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How You Can Be a Part of the Witness Cloud

If you are looking for the stars, there may be various things that help or hinder your view: ambient light (daylight or artificial), weather patterns (fog or clouds). Perhaps you're looking for the northern lights. Again, you could find similar circumstances may help or hinder - but add to that also the latitude you find yourself at.

- A life centred on prayer: psalmody, Scripture reading (and study!), and liturgical repetition; this is the context-setting way of life that puts us in the place we need to be to receive what God has for us, when God moves in His time.
- Twenty-eight prayer offices each week replace Sunday worship as the primary place for encounter with God, allowing Sunday worship to be focused on proper teaching and sacramental reception - rather than (spoon-)feeding.

Who We Are

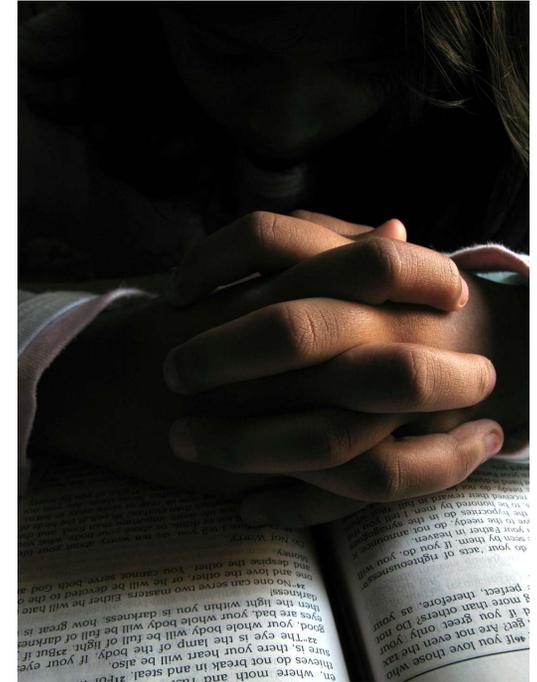
About Us

The Witness Cloud is a community of prayer, sometimes dispersed, sometimes gathered as one. We join our prayers with the prayers of the saints who have gone before.

Prayer is the context that the rest of life is lived from; prayerfulness is the framework that establishes the standard of the faith that we believe, and of the life that we live.

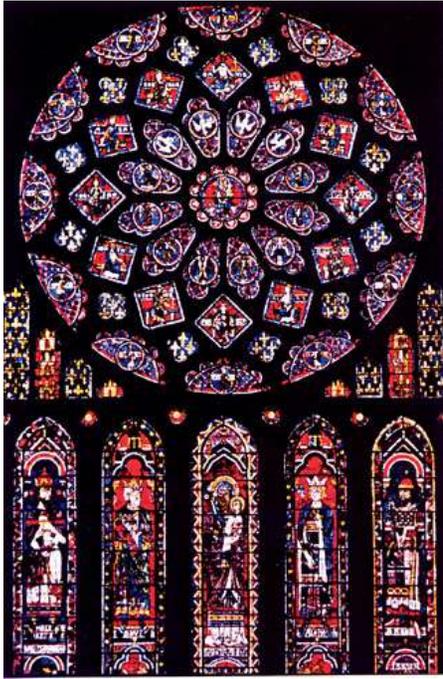
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The Witness Cloud

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi



What is The Witness Cloud?

A community of Christians from a number of traditions and denominational affiliations, who join together in the prayers of the Church, with the saints who have gone before. "...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:1-2, NRSV) Prayer is transformative: God meets with us as we meet with Him. We are a community of prayer, which is the means by which we are empowered to lay burdens and sin aside, and run the way of Christ. Let us therefore run as those who would receive the Crown of Life!

What is *Lex Orandi*?

Lex Orandi is Latin and refers to the rule, or law, of prayer. In The Witness Cloud we have a standard for prayer, and while there are different levels of commitment that members might make to the community, and to the Triune God we worship, the standard remains the same.

"...[T]he standard set forth by prayer becomes the standard upheld by faith...[and] determines the way we live – our rule of life."

What is *Lex Credendi*?

The standard of faith. Coupled with *Lex Orandi*, we're saying that the standard set forth by prayer becomes the standard upheld by faith. The way we pray forms the way that faith is held – or rather, the theology set forth in our prayers becomes the operational theology of worldview. The two standards are one.

What is *Lex Vivendi*?

The rule, or law, or standard of our lifestyle. The robust faith that is formed through the life of deep prayer is the primary influence in Christian living – it determines the way we live – our rule of life. We live what we believe in our inmost being, forged and formed in regular, heartfelt community prayer. The operational theology of worldview becomes the practical theology of living.



The way of Christ means abundant living.

Grant, we beseech thee Almighty God, that the words which we have heard with our ears and said with our mouths, may through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth fruit in our living, to the honour and praise of thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1549

The Ancient Future

The primary emphasis of The Witness Cloud is that God calls us to be a people of prayer. Members of the community are encouraged to regularly take part in three primary facets of prayer:

- a. Participation in Holy Communion
- b. Daily Prayer Offices
- c. Personal Prayer without ceasing

By praying as one another pray, we forge ties with one another that transcend location and time. We participate in the fellowship of the Saints who have gone before us, as we pray the prayers that they prayed. All three of these aspects of prayer are required: all are fueled by, and in turn fuel, one another.