

PRAYERS OF INVITATION

Inviting people to church is an important part of our discipleship. But it can be hard to know when to do it and what to say. So it helps to pray about it. We can talk to God before we talk to others. And prayer often gives us the awareness and the courage we need. We certainly hope that God uses our invitations to touch peoples lives, so we should ask God to do just that! Wondering where to begin? Try lifting up these prayers, and make them your own.

FOR AWARENESS



Gathering God, you call us to follow your example of reaching out and inviting others into the community of your love. We trust that you're providing us with opportunities to do that. Open our eyes to recognize those moments when our invitations might be well-received. May our invitations be a faithful echo of your own. Amen.

FOR COURAGE



God of Grace, you call us out of our comfort zones to follow you and share your love with others. Give us the courage to take risks and put ourselves 'out there' when we see opportunities to invite people we know to check out our church. Amen.

FOR A RESPONSE



Eternal God, may our invitations make a difference. Whether our invitees respond with a 'yes' or a 'no,' we pray that they will receive our invitations as a reminder of your unconditional love for them. Even if they decline our offer, may the invitation itself bring hope and encouragement to their lives. Amen.