

# Missional Prayer



- I imagine a church where the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit are palpable...in worship, in small groups, in church council meetings, in hallway conversations.
- I imagine a church where people young and old, new in their faith, and long time journeyers come together to tell their stories, and hold hands, and encourage one another on.
- I imagine a church filled with people who know deep in their bones what God has done for them, and are compelled to share that good news with others, and will do whatever it takes to reach people with the hope that comes through Jesus Christ.
- I imagine a church that is bold enough to believe that if we so choose, all Christians could show up in the world differently, and by their actions and life, make all the isms: racism, sexism, ageism, and so forth, simply unacceptable.
- I imagine a church that is steeped in the ancient traditions of prayer and liturgy, surrendered to a mysterious and holy God, and always changing for a new day.
- I imagine a church that reclaims our Wesleyan roots of being a people whose hearts are strangely warmed, and understand that the world is our parish.
- I imagine a church that is not about saving its own life, but giving it away.
- I imagine a church where starting new churches is seen as normal Christian behavior.
- I imagine a church that knows, really knows, that they are the visible body of Christ, and therefore, everything they say and do reflects the risen Christ.
- I imagine a church that claims our mission is no less than the fullness of the reign of God. And if one child goes to bed hungry tonight, if one person makes their bed on the street, if in one city soldiers keep watch, then we do not have shalom, and the work of the church is not done.
- I imagine a church where people yearn to see the glory of God.
- I imagine a church where the glory of God is seen in each and every face.

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