



"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"
- Jesus (Mark 11:17)





Dear Friendly Avenue Family,

As a child of God, we're dependent on God. As the church of God, we're dependent on God. We need His wisdom. We need to know His will. We need Him! So, we must pray. We must seek His face.

During His earthly ministry, prayer was important to Jesus because He was dependent on God. We know prayer was important to Him because He instructed His disciples to pray. He taught His disciples how to pray. And He spent much time in prayer Himself.

One story in Scripture stands out to me. Jesus and His disciples had finished celebrating the Passover. Jesus had instituted the Lord's Supper. Following that meal together, Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus told His disciples to sit while He went to pray. He took Peter, James, and John with Him a little farther and then left them while He went a little farther to pray. During this prayer time, Jesus went back to find Peter, James, and John sleeping. What Jesus said to them is something we need to hear and hold to. Jesus said, "Stay awake and pray so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38). You probably know what happened. He found them sleeping for the second time, and yes, for a third time. Prior to this event, Jesus had told Peter that he would deny Him. Of course, Peter insisted that He would never deny Jesus. But we know the rest of the story. Peter ended up denying Jesus three times just as Jesus had predicted! I've wondered at times, what if Peter had followed Jesus' instruction to pray instead of sleeping. Would he have denied Jesus? We'll never know, but I believe had Peter prayed he would have been prepared for the battle.

Church family, we need to pray. We are in a battle, and we need God. We desperately need God! So, I'm calling us to prayer. Enclosed you will find a 31 Day Prayer Guide, a section of Scripture Prayers, and a section where you can write prayer requests.

Let's anticipate God hearing and answering our prayers as we collectively seek His face.

Anticipating great things to the praise of His glory!

I love you,

Pastor Robert



# Each day of each month, take time to read and meditate on the Scriptures that are listed for each day and then lift the request to God in prayer.

## DAY I

#### Pray that we would love the Lord God passionately and long for Him above all else.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

"Who do I have in heaven but You? And I desire nothing on earth but You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever." Psalm 73:25-26

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." Matthew 6:33

"But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:7-8

## DAY 2

## Pray that the glory of God would be our highest and only aim and that the name of Jesus would be exalted above all else.

"Our desire is for Your name and renown." Isaiah 26:8

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

"to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:21

## DAY 3

#### Pray that we would know the depth of God's love for us and be overwhelmed by His grace.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that He richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding." Ephesians 1:7-8

"I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17-19

"God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His one and only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." 1 John 4:9



# Pray that through the Holy Spirit we would recognize our sin, confess, and completely yield to the Lord in full repentance.

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way." Psalm 139:23-24

"Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance." Romans 2:4

"But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first." Revelation 2:4-5

## DAY 5

#### Pray that we would live by faith, fully relying on Christ Jesus in and through all things.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

"Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen." Hebrews 11:1

"Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

## DAY 6

## Pray that we would live not for ourselves, but for Christ, and remember that we are of a kingdom not of this world.

"And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and was raised." 2 Corinthians 5:15

"Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20

"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2

### DAY 7

## Pray that we would live in worship to our God and that our hearts would be filled with joy and praise to our Creator and Savior for who He is and all He has done.

"Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we are His—His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name. Psalm 100:1-4

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship." Romans 12:1

"Our Lord and God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11

## Pray that we would be people of the Word of God, that we would love it, meditate on it, and live it out.

"For they are not meaningless words to you but they are your life, and by them you will live..." Deuteronomy 32:47

"Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you..." Colossians 3:16

"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

## DAY 9

Pray that we would be people of fervent prayer, seeking the heart of God in praise and thanksgiving, confessing our sin, and earnestly interceding by faith.

"Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41

"Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

"Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2

## **DAY 10**

Pray that we would love one another more than ourselves, walk in humility, and show honor and respect to one another.

"For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another." Galatians 5:13-15

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4

"This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

#### DAY II

Pray that we would forgive one another from the heart just as Christ has forgiven us, and that we would extend grace, and promote reconciliation.

"So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother and sister, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

"bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive." Colossians 3:13

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person." Colossians 4:6



## Pray that we would diligently keep unity, promote peace, and remember that we have one God and Father of all.

"May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent Me." John 17:21

"Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:1-6

"...all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this..." 1 Peter 3:8,9

## **DAY 13**

Pray that we would remember and live out the great commission to go and make disciples, proclaim the name of Christ, and join our God in His kingdom work.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

"For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, 'Be reconciled to God.'" 2 Corinthians 5:20

### **DAY 14**

Pray that we would not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but that we would be willing to suffer for His name, and we would live godly lives before the world.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

"Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should." Ephesians 6:19-20

"In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12

# Pray that we would give generously to the Kingdom, be content with what we have, and know that our treasure in Christ is greater than any earthly treasure.

"Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

"The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

"For he considered reproach for the sake of Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since he was looking ahead to the reward." Hebrews 11:26

### **DAY 16**

# Pray that we would serve the Lord wholeheartedly, working for the Lord and not for men, and not become weary in doing good.

"Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, do God's will from your heart. Serve with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to people." Ephesians 6:6-7

"Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith." Galatians 6:9-10

"For God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you demonstrated for His name by serving the saints—and by continuing to serve them." Hebrews 6:10

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Pray for the unbelieving family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and the lost community of the Triad—that God will draw them to Himself, that their eyes would be opened to the gospel, and that they would confess Christ as Lord and Savior.

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day." John 6:44

"This is the message of faith that we proclaim: If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:8-9

"In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." 2 Corinthians 4:4

## **DAY 21**

Pray that our pastors' lives and teaching will bring glory to Christ and that they will have wisdom from God in leading others in the work of the ministry.

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness." Ephesians 4:11-13

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"Until I come, give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching...Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all. Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers." 1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16

Pray that as our worship ministry team leads in worship that the Word and will of God will fill them, that our worship services will be Christ exalting, and that we will worship in spirit and truth.

"But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him." John 4:23

"Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:16

"Therefore, through Him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name." Hebrews 13:15

## **DAY 23**

Pray for the teachers of FABC to teach the truth in love, purity, and faith, proclaim the message of Christ, and correctly teach the Word of truth.

"Now the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith." 1 Timothy 1:5

"Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

"Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2

#### **DAY 24**

Pray for staff, committees, deacons, and members of FABC that each would accomplish the ministry given in the Lord, use the gifts God has given, and promote oneness in the body.

"Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person...for just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 12

"Now finish the task, so that just as there was an eager desire, there may also be a completion, according to what you have." 2 Corinthians 8:11

"Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it." Colossians 4:17

#### **DAY 25**

Pray for marriages and families of FABC that we would worship and obey the Lord and that our marriages and families would be a picture of the gospel of Christ.

"As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord." Joshua 24:15

"But from eternity to eternity the Lord's faithful love is toward those who fear Him, and His righteousness toward the grandchildren of those who keep His covenant, who remember to observe His precepts." Psalm 103:17-18

"Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. He did this to present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church." Ephesians 5:22-29

## Pray for the children of FABC that they would hear the works of the Lord, know the Word of God, and have faith in Christ Jesus.

"We will not hide them from their children, but will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, His might, and the wondrous works He has performed." Psalm 78:4

"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:14-15

## **DAY 27**

Pray for the youth and college students of FABC that they would hold to sound teaching, be an example to others by their lives, and boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ.

"Then the Lord said to me: Do not say, 'I am only a youth,' for you will go to everyone I send you to and speak whatever I tell you. Do not be afraid of anyone, for I will be with you to rescue you.' This is the Lord's declaration." Jeremiah 1:7-8

"Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

"Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 1:13

## **DAY 28**

Pray for parents and grandparents of FABC that they would teach their children/grandchildren to keep the way of the Lord, to love God wholeheartedly, and to bring up their families in the Word of the Lord.

"For I have chosen him so that he will command his children and his house after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just." Genesis 18:19

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

## **DAY 29**

Pray that FABC will be on mission for God's kingdom, see what the Father is doing, and join His work, fulfilling the ministry He has given to us.

"My Father is still working, and I am working also...The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does these things." John 5:17, 19

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you." John 15:16

"But I consider my life of no value to myself, my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24



## Pray that FABC will be a light to the community and the world, and that Christ Jesus would be glorified through us.

"You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

"...you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit. As a result, you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. For the word of the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place that your faith in God has gone out." 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8

"that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:12

## **DAY 31**

## Pray that we will be equipped for battle against our invisible enemy, that God will empower us by His strength, and surround and protect us by His mighty army.

"Then Elisha prayed, 'Lord, please open his eyes and let him see.' So the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the mountain was covered with horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." 2 Kings 6:17

"Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:10-17

"But the Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:3



#### The following section contains Scriptures that you can pray to the Father.

#### **Preparing our Hearts for Revival**

"The Lord is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you abandon Him, He will abandon you" (2 Chronicles 15:2).

"For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth to show Himself strong for those who are wholeheartedly devoted to Him" (2 Chronicles 16:9). May we be wholeheartedly devoted to You, Lord.

"Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin...God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:2,10).

"Revive us, and we will call on Your name. Restore us, Lord, God of Armies; make Your face shine on us, so that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:18,19).

"Will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:6).

#### Preparing our Hearts for Revival (continued)

"For the High and Exalted One, who lives forever, whose name is holy, says this: 'I live in a high and holy place, and with the oppressed and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart of the oppressed" (Isaiah 57:15). Revive our spirit and heart Father.

"Lord, I stand in awe of Your deeds. Revive Your work in these years; make it known in these years. In Your wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2).

I "repent and turn back, so that my sins may be wiped out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19,20).

#### Confessing & Repenting of our Sin

I acknowledge my sin to You, Lord and will "not conceal my iniquity" (Psalm 32:5).

"I confess my iniquity; I am anxious because of my sin" (Psalm 38:18).

"Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithful love; according to Your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion. Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me" (Psalm 53:1-3).

"God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 53:10).

I confess my sins because God, You are "faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Forgive me when I have "abandoned the love I had at first." I repent of my sin and ask that You would help me to "do the works I did at first" (Revelation 2:4-5).

#### **Worshiping God**

"Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with Your majesty" (Psalm 8:1).

"I will bless You Lord at all times; Your praise will always be on my lips. I will boast in You Lord" (Psalm 34:1,2).

"Lord, Your faithful love reaches to heaven, Your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, Your judgments like the deepest sea...How priceless Your faithful love is, God" (Psalm 36:5,6,7).

"My mouth is full of praise and honor to You all day long" (Psalm 71:8).

"Lord, You are great and are highly praised...splendor and majesty are before You; strength and beauty are in Your sanctuary" (Psalm 96:4,6).

"Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1).

"My soul, bless the Lord! Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with majesty and splendor" (Psalm 104:1).

"My heart is confident, God; I will sing; I will sing praises with the whole of my being...I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your faithful love is higher than the heavens, and Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. God, be exalted above the heavens, and let Your glory be over the whole earth" (Psalm 108:1, 3-5).

"From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be praised. The Lord is exalted above all the nations, Your glory above the heavens" (Psalm 113:3-4).

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come" (Revelation 4:8).

"Our Lord and God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created" (Revelations 4:11).

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing" (Revelation 5:12).

#### **Giving Thanks**

"I will thank You Lord for Your righteousness; I will sing about the name of the Lord Most High" (Psalm 7:17).

"I will thank You Lord with all my heart; I will declare all Your wondrous works" (Psalm 9:1).

"I will praise Your name with song and exalt You with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:30).

"We give thanks to You, God; we give thanks to You, for Your name is near. People tell about Your wondrous works" (Psalm 75:1).

I "acknowledge that the Lord is God. You made us, and we are Yours—Your people, the sheep of Your pasture. I enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise. I give thanks to You and bless Your name. For You are good, and Your faithful love is endures forever; Your faithfulness, through all generations (Psalm 100:3-5).

"I give thanks to You Lord, for You are good; Your faithful love endures forever" (Psalm 106:1).

"I give thanks to the Lord for Your faithful love and Your wondrous works for all humanity" (Psalm 107:21).

"I love You Lord, because You have heard my appeal for mercy. Because You have turned Your ear to me, I will call out to You as long as I live" (Psalm 116:1-2).

Praise You Lord...for Your faithful love to us is great; Your faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah" (Psalm 117:2).

"I give thanks to You LORD, for You are good; Your faithful love endures forever" (Psalm 118:1).

"I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your constant love and truth. You have exalted Your name and Your promise above everything else" (Psalm 138:2).

"I praise the name of the Lord, for Your name alone is exalted. Your majesty covers heaven and earth" (Psalm 148:13).

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

#### **Preparing for our Worship Services**

"Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from Your instruction" (Psalm 119:18).

"Make my steps steady through Your promise; don't let any sin dominate me" (Psalm 119:133).

Let us worship God "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of my heart may be enlightened so that we may know what is the hope of Your calling, what is the wealth of Your glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of Your strength" (Ephesians 1:17-19).

I pray on our pastors' behalf, "that the message may be given to them when they open their mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel...that they might be bold enough to speak about it as they should" (Ephesians 6:19-20).

I ask that "we may be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Colossians 1:9).

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). God, help us to hear from You today.

As we hear Your Word, help us to welcome "it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which also works effectively in us who believe" (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

Help us to "be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves...But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22, 25).

#### **Praying for our Pastors**

Help our pastors to "be on guard for themselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed them as overseers, to shepherd the church of God" (Acts 20:28).

Help our pastors to be faithful "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness" (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Help our pastors to be faithful to "proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ" (Colossians 1:28-29).

May our pastors "preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2).

Help our pastors to be "an example of good works with integrity and dignity in their teaching" (Titus 2:7).

Help our pastors to be faithful to "shepherd God's flock...being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2, 3).

#### Praying for our Staff

Please give our staff "wisdom, very great insight, and understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore" (1 Kings 4:29).

"May the words of their mouth and the meditation of their heart be acceptable to You, Lord, our rock and our Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

May our staff "not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; [and] serve the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

May our staff "be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because they know that their labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Help our staff to "be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Lead our staff to "serve one another through love" (Galatians 5:13).

Help our staff in whatever they do, "in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

"Just as each one has received a gift, [may they] use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

#### Praying for our Church Family

Help us to "honor the Lord with our possessions" (Proverbs 3:9).

Since "the harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

Help us to faithfully "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything" Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19).

May we speak God's "Word with all boldness" (Acts 4:29).

Help us not to seek our "own good, but the good of the other person" (1 Corinthians 10:24).

Help us to give generously, "not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6,7).

#### Praying for our Church Family (continued)

May we not be "ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

Help us to "walk by the Spirit" filled with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Ephesians 5:16, 22-23).

Please "grant us, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with power in our inner being through Your Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. I pray that we, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of Your love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:16–19).

Fill us that we may "walk worthy of the calling we have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1,2-3).

May we "put on the full armor of God so that we can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens" (Ephesians 6:11-12).

Help us to be faithful to "pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

Empower us to "continue in what we have learned and firmly believed" (2 Timothy 3:14).

Fill us so that we will "deny godlessness and worldly lusts and live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13).

Help us to "submit to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to slander no one, to avoid fighting, and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people" (Titus 3:1,2).

May we not neglect "to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as we see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Help us not to "show favoritism as we hold to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" (James 2:1).

Help us to "rid ourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the Word, so that by it we may grow up into our salvation" (1 Peter 2:1,2).

By Your Spirit, help us to "abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul [and] conduct ourselves honorably" (1 Peter 2:11,12).

Holy Spirit, fill us so that our spiritual gifts will be used "to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

Clothe us "with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

Empower us to "not love the world or the things in the world...for everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 John 2:15,16).

#### **Praying for My Husband**

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be on him; establish for him the work of his hands" (Psalm 90:17).

Father, help him "to trust in the Lord with all his heart, and not rely on his own understanding; in all his ways to know You, and You will make his paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"Guard his heart above all else, for it is the source of life. Don't let his mouth speak dishonestly and don't let his lips talk deviously" (Proverbs 4:23-24).

Since "humility comes before honor" help him to walk in humility (Proverbs 15:33).

Help him to "take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Help him not to "be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of his mind, so that he may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Help him "to walk worthy of the calling he has received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2,3).

Help him to "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave him in Christ" (Ephesians 4:32).

Help him to love me, "just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

Help him not to "stir up anger in our children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

"I pray this: that his love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that he may approve the things that are superiors and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

Help him to "encourage the young men to be self-controlled in everything" and to "make himself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in his teaching" (Titus 1:6,7).

"But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin" (James 1:14-15). Help him to flee temptation!

Help him to "live with me in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner, showing me honor as a coheir of the grace of life, so that his prayers will not be hindered" (1 Peter 3:7)

#### **Praying for My Wife**

"In Your presence is abundant joy; at Your right hand are eternal pleasures" (Psalm 16:11). Fill her with your joy!

"May the words of her mouth and the meditation of her heart be acceptable to You, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

"Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Help her to trust You completely!

Lord, help her to live with absolute abandonment to You, saying with Mary, "I am the Lord's servant" (Luke 1:38).

Lord, make her like Mary who "sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to what He said." Help her not to be like Martha who "was distracted by her many tasks" (Luke 10:39-40).

"Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6). Lord, fill her with Your love.

#### Praying for My Wife (continued)

May "the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" be evident in her life (Galatians 5:22-23).

May she "be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that she may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to You: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to Your glorious might, so that she may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father" (Colossians 1:9,10,11).

Lord, help her to daily "put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13).

Lord, help her to "be worthy of respect, not a slanderer, self-controlled, faithful in everything" (1 Timothy 3:11).

May her "sincere faith" be evident to others (2 Timothy 1:5).

May she "teach what is good, so that she may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, to be self-controlled, pure, workers at home, kind, and in submission to their husbands, so that God's word will not be slandered" (Titus 2:3-5).

#### **Praying for My Children**

Teach my children to delight "in the Lord's instruction and to "meditate on it day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

Help my children to "treasure Your word in their heart so that they may not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

Help my children to know that "it was You who created their inward parts; You knit them together in their mother's womb." May they "praise You because they have been remarkably and wondrously made" (Psalm 139:13,14).

May my children "trust in the Lord with all their heart," and "not rely on their own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

Lead my children to "love the Lord their God with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind...and to love their neighbor as themselves" (Matthew 22:37-38).

Lead my children to "know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent - Jesus Christ" (John 17:3).

May my children "walk by the Spirit" so they will "not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

Lead my children to "walk as children of light" and to "pay careful attention, then, to how they walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:8,15-16).

Lead my children to "obey their parents in the Lord, because this is right" and to "honor their father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise" (Ephesians 6:1-2).

Help my children to "put on the full armor of God so that they can stand against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

#### **Praying for Our Parents**

Help our parents to "love the Lord their God with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength." Help the truths of God's Word to be in their heart and repeat these truths "to their children. Talk about them when they sit in their house and when they walk along the road, when they lie down and when they get up" (Deuteronomy 6:5,6,7).

"Tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, His might, and the wondrous works He has performed." (Psalm 78:4)

"Unless the Lord builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Help our parents to allow the Lord to build their home.

"How happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways" (Psalm 128:1). Help our parents to fear You and walk in Your ways.

Help our parents to "train up their children in the way they should go, [so that] when they grow older they will not abandon it" (Proverbs 22:6, NASB).

Help our mothers to be of "noble character...far more precious than jewels" (Proverbs 31:10).

"Turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6).

Draw our unbelieving parents to "repent and believe the good news" (Mark 1:15).

Help our fathers not to "stir up anger in our children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Help our parents not "worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present their requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Help our fathers to "manage their own household competently and have their children under control with all dignity" (1 Timothy 3:4).

#### **Praying for Non-believers**

"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, I pray to You, the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into Your harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).	
Jesus, You said, "If anyone wants to follow after You, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow You" (Luke 9:23).  May deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow You.	
Jesus, You said, "Anyone who hears Your word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life" (John 5:24). May believe the gospel.	
Jesus, You said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (John 6:44). Father, draw to Yourself.	
"From one man You have made every nationality to live over the whole earth and have determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. You did this so that they might seek You, and perhaps they might reach out and find You, though You are not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:26-27). Father, cause to seek You.	ЭL
"God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has set a day when He is going to judge the world in righteousness by the Man He has appointed" (Acts 17:30). Father, cause	

#### Praying for Non-believers (continued)

Open the eyes of so "that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith" (Acts 26:18).			
"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). Father, may confess Jesus is Lord.			
"The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Father, bind Satan from blinding to the gospel.			
Father, You want "everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Father, I pray that will come to the knowledge of the truth.			
Prayer Requests			
The following section can be used to write in requests.			

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