

PRAYER GUIDE

It may initially feel difficult to pray for a full half-hour. Below are some categories, scriptures, and ideas for things to pray about, to help focus your thoughts on the deeper spiritual needs of this church and its people. Pick one or two from each category, or pray through one category each time you pray.

Begin first with adoration of our God, then confession and repentance, that you may be a clean, empty and ready vessel, then ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer time with the LORD.

THIS PRAYER CLOSET

God's grace to call individuals to rapidly and fully fill all time slots of each day with faithful pray-ers.

For protection from any interruption of the period of time each pray-er has signed up for, that we may be able to keep our commitments.

For God to teach us how to pray for the deeper spiritual needs of the church, things that will change us to look more like Jesus and glorify God.

OUR PASTORS

Open ears to hear God's direction and will for the church.

Grace to depend on the strength of God and not try to perform their duties in their own strength.

Unity with each other in Christ.

Deep spiritual understanding of God's word. Luke 24:45

For strength and courage to handle the calling given each of them.

To be strong in the Word, and to correctly handle the Word of Truth.

To be bold and courageous in the pronouncement of the Word.

For the ability to correctly teach.

Grace to see from God's eternal perspective.

Ability to endure hardship as a good soldier of Christ. 2 Timothy 2:3

For wisdom to lead, counsel, guide the congregation.

Grace and strength to stand firm against temptations that would tarnish their walk and witness.

Perseverance in their calling.

Protection for themselves and their families.

For friends, companions and mentors to enter their lives who have discretion, to support, encourage, exhort, hold them accountable.

THE CHURCH BODY

God, give us ears to hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Revelation 2:11

Direction from God for what He would have FBC doing as a church to impact the community directly around us.

To be filled by the Holy Spirit with fire and zeal for the work that Christ has set upon us.

A renewed hunger for God's Word.

Spiritual understanding of God's Word.

For God to unify the members, the governing boards, and the pastors to work together to achieve His purposes. Psalm 133:1

For the Holy Spirit to rekindle the flames that are fading.

For a strong sense of God's purpose for His Church in general and this church specifically.

For God to raise up workers for His plentiful harvest. Matthew 9:37-38

A sense of the power present in us through the work of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His purposes.

Understanding of and power to use the armor of God for protection from the enemy.

For God to hasten the day when all within Hi Church will see eye to eye and unite the now divided Corporate Church Body.

Grace to seek God's face whether in prosperity or in trial and tribulation.

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Daily increase in our personal understanding of what "in Christ" means.

For God to give us understanding of His grace and grace to trust Him implicitly in all things.

For God to fill us with a deep sense of the greatness and magnitude of Christ's love.

For insight into our individual identity in Christ: who we are in Him, what is our purpose, and what direction should we take?

For God to mold our hearts in conformity with His Holy Will, for us to yield "self" to God and to be obedient to His Word.

That God may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments. 1 Kings 8:58

For the spiritual ability to discern God's still small voice.

For willingness to obey immediately as we hear God's leading.

God, grant, according to the riches of Your grace, for us to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in our inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

Grace to recognize we are now light in the LORD. Help us to walk as children of light, in all goodness **and righteousness and truth,and to prove what is acceptable unto the LORD.** Ephesians 5:8-10

For God to reveal the infinite evil of sin, for us to feel His grief over our sins and iniquity.

To make whatever is displeasing to Him, displeasing to us. Ephesians 5:11

Protection from "self-will worship", rebellion, self-aggrandizement, arrogance, pride, pushing our own agendas.

For grace to have the habitual feeling that we are only safe when following the footsteps and leading of the Great Shepherd of the flock.

For grace to choose the good and not the evil.

For God to stop us in the way we go, and instead lead us in the way we ought to go.

For God's grace to deliver us from bondage and burden, from the love, practice and dominion of sin, from unbelieving thoughts, disquieting doubts, apprehensions, fear of death, and what lies beyond.

Grace to shield our bodies from danger and our souls from sin.

To help us to the cultivation of all the graces of the Christian Character.

To raise us above all that is base or ungenerous, unkind, resentful, censorious, critical, uncharitable.

To let the law of love, exemplified by Christ's life and death, find expression in our daily walk and conversation.

To recognize the gifts bestowed upon each of us for the edification of God's church, and to foster obedience to God to utilize those gifts.

Grace to sharpen our ability to use spiritual gifts.

Determination and ability to hide God's Word in our hearts.

To jealously guard against temptation, keeping watch over the treachery of our own deceitful hearts.

Maintain a habit of daily prayer, reading of God's Word, and devotions.

NEW BELIEVERS IN CHRIST

That God would send each new believer a mature Christian mentor to walk with them on their new path in Christ.

A true grasp of Jesus as their Savior and as their Lord.

Early understanding of the fact they are now free from the power of their old sinful nature.

To comprehend the battle with sin starts in the mind with our thoughts.

Grace to fill them with the 7-fold Spirit of the LORD: the Spirit of Wisdom, and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2

Make them of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:3

Grace to fill them with a hunger for Your Word.

Strength to withstand Satan's attacks against their new found faith. Early understanding and recognition of the enemy's methods of attacks, and how God's weapons of warfare are to be used.

Strength against returning to old habits and wrong relationships.

THOSE UNDERGOING TRIALS

For the ability to maintain and trust God's perspective in the midst of suffering: "I know the plans I have for you, ...plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

For perseverance to remain steadfast in the LORD, despite appearances. "Those among us who fear the LORD, that obey the voice of His Servant, that walk in darkness and have no light, let them trust in the LORD, and stay upon their God." Isaiah 50:10

For the LORD to remind them that He encompasses them before and behind, and holds them in the palm of His hand. No evil shall befall them. Psalm 139:5, Psalm 91:10, Isaiah 49:16, John 10:28-30

TO REACH THE LOST

Lead us to those You have called unto Yourself.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that it may be Your power and words to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ Jesus. Acts 26:18

MARRIAGES

FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

MEN'S MINISTRIES

WOM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**CHOIR****AWANAS****VBS****SMAK****CAMP****YOUTH MINISTRIES****OUR YOUTH**

Wisdom and understanding of God's word to make sound decisions.

Grace to guard them in the way in which they walk.

Insight into God's plans for them, for the direction their lives should take and for His purposes for them.

That their sin would find them out early, and for grace to repent and turn and follow God.

D-NOW

God to draw those kids He has purposed to attend this event.

Homes to house the youth.

Adults to participate, serve, mentor

God to fill Matt with insight into His particular emphasis/scripture He has purposed for this event.

Wisdom and insight for the head leaders and small group leaders to communicate the message, questions to raise to cause thought and processing among the youth.

God to communicate the mission for the youth to participate in, for fruit to be produced, and to produce a hunger to participate in more missions.

Peace in the homes and on the church campus during DNOW.

CAMP

ACTS 1:8 MISSIONS**"JERUSALEM"****"JUDAH"****"SAMARIA"****'UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE WORLD'****POL****CONCLUSION AT END OF YOUR HALF HOUR**

LORD, let these words wherewith I have made supplication before You, be near You our God day and night, that You may maintain the cause of Your servants, and the cause of Your people FBC at all times as the matter shall require, that all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is none else. 1 Kings 8:59