

# **Methodist Covenant Prayer**

The Methodist Church has “Covenant Service” for the beginning of the year, based around the prayer which is printed below.

*“The words ‘put me to doing, put me to suffering,’ ... do not mean that we ask God to make us suffer, but rather that we desire, by God’s help, actively to do and patiently to **accept** whatever is God’s will for us.”*

Here’s the prayer, to say alone, in a small group, or as a whole congregation.

**Avoid I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**Prayer for Family (Acts 16:30-31)** - Father I pray for my family members that we would be a family in your Kingdom. I agree with the declaration of the Jailer „As for me and my house, we shall be saved. So today Lord, I pray in faith over my family they everyone would have a personal encounter with you, that they would know your grace and understand your sacrifice, in Jesus Name, Amen.

**Prayer for Christian unity** - Lord Jesus Christ, You prayed for us to be one, just as You and Your Father are one. Please forgive us when we shut ourselves off from our brothers and sisters and help us walk, work and worship together in the love that flows from Your cross. Amen

Heavenly Father, as you have built the Church on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, with Jesus as the chief corner stone, we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit, all Christians may be joined together in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace. We pray too that the unity of your Church will draw all men to yourself and so bring glory to your Son through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for our church/group (Based on Acts 4:1-10)** - Lord Jesus Christ, Let this church/ group/ friendship become your hands in this area, reaching people where they are at. Let us show love and acceptance to people, making ourselves less so that you can become more.

Let this church/ group/ friendship be your healing for the people around us. Show us again that you are a God of the miraculous, and that nothing is impossible for you. Spread rumours around this place of the things that you are doing. Let us be known as people who offer healing and kindness to those who need it.

Let this church/ group/ friendship be your mouthpiece – give us the courage to stand up when challenged and to proclaim your truths. Give us the words to make the mystery of your resurrection a reality in people’s hearts and minds.

In Jesus’ name.

**Amen**