



Volunteer Recruitment Focused Prayer July 8-14

Centering Scripture Reading

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

-1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (ESV)

Summer Prayer Thought To Consider

We all have a calling and gifts from God. Often, however, we think we are not needed in the body. Sometimes, we don't serve because of fear. Sometimes, we are just plain lazy. Whatever our reasons for not serving, we can see clearly that Scripture does not allow us to just sit and soak. As we serve, we learn, we grow closer to Christ, and we grow relationships that will last into eternity. Have you found your place in God's Kingdom work? If so, how are you growing and helping others grow? If not, take a step out and give it a try. You will be amazed!!

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Focused Prayer

1. **Reverence** - Take a moment to center your thoughts and let your heart become focused on this time with God.
2. **Gratitude** – Thank God for all He is doing in you, praise Him for His unfailing love, thank Jesus for His sacrifice, and thank the Holy Spirit for His guiding presence.
3. **Current Volunteers** - Take a moment and thank God for those who volunteer throughout our church. Whether it's on the welcome team, tech team, student ministries, college and career, life groups, classes, care, counseling, and many other opportunities, pray that God would give them a continued passion for service in those areas.
4. **Future Volunteers** - Pray for the people who will eventually come and serve here at Bay Life. There are always places to serve, so pray for potential volunteers who will be coming on board.
5. **Hearts for Service** - Pray that God would begin to move in people's hearts to begin serving, and that each person would be drawn and equipped to serve in the place God created them to be.
6. **Personal** - Pray for opportunities to be a part of welcoming people and making them feel comfortable at church. Also, to see opportunities to invite people from the community to church and make them feel welcome/connected.



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