

# Marysville UMC Prayer Time

Week of January 22, 2012

Our Scripture focus for our prayers this week will be Revelation 2:1-5. Jesus is not expressing anger at the church in Ephesus, he is simply reminding them to keep the main thing the main thing. Our prayers will focus on the main thing: renewing our love for Jesus. We will spend some of our prayer time expressing our love for Jesus in song and words. We will also use these verses to guide our silent reflections and intercession.

*"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.*

*Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.*

- *Silent Reflection:* Think of all the reasons why you love Jesus.
- Express your love for Jesus in song or words.
- Ask for God's blessing on all the deeds and hard work that is going on here.
- *Silent Reflection:* Is there any wickedness in our lives that we are tolerating?
- Pray for doctrinal purity and that we might test all that is taught to discern falsehood
- Pray that Marysville FUMC will persevere in all things and not grow weary
- Ask God's strength for those who are enduring hardships for the name of Jesus.
- Pray that we would never forsake our love for Jesus
- Intercede for those on our Most Wanted Lists who have not yet come to love Jesus
- Pray that a fresh passion for Jesus would stir in those who have forsaken Jesus
- Repent of anything that would cause us to lose our love for Jesus
- *Silent Reflection:* Remember the joy you experienced when you first loved Jesus
- Pray that we would do everything we can to show our love for Jesus
- Pray for other concerns that come to mind
- Pray for fresh outpouring of the Presence of God upon Marysville FUMC

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37*

### **I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever**

Over the mountains and the sea,  
Your river runs with love for me,  
and I will open up my heart  
and let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth,  
and I will daily lift my hands:  
for I will always sing of when  
Your love came down. [Yeah!]

I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing -  
it's foolishness I know;  
but, when the world has seen the light, they will dance  
with joy,  
like we're dancing now.

### **I Love You Lord**

I love You Lord  
and I lift my voice  
To worship You  
O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King  
in what you hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound  
in Your ear.

### **I Love You, Jesus**

I love You, love You, love You Jesus, And I praise Your  
holy name. You are the Alpha, and Omega. You're the  
First, the Last, the same.

You let them hang You on a tree.  
You died for sinners just like me.  
I raised my voice up with a cry,  
Your nail-scarred hands  
have dried my eyes.

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

### **O How I Love Jesus**

O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,

who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below.

### **I Love You Oh Lord**

I love You oh Lord, my strength  
My fortress, my stronghold forever  
The Rock of salvation, my only foundation  
When the world all around me moves on

I love You oh Lord, my strength  
My fortress, my stronghold forever  
The Rock of salvation, my only foundation  
I trust in Your holy name, oh Lord  
In trust in Your holy name  
(Repeat)  
I love You, oh Lord  
I love You Lord

### **My Jesus I Love Thee**

My Jesus I love Thee;  
I know Thou art mine.  
For Thee all the follies  
Of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer,  
My Savior art Thou.  
If ever I loved Thee,  
My Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee,  
Because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon  
On Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee  
For wearing the thorns  
On Thy brow,  
If ever I loved Thee,  
My Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life  
I will love Thee in death.  
And praise Thee as long  
As Thou lendest me breath.  
And say when the death dew  
Lies cold on my brow  
If ever I love thee  
My Jesus tis now.

The next verse is sung in Swedish and then first verse is  
sung again.