

City Church Arts Ministry Prayer

Lord,

We, the artists of City Church ascribe all glory to You. We recognize that all of our talents, abilities and art find their source in You, the Creator. We attribute all that we are and all that we create to You. Jesus Christ, we recognize that You are the first and ultimate Word and Picture of grace, salvation and love. We know that all that is good, true and beautiful comes from You. We are in awe of the fact that You use us and gift us to be Your truth-tellers to the family of City Church, the community of Madison, and to the world.

We humbly ask that You reveal Your beauty to us that we may know You more and be transformed by You. We ask that You:

Re-Write us to be Your Story;
No longer authors of our own lives, now co-authors of the Redemptive Story.

Re-Cast us to be Your vessel;
No longer empty, now keepers of the Divine.

Re-Focus us to be Your Lens ;
No longer lost in darkness, now capturing Your light.

Re-Direct us to be Your Troupe;
No longer center stage, now a supporting role in a Greater Scene.

Re-Work us to be Your Song ;
No longer voiceless, now singers of Your joy.

Re-Store us to be Your Masterpiece;
No longer hidden, now revealed to be Your artists, creating for Your glory.

Divine Master, just as you have restored us, help us to be agents of reconciliatory artistry. To use our art to transform, renew and restore. To go to where there is ugliness, darkness, pain, emptiness and hell so that we can reveal Your beauty, light, joy, fullness, and heaven. To be restorers of Your hope and bearers of Your love to all those whom we encounter.

Now to You, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us, to You, the Creator, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

Amen.

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