



## 2024 Prayer for the Church

Almighty God, we want to honor and glorify you here at **Clever Free Methodist**. We come to you, in view of Your great mercy, to give ourselves fully to You. As we trust in the leading of Your Holy Spirit, we desire that every aspect of this ministry will further Your Kingdom and will lead others to salvation in Jesus, Your Son.

Because our desire is to become obedient and fruitful "Kingdom People," we partner in ministry with the **Free Methodist Church**, to pray the **five values** of "*The Free Methodist Way*" by asking for:

### **LIFE GIVING HOLINESS:**

We welcome the work of the Holy Spirit to awaken us to our need to be sanctified! Transform us, purify us, and remake us in Your Holy Love that we may become more and more like Jesus. Help us to die to self and to our flesh so that we can fully embrace the work of Your Holy Spirit that transforms us and empowers us to love and serve You and others in joyful obedience. Set us free to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We surrender to Your work in our lives because we want to be holy as You are holy. Sanctify us!

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**, *"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

### **LOVE-DRIVEN JUSTICE:**

Lord, all people are created in Your image and we are all "fearfully and wonderfully made." Help us to be captivated by Your love so that we value and see Your image in every man, woman, and child so to love them unconditionally. Help us to also love deeply and to act with compassion toward the oppressed, disenfranchised, and marginalized as well as those who are outcasts, broken, and poor. Grant us courage to cross any cultural boundary and to lift up a strong voice in the face of injustice and evil, so that all may be restored and reconciled to You and one another in ways that reflect Your just character. Fill us with compassion and mercy that we may love with a holy love and to welcome all to the table.

### **CHRIST-COMPELLED MULTIPLICATION:**

Light a Holy Fire within us and fill us with a fresh anointing of Your Holy Spirit. Manifest Yourself, Holy Spirit, and ignite a Spirit-fueled movement through us and Clever Free Methodist Church, so that we bear fruit that multiplies the Believers and the Church. We choose to obey the command of Jesus to "go, and make disciples." Inflammate our hearts with the passion to invest our lives and resources in others, the church, and Your Kingdom. Fill us with urgency, so that we don't hesitate to both live and proclaim our faith. We want to be Disciples who make Disciples. We want to be holy. We want to be consumed by Your love and power so that we become a redemptive movement that is on fire to expand Your Kingdom throughout our community and the world. Loving Father, we want to make a difference! Set us aflame with a Holy Fire!

## CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATION:

Father, we embrace the Global Church. Posture us to expand our awareness of the world around us and to open doors of opportunities to collaborate with world missions and global ministries. We want eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts that love the beauty found within the diversity of all people. Give us courage to get beyond any cultural barrier so that by staying unified, no one will live in isolation. Help us to forsake segregating ourselves from others because they may be different from us. Fill us with a holy compassion to reach out and build relationships with others so that we can learn from those who live and speak different from us. Open the eyes of our heart to embrace the world as our parish.

## GOD-GIVEN REVELATION:

We will stand on Your Word, the Bible, as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. May it truly be a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path. Empower our hearts and minds to embrace it fully and to hide it in our hearts so that we will not sin against You. The Bible is precious to us, so may we love and revere Your inspired Word to us. We will always examine ourselves according to Your Word so that it will transform us and become the foundation of all that we do. Heavenly Father, give us strength to always walk according to Your laws, to keep Your statutes, Your Decrees and Precepts, and to never stray from following Your ways. Ground us, Father, to fully align our lives and Clever Free Methodist, upon this unshakeable foundation of Your Holy Word. Help us to fall in love with Your words to us!

Manifest and grow within us and Clever Free Methodist all five of these values known as “*The Free Methodist Way!*” We believe and pray for this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and for Your Glory, Heavenly Father. **May this be so! Amen. Alleluia!**



## Resources:

“The Free Methodist Way – Learning and Living the Five Values That Shape Our Identity” (Light + Life Publishing; 2021)  
2023 Book of Discipline - Free Methodist Church - USA; (Light + Life Publishing; 2024)  
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