

PRAYER GUIDE

Below find topics and suggestions to pray for all aspects of FBC's ministries. The list may seem daunting. To help with this, consider praying about one item from each topic each time you pray, or select just a few topics to pray for each time.

THIS PRAYER CLOSET:

- Make prayer for our church a daily priority in each member's life.
- Teach us to pray effectively for Your Church corporately, and this church specifically.

SECURITY FOR FBC:

- Woe to them that go down to men for help; and stay upon weapons and trust in cameras, because they are many; and in the police because they are very strong, but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD. (from Isaiah 31:1)
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16). It is to You we look, in trust, for protection from any that would harm us.
- LORD, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power: help us O LORD our God; for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee. (From 2 Chronicles 14:11)

OUR PASTORS:

- Give them vision to lead FBC in this wicked world. Help them lead from Your eternal perspective.
- Give them deep spiritual understanding of Your Word, along with boldness and courage to proclaim it to us.
- Give them wisdom and discretion to handle the problems members will bring to them to solve. To counter discouragement from contact with worldly troubles, send them godly individuals to lighten their day and who will bring encouraging words to lift them up.
- Give them grace, discernment, and strength to stand firm against temptations that would tarnish their walk with You and their witness to the world. Lead them to companions, friends and mentors who can help.
- Protect them and their families in all ways as Your beloved, since they are in the sights of the enemy at all times.
- Encourage them, when it fits Your plans, by showing them the fruit they are producing as they suffer for You.
- Protect them from pride, from which stems all sin.

THE BODY OF CHRIST WORLDWIDE:

- Make Your Body fishers of men. As we obey, give us fruit among the lost. Stir the baptismal waters again.
- Guard Your Church Body, Lord, whom You love, from all outside attacks, from those who would want to harm them spiritually or physically. Give us courage to stand firm in Your name.
- Guard Your Body, in all its parts and denominations, from heresy, from incorrect interpretations of Your Word, from lies of the enemy, from all those things which would serve the enemy's purpose to divide Your Body and make it useless and impotent as Your witness to the world.
- Strengthen those of Your Body who are undergoing suffering for Your sake. Bring Your scriptures to mind to comfort them in their affliction. Where there is starvation, feed them Manna from heaven. Where there is physical deprivation, protect them from permanent harm. Where there is imprisonment, lead them out into a wide place.. Bring them encouragement. Remind them not to retaliate in kind, not to hate, but to turn the other cheek, pray for their enemies, show kindness to them, and in so doing, heap burning coals upon their enemies' heads, that they might be amazed and ashamed, and turn and seek You.

MEMBERS OF THE FBC CONGREGATION:

- Provide the inspiration and direction to Brother Joshua for his call to preach. Lead him to the book(s) of the Bible to teach next and the messages from those books You would have him emphasize for our edification.
- Unite our hearts in Christ to love each other, to forgive each our failures, to support and to encourage each other.
- Forgive us for our ingratitude, our indifference, our failure to acknowledge the many blessings You have showered upon us. We have not even begun to realize the extent of those blessings, the incredible lengths You have gone to for each of us.
- Increase in us an appetite, a hunger for Your Word, that we might come to know You more intimately.
- Remind us that we are called to love You with our entire being, and called to obedience to You and Your Word.
- Work in our spirits, to move us to actual, practical holiness. Bring us living examples to challenge us to become more conformed to Christ-likeness.
- May the Word of Christ dwell in our hearts so that we may grow in maturity in Christ, that our conduct, our attitudes, our loyalties may reflect that of Your Son's.

FAMILIES:

- We ask forgiveness as parents for our many failures as leaders of our households, for our shortcomings and neglect in our commitment as parents.
- As stewards of our families, empower our men to be the spiritual and material leader of their families as You intend them to be. Help them become more effective as Your channel to manifest Your will in their homes to their families.

MARRIAGES:

- Give us the grace we each need to place our spouse and all their faults in Your care, and simply to set about intentionally obeying the command You have specifically given to each spouse, whether as wives to respect and submit, or as husbands to love supremely and lead.
- Work in each marital union to strengthen each pair in the knowledge and application of love and forgiveness, that they may become to the world the true models of this 'mystical' union of Christ and His Church that You intend marriage to be.

NEW BELIEVERS:

- Thank You for adding these souls to Your church. Thank You for the encouragement they are to us. Thank You for the new life they have in You now.
- Send mentors strong in Your word into their lives to teach and guide them by example and by exhortation how to apply Your word to their lives, to become the new creation that You have made them.
- Show them those things that remain from their former lives that hold them in bondage and from which You have already redeemed them. Help them see that the power that raised Jesus up from the grave is available to them day by day, moment by moment, to enable them to live in the freedom He has purchased for us.

THOSE UNDERGOING TRIALS:

- Spur those You have undergoing trials to cry to You, their LORD in their trouble, and may You bring them out of their distresses. (from Psalm 107:28)
- May they come boldly to Your throne of grace, that they may obtain mercy and find grace to help in times of need. (from Hebrews 4:16)
- LORD, let the lessons not be wasted. May each one in a trial or test see this as from You, set themselves to trust You implicitly in Your promise that Your plans for them are not to harm, but to prosper them, and give them hope and a future, and may they determine to keep their eyes on You at all times and not their circumstances. (from Jeremiah 29:11)

THE LOST:

- For those who have yet to discover Your redemption and the implication of all that we have in Jesus Christ, give them no peace until they rest in Jesus Christ. Make them uncomfortable with the lies from our enemy they have been believing.
- Draw them to a fellowship, or to a godly friend, that they may hear Your gospel.
- Give them spiritual understanding of the predicament they are in without You, and spur them on to acknowledge their need of Jesus. Help their unbelief, that they may believe and confess Jesus as their Savior.

CHURCH MINISTRIES:

- Inspire all the work done in these ministries, that You may be glorified in all ways. May You add to Your church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:47)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- Raise up those You have given the gift of teaching. Let them have no peace until they find a place to serve.
- Give each teacher wisdom, knowledge and spiritual understanding to correctly handle the Word of God.
- Lead Brother Warren to curriculum which correctly teaches the Word of God in ever-increasing depth. May we become those who no longer need milk, but can handle solid food.

MEN'S MINISTRIES:

- Raise up men to become bible study leaders. Give them a sense of what needs there are among men and lead them to the study You know would profit them most at this time.
- Increase in each man of our congregation the desire to not only hear Your Word, but to study it more deeply. Open time in each of their schedules to attend the studies You are supplying.
- Through their studies may they learn to think and see their lives from Your eternal perspective, that it may be Your priorities they seek to fulfill, and not the world's temptations. Spur them on to become Your spiritual leaders of their households.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:

WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES:

- As women study "Seamless" this fall, help them to become more familiar with the whole counsel of God. Let them see the fingerprint of the Holy Spirit throughout the Bible, and trust You more.
- May Your entire Word become living and active in their lives through deeper spiritual understanding of all that You have written down for us about the witnesses that have gone before us.
- Lead Sindy and Pam to those studies You have for the women in the future.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT AND SPRING FLING

- Clear the best date for these events to be held from all other events around town that would distract or inhibit women from attending.
- Lead Pam and Sindy to the speaker who will bring Your message to us this year.
- Place a desire to attend in the hearts of the women You would have come to these events. LORD, fill every seat with expectant women from the whole town, give them ears to hear the message You would use to teach, encourage, and convict them in their walk with You.

WOM:

- Assist the leaders to find those speakers that would encourage participation in missions, through their testimonies and personal experiences.

HEARTFELT MINISTRY:

- As new home ministries are started this year, give wisdom to the leaders on which sisters to place with which moms. Match different personalities and experiences with needs as only You can.
- Be present in each home as they meet. Fill the house with Your Holy Spirit, that the conversations, discussions and bible teaching may profit and edify each woman. Block any attempt by the enemy to distract or pervert the meetings to achieve his agenda, rather than Yours.

ADULT CHOIR:

- Lead Brother Warren to those songs that will glorify You greatly before the congregation.
- Assist him in setting the agenda, that the musical worship of You will coincide with the message that You have given Brother Joshua for that day, that all may see Your perfection and orderliness and increase in awe of You.
- Put a desire into the hearts of those You would have join the choir, whom You have blessed with the love of singing. Swell the ranks of those in the choir loft, that songs of You may resound even outside the walls.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

- Raise up workers for each of the ministries below. Give them wisdom and patience to love on the children in their care.
- Fill each room with the Holy Spirit so that cooperation, peace and order will be found among the children.
- Let the Spirit so work in all the children's spirits, that every one of them will earnestly confess Jesus Christ as their Savior at an early age, and become strong fishers of men.

WIGGLE WORSHIP:

- Guide Brother Mark to the lessons about You and Your Word to teach each week. Give him the words and examples to use so that each child will clearly understand about sin and Jesus' gift for them.
- Give the children spiritual ears to hear.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

- Lead Cherie to the program that teaches the lessons about You You would have the children to hear and practice.
- Place the godly songs they will learn deep into the kid's memories, that they might meditate upon You and Your greatness all day long .

AWANAS:

- Assist the kids to memorize Your Word thoroughly that it may dwell richly in their hearts and minds.
- Increase in each child a hunger, a desire to know more about You, and to study Your words closely.
- Enable them to recall what they have memorized as they need help in the challenges they face daily.

VBS AND SUMMER CAMP;

- Draw those kids who made decisions for You this summer into godly fellowships that teach the whole counsel of God correctly. May their attendance encourage their parents to come along as well.
- Remind those who attended what they learned about sin, You and Your grace, mercy and the gift of Jesus Christ. May this new knowledge lead them to a new life in You.

YOUTH MINISTRIES:

- Raise up committed workers for Sunday am, pm and Wed pm to assist in the youth programs. Match personalities and experiences to the needs of the youth.
- Give Brother Matt the love, patience, wisdom and knowledge he needs to address the youths' issues, struggles, worldly temptations, and family troubles.

- Guide him in the selection and construction of his sermons, that he can correctly teach the whole counsel of God to the youth, at their level of understanding, and in timeliness of current issues.
- Let the Spirit so work in all the youths' spirits, that every one of them will earnestly confess Jesus Christ as their Savior at an early age, and become strong fishers of men

CONDUCT OF OUR YOUTH:

- Give them wisdom and understanding of Your Word to assist them in making sound decisions.
- Guard them in the way in which they walk. Help them choose godly friends, and avoid the wicked.
- Give them insight into Your plans for them, for the directions their lives should take, and Your purposes for them.

SUMMER CAMP:

- Give those who make decisions to follow You or recommit themselves to You singleness of mind and purpose to follow You, and to resist the temptations of the flesh, the world and the devil.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Raise up a desire and the financial backing in our youth to participate in missions, being obedient to Your call to go into all the world with Your message.
- Assist Brother Matt in finding and choosing those missions You would have FBC participate in.

D-NOW:

- Guide Brother Matt to the date, the speaker, the venue, the material for this ministry.
- Raise up homes and workers to participate, mentor and feed, enabling this ministry to go forward.
- Fill each house and the church with the Spirit for cooperation, peace, protection, and encouragement.
- Draw the kids You would have participate. Provide all the resources necessary to put on this event.

THE PATHWAY OF LIFE:

- Ensure through the inspiration of the scripts written for each scene that only Your Word and Will are communicated to each spectator. May it be Your glory and the glory of Your Son Jesus alone, that is celebrated on this Path.
- Ensure that the message of Your salvation through Jesus Christ is clearly communicated along the Path and in the decision room. May there be much fruit produced by the presentation of Your message on the Path.
- Give to Your believing churches that participate in this ministry a spirit of unity and concord—lead them willingly to cooperate in every good work and labor of love so that, though there be many separate flocks, they may all look to the one guiding Shepherd; though differing in outer organization, they may be all truly one in Christ Jesus.
- Send Your powerful angels to protect the physical sets from destruction by sun and weather, and from theft, and vandalism. Guard the property, the audience and the cast/crew from spiritual attacks by the enemy.
- Call those You would have participate in the cast and crew for this year's POL, especially men. Give them no peace until they commit to the role to which You have called them. Guard everyone's schedule and health during the entire week of this event, that they may be able to keep their commitment.