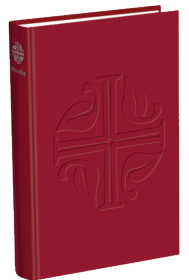
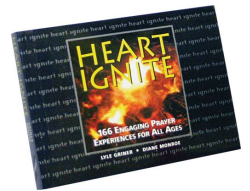


# ~ P R A Y E R ~

*Thank you for being willing to conclude our Council Meeting in prayer!  
Your willingness to be a AAA Christian – authentic, available and affirming – is appreciated!*

*In order to help equip, empower, and unleash you,  
here are some creative ways to enter into prayer....*

- **Review of meeting**: praying over the issues we covered that evening
- **Scripture verse**: we could read Psalm 23 as a whole group, or the even/odd verses of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:13 or another passage that has meaning or relevance or even use just one verse as a repetitive/responsive petition itself (“The Lord is my shepherd...I shall not want.”)
- **Take petitions**: verbally gather the cares and concerns of the Council community, jot on the white board, name in prayer
- **Heart Ignite: 166 Engaging Prayer Experiences for All Ages**: a handy-dandy little book with (you guessed it) 166 quick and easy ideas for prayer - available from Pastor Ruth Ann/church office
- **Look at the day**: how was God present in your day, blessings you’ve encountered
- **Needs of the church, community, world**: list on board, name aloud, or mention in silence
- **ELW**: our cranberry hymnal (or ANY hymnal) is chock-full of prayers and words of comfort and grace. Additional Prayers of the church begin on page 72, while other prayers are nestled into the many worship Settings found within the book. And Hymns! The texts of hymns are often a part of our direct conversation with God, and can be used as a prayer, too! We could read a verse together, read every other verse – all ways to pray!



***Don't do anything you're not comfortable with. ~ Keep it simple.  
We can pray individually. ~ We can pray as a group.  
We can pray with a partner sitting next to us.  
All perfectly acceptable ways to talk to God!***