration in turn leads to praise and worship. The Scriptures overflow with descriptions of God's greatness. The Psalms, in particular, contain passionate prayers of worship, expressions of adoration to the King of Kings. "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" ([Ps. 95:6](#)).

Spend time in prayers of adoration and praise to God. Focus in on the attributes of God.

**CONFESSION**

The Psalms are also replete with confessions, such as that of King David: "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight" ([Ps. 51:4](#)). Confession means acknowledging that we stand guilty before God. There is no place for self-righteousness. We develop intimacy with the Lord through prayer when we confess our need for His pardon. The apostle John writes, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins" ([1 John 1:9](#)).

Spend time asking God to search your heart and expose areas (sins of commission and sins of omission) that you need to confess and repent of. Confess these to God and to one another.

**THANKSGIVING**

Nothing is more basic to prayer than to "enter his gates with thanksgiving" ([Ps. 100:4](#)). Giving thanks is a function of faith, not feelings. It flows from the assurance that our heavenly Father knows and provides exactly what we need. Paul encourages us to "be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances" ([1 Thess. 5:16-18](#)).

Spend time giving thanks to God, for all things and situations.

**SUPPLICATION**

God desires His children to bring their requests with praise and thanksgiving. Scripture promises "that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him" ([1 John 5:14-15](#)). Despite His provision, the purpose of prayer is not to pressure God into providing us with pleasures, but to conform us to His will.

Spend time asking God, in accordance with His will and take some time to share prayer requests with one another, individually, and pray specifically for one another in that way.

**Sweet! An Hour of Prayer will gather at Mission Creek Alliance Tues Jan 17, 2012 - after the Kelowna Week of Prayer (see [missioncreekalliance.com](http://missioncreekalliance.com) for more details).**