

PREPARATORY MEDITATION

ROMANS 12:3–5

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⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

PRAISE & PRAYER

Prayer *for* the Church

- Pray for wisdom and unity of the elders and deacons to lead the church to carry out our mission and vision, and effectively disciple and equip our members to do the work of ministry.
- Pray for the planning & preparation for the Youth Ministry in the fall.
- Pray for the pastoral search for senior pastor & CM assistant/associate pastor; pray for the search committees.

Prayer *for* Our Nation & the World

- Pray for our nation's leaders. May the Lord help them to rule with wisdom & discernment, to seek justice & truth, and to rely on God's grace. May the Lord direct our nation according to His mercy away from needless conflicts & confusion; may He save us from pride & arrogance, and from every immoral & evil way.
- Pray for peace amid the tense geopolitical situation, especially in the Middle East & eastern Europe. Pray that all conflicts and disagreement will not lead to further hatred, violence, and destruction. Pray for the thwarting of evil; pray for protection of the vulnerable, for deliverance/relief of those who're suffering.

Prayer *for* Other Ministries & Missionaries

- Pray for Satoshi & Cally Kawachi, who serve with Mission to the World. Pray for the ministry among the minority community in their mission field; pray that He raises up new team members, who would be willing to minister to refugees and migrants full-time in Southern Europe.

Prayer *for* One Another

- Pray for all the college students returning to school in the next few weeks; pray for their learning, and safety and protection both spiritually and physically.
- Remember in our prayer those in our midst who are sick or have physical ailments, and also those who are struggling spiritually.

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