

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

This prayer of surrender was introduced to Heartland Church on Day 3 of the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, by one of our Covering Pastors, Dr. JoAnne Lyon.

This prayer was authored by John Wesley for a prayer service held on Monday, August 11, 1755, in London, with 1,800 people present. Soon this prayer was being prayed, again and again, uniting the hearts of believers to allow God to employ them to change the world. As a result in the years to follow, there came a great spiritual revival in the UK that brought about many systemic societal changes, including the abolishment of child labor, and the abolishment of slavery.

This is a prayer of deep surrender of ourselves in complete trust to God. At first use, the words of the prayer can be jarring and discomfoting. Open your heart to God and pray these words until you mean them in your heart.

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.