

10 REASONS WHY WE SING, PRAY, READ SCRIPTURE, & PREACH IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, & OTHER LANGUAGES

1: We join the global church who are worshipping in many languages and cultures—including millions worshipping in Spanish throughout North, Central, and South America—so that while we worship, we join brothers and sisters in the family of God.

2: We move toward the kingdom reality of the church in heaven worshipping around the throne, unified but not uniform, a beautiful gathering of every tribe and tongue and nation.

3: We remember that all cultures have gifts of beauty to bring to the Lord in worship and that we can learn from and be shaped by one another's culture of worship.



4: We connect to our neighbors and families in Aurora who speak many languages, especially English and Spanish, who we long to invite into the household of God.

5: We welcome guests from every culture and let them know that the good of their culture is seen, valued, and celebrated.

6: We give everyone at City of Light the opportunity to grow closer together in communion, and to know one another better by worshipping in someone else's heart language and culture.

7: We provide our Spanish-speaking family members and visitors the opportunity to connect in their heart language. Engaging in a foreign language takes more energy, so this gives a break from that translation work.

8: We offer our English-speaking family members the opportunity to sacrificially surrender their preferred ways of engaging in worship to lovingly make space for their brothers and sisters of a different culture to worship in their own heart language. Engaging in a foreign language also allows them to step into what it is like to worship from the perspective of a non-English speaker.

9: We engage the opportunity—in both word and action—to renounce and repent of a specific sin that considers one culture superior to another. In the United States of America, this has most often been a belief or practice that western European or white culture is superior to other cultures (commonly called white supremacy).

10: We embody our prophetic Isaiah 60 mission to become a family of neighbors, nations, and generations finding a new day in Jesus.