



Core Value: Redemptive Community

Romans 12:1 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

“Make my life a prayer and praise to you.”

Paul’s words in Romans 12:1 are rooted in community living. He calls each of us to present our lives to God, not as a one-time offering, but as an ongoing act of worship. A “living sacrifice” means waking up each day with a simple but powerful prayer: “Make my life a prayer and praise to you.” It’s an invitation to surrender our plans, preferences, and pride so that God can shape us into what He created us to be.

Paul never envisioned this surrender happening in isolation. Romans 12 goes on to describe a community marked by grace, humility, compassion, and mutual support—a redemptive community where transformation is nurtured, not forced; where people grow because they are loved, not judged.

Being a living sacrifice doesn’t just mean offering ourselves to God—it means offering ourselves to one another. It means choosing forgiveness over grudges and giving encouragement over judgement. In this type of environment, our individual surrender to Jesus fuels collective strength in Him. Not one of us has this life all figured out. We need one another, and God is transforming us, together.

Pray: How we love and serve you, God, is worship and witness to those around us. Teach me to love and serve those who don’t know you in the way they will receive you.

Share: What does it mean to be a “living sacrifice”? Which area of your life is the easiest for you to surrender? Which is the hardest? What does a “redemptive community” look like in practice? What is one way your life is worship and/or witness to the watching world.



Suggested Prayer Topics

Pray for yourself. Ask God to bring to the surface what you need to learn from the scripture or what needs to be addressed within your heart and renew the desire to engage with those that need the hope of Jesus.

Pray for Stonecroft Ministries. Pray for the mission of the ministry, the Board of Directors, National Office staff and volunteers across the nation.

Pray for the needs of your family and friends. Pray that God gives you opportunities to speak into their lives and gives them hope and encouragement only found in Jesus.

Pray for local Outreach Groups (Women's Connections, Bible studies, etc.) and your community. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for hearts and minds that are ready to receive him.

Pray for our nation. For wisdom and protection of our leaders on every level, our workplaces, and our families.

Pray for global evangelism. Pray that every woman everywhere would be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.