

SPRING TERM 2024 – WEEK 3

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY  
THAT PRIORITISES PRAYER**

*OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.*

HERE ALL FEAR OF ONE ANOTHER, ALL TIMIDITY ABOUT PRAYING FREELY IN ONE'S OWN WORDS IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS MAY BE PUT ASIDE . . . LIKEWISE ALL COMMENT AND CRITICISM MUST CEASE WHENEVER WORDS OF PRAYER HOWSOEVER HALTING ARE OFFERED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS IN FACT THE MOST NORMAL THING IN THE COMMON CHRISTIAN LIFE TO PRAY TOGETHER.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

NOTHING TENDS MORE TO CEMENT THE HEARTS OF CHRISTIANS THAN PRAYING TOGETHER. NEVER DO THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER SO WELL AS WHEN THEY WITNESS THE OUTPOURING OF EACH OTHER'S HEARTS IN PRAYER.

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## ACTS 4

<sup>23</sup> ON THEIR RELEASE, PETER AND JOHN WENT BACK TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND REPORTED ALL THAT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS HAD SAID TO THEM. <sup>24</sup> WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEY RAISED THEIR VOICES TOGETHER IN PRAYER TO GOD. 'SOVEREIGN LORD,' THEY SAID, 'YOU MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND EVERYTHING IN THEM ...

... <sup>27</sup> INDEED HEROD AND PONTIUS PILATE MET TOGETHER WITH THE GENTILES AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL IN THIS CITY TO CONSPIRE AGAINST YOUR HOLY SERVANT JESUS, WHOM YOU ANOINTED. <sup>28</sup> THEY DID WHAT YOUR POWER AND WILL HAD DECIDED BEFOREHAND SHOULD HAPPEN. <sup>29</sup> NOW, LORD, CONSIDER THEIR THREATS AND ENABLE YOUR SERVANTS TO SPEAK YOUR WORD WITH GREAT BOLDNESS. <sup>30</sup> STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND TO HEAL AND PERFORM SIGNS AND WONDERS THROUGH THE NAME OF YOUR HOLY SERVANT JESUS.'

<sup>31</sup> AFTER THEY PRAYED, THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE MEETING WAS SHAKEN. AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD BOLDLY.

### PSALM 3:2-4

<sup>3</sup> ... YOU, LORD, ARE A SHIELD AROUND ME,  
MY GLORY, THE ONE WHO LIFTS MY HEAD HIGH.  
<sup>4</sup> I CALL OUT TO THE LORD,  
AND HE ANSWERS ME FROM HIS HOLY MOUNTAIN.



## ISAIAH 43:10-11

- <sup>10</sup> 'BEFORE ME NO GOD WAS FORMED,  
NOR WILL THERE BE ONE AFTER ME.  
<sup>11</sup> I, EVEN I, AM THE LORD,  
AND APART FROM ME THERE IS NO SAVIOUR.

## DEUTERONOMY 32:4

- <sup>4</sup> HE IS THE ROCK, HIS WORKS ARE PERFECT,  
AND ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUST.  
A FAITHFUL GOD WHO DOES NO WRONG,  
UPRIGHT AND JUST IS HE.

## ZEPHANIAH 3:17

<sup>17</sup> THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU,  
THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES.  
HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN YOU;  
IN HIS LOVE HE WILL NO LONGER REBUKE YOU,  
BUT WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING.'

## ISAIAH 41:10

<sup>10</sup> SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU;  
DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD.  
I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU;  
I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT  
HAND.



## NAHUM 1:7

<sup>7</sup>THE LORD IS GOOD,  
A REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.  
HE CARES FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM

## PSALM 136:1

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER.

## PSALM 86:15

<sup>15</sup> BUT YOU, LORD, ARE A COMPASSIONATE AND  
GRACIOUS GOD,  
SLOW TO ANGER, ABOUNDING IN LOVE AND  
FAITHFULNESS.