

# HOLY WEEK OF PRAYER

## PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE

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During Holy Week, we are calling our church family to a week of fervent prayer. I hope that you will join us. We have created this guide for you to use each day and follow along with us during the week. Each day, we will be reminded of Jesus' activity during the week leading up to the resurrection. We will also pray for a specific mission request from the International Mission Board (IMB). In this guide, you will also find other guided prayers and scripture passages to use for prayerful meditation.

In addition to the personal prayer guide, there are two other ways to participate in the Holy Week of Prayer:

First, we will have a Good Friday prayer service on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. During the service, we will participate in a time of prayer and receive the Lord's supper together.

Second, we are asking every Life Group to gather once during the Week of Prayer to pray for their lost or unchurched neighbors by name.

Thank you for understanding the importance of prayer and joining us.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill

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# COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING GUIDE

*Use this part of the guide as you gather with your Life Group during the Holy Week of Prayer.*

In the week leading up to Easter, we are asking each NorthPark family to select 7 families in their neighborhood or friend group who may not know the Lord or be connected to a local church. You can use the new "Bless Every Home" tool on our website and app to help you identify and select your families.

In addition, we are encouraging each Life Group to get together briefly during the week leading up to Easter for the purpose of prayer. The goal is to have each Life Group meet and pray by name for all these families together. (If you have a gathering of 10 people, you would be praying by name for 70 families.) There is something special and powerful when people gather in homes for the purpose of prayer!

## Prayer Guide for Meeting Time

*9 For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. -- Colossians 1:9-14 (CSB)*

- Pray for your Life Group.
- Pray for each of the 7 families selected by members of your Life Group by name.
- Pray for any guests that the Lord may bring to your Life Group on Easter or in the weeks following.
- Pray for ways that your Life Group can be active doing ministry together.
- Pray specifically for our Easter worship gatherings.
- Spend a few minutes praying for other requests that members in your Life Group may have.

Utilize the other portions of this prayer guide to facilitate any remaining time you have as your Life Group gathers together during the week of prayer.

## Day 1: Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday

On the Sunday before his death, Jesus began his trip to Jerusalem, knowing that soon he would lay down his life for our sins. Nearing the village of Bethany, he sent two of his disciples ahead, telling them to look for a donkey and its unbroken colt. The disciples were instructed to untie the animals and bring them to him.

Then Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches in the air and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

On Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples spent the night in Bethany, a town about two miles east of Jerusalem. This is where Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha lived. They were close friends of Jesus, and probably hosted Him and His disciples during their final days in Jerusalem.

Jesus' Triumphal Entry is recorded in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19.

## Day 2: On Monday, Jesus Clears the Temple

### TODAY'S THEME: CONFESSION

The following morning, Jesus returned with his disciples to Jerusalem. Along the way, He cursed a fig tree because it had failed to bear fruit. Some scholars believe this cursing of the fig tree represented God's judgment on the spiritually dead religious leaders of Israel. Others believe the symbolism extended to all believers, demonstrating that genuine faith is more than just outward religiosity. True, living faith must bear spiritual fruit in a person's life.

When Jesus arrived at the Temple, he found the courts full of corrupt money changers. He began overturning their tables and clearing the Temple, saying, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." (Luke 19:46)

On Monday evening Jesus stayed in Bethany again, probably in the home of his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

Monday's events are recorded in Matthew 21:12–22, Mark 11:15–19, Luke 19:45–48, and John 2:13–17.

## PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

### MONDAY – APRIL 11

#### Unreached Peoples of East Indonesia

Three local believers recently returned from a trip to visit some unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs). During that trip, they saw five men accept Christ! Praise the Lord for these men who chose to follow God through a personal relationship with Christ. Please pray that they will be discipled well and deepen their new faith. Pray for boldness for these new believers to begin sharing with their community as well as with other UUPGs around them.

## Day 3: Tuesday in Jerusalem, Mount of Olives

### TODAY'S THEME: HOPE

On Tuesday morning, Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way, and Jesus spoke to his companions about the importance of faith. Back at the Temple, religious leaders, upset at Jesus establishing himself as a spiritual authority, organized an ambush with the intent to place Him under arrest. But Jesus evaded their traps and pronounced harsh judgment on them, saying: "Blind guides!...For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness...Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell?" (Matthew 23:24-33)

Later that afternoon, Jesus left the city and went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, which sits due east of the Temple and overlooks Jerusalem. Here Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse, an elaborate prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the age. He speaks, as usual, in parables, using symbolic language about the end times events, including His Second Coming and the final judgment. Scripture indicates that this Tuesday was also the day Judas Iscariot negotiated with the Sanhedrin, the rabbinical court of ancient Israel, to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16).

After a tiring day of confrontation and warnings about the future, once again, Jesus and the disciples return to Bethany to stay the night. The tumultuous events of Tuesday and the Olivet Discourse are recorded in Matthew 21:23-24:51, Mark 11:20-13:37, Luke 20:1-21:36, and John 12:20-38.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

#### TUESDAY – April 12

##### Families in Need in India

The coronavirus pandemic brought economic devastation to many families in India. Job loss and absent income means little or no food. The malnutrition then leads to other diseases. Pray for the physical and spiritual help that is being extended to so many who are in need. Pray that love and compassion will be evident in every conversation, every treatment, and every visit.

## Day 4: Silent Wednesday

### TODAY'S THEME: BETRAYAL

The Bible doesn't say what the Lord did on the Wednesday of Passion Week. Scholars speculate that after two exhausting days in Jerusalem, Jesus and his disciples spent this day resting in Bethany in anticipation of Passover.

Many think that on Wednesday, Judas went to see the chief priests and was given 30 pieces of silver. At this time, Judas began to look for a time to betray Jesus. (Matthew 26:14-16)

Just a short time previously, Jesus had revealed to the disciples, and the world, that he had power over death by raising Lazarus from the grave. After seeing this incredible miracle, many people in Bethany believed that Jesus was the Son of God and put their faith in him. Also, in Bethany just a few nights earlier, Lazarus' sister Mary had lovingly anointed the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

#### WEDNESDAY – April 13

##### South Asian Unengaged Peoples

The Gujur Rajasthani are an unengaged, unreached people group made up of three groups of closely related people. When Muslims invaded northern India and Pakistan, many people converted to Islam. The remaining Hindus drove them from the land, and they settled in Afghanistan. The Gujur Rajasthani speak Gujari, number 18,000, and are Sunni Muslims. Their occupations include shepherding and farming. Please pray for the Bible to be translated into their language. Pray, also, that the Lord will send laborers to sow the seed of the gospel among them.



## Day 5: Passover & Last Supper on Maundy Thursday

### TODAY'S THEME: LOVE

Holy Week takes a somber turn on Thursday. From Bethany, Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to the Upper Room in Jerusalem to make the preparations for the Passover Feast. That evening after sunset, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as they prepared to share in the Passover. By performing this humble act of service, Jesus demonstrated by example how believers are to love one another. Today, many churches practice foot-washing ceremonies as a part of their Maundy Thursday services. Then Jesus shared the feast of Passover with his disciples, saying:

*"I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."* (Luke 22:15-16, NLT)

As the Lamb of God, Jesus was about to fulfill the meaning of Passover by giving his body to be broken and his blood to be shed in sacrifice, freeing us from sin and death. During this Last Supper, Jesus established the Lord's Supper, or Communion, instructing his followers to continually remember his sacrifice by sharing in the elements of bread and wine (Luke 22:19-20).

Later, Jesus and the disciples left the Upper Room and went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony to God the Father. Luke's Gospel says that *"his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground."* (Luke 22:44, ESV)

Late that evening in Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the Sanhedrin. He was taken to the home of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the whole council had gathered to begin making their case against Jesus. Meanwhile, in the early morning hours, as Jesus' trial was getting underway, Peter denied knowing his Master three times before the rooster crowed.

Thursday's events are recorded in Matthew 26:17-75, Mark 14:12-72, Luke 22:7-62, and John 13:1-38.

## PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

### THURSDAY – APRIL 14

#### North Africa/Middle East Refugees in the Diaspora

In April, Christians and Muslims are participating in their respective "greater fasting seasons" at the same time. This year, the Christian season of Lent began on March 2 and will last for 40 days, while the Islamic month of Ramadan began in early April and will most likely continue throughout the month, depending on the new moon. Lent is a time of preparation in imitation of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness when He fasted and was tempted by the devil. Its purpose is for Christians to prepare their hearts for Easter, remembering Jesus' self-sacrifice, especially as it was displayed in His death and resurrection. Common practices during Lent include fasting, self-examination, repentance, prayer, and reading Scripture. Ramadan is a holy month, a time when Muslims abstain from eating, drinking, and smoking from dawn until sunset. Abstinence from earthly pleasures and curbing evil intentions and desires are regarded as acts of obedience, submission to God, and atonement for sins, errors, and mistakes. Please pray for these Muslim souls. May they find that "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which [they] must be saved" (Acts 4:12 ESV).

*"And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us."*

*Acts 17:26-27 ESV*

## Day 6: Trial, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial on Good Friday

### TODAY'S THEME: FORGIVENESS

Good Friday is the most difficult day of Passion Week. Christ's journey turned treacherous and acutely painful in these final hours leading to his death. According to Scripture, Judas Iscariot, the disciple who had betrayed Jesus, was overcome with remorse and hanged himself early Friday morning.

Meanwhile, before the third hour (9 AM), Jesus endured the shame of false accusations, condemnation, mockery, beatings, and abandonment. After multiple unlawful trials, he was sentenced to death by crucifixion, one of the most horrible and disgraceful methods of capital punishment known at the time. Before Christ was led away, soldiers spit on him, tormented and mocked him, and pierced him with a crown of thorns. Then Jesus carried his own cross to Calvary where, again, he was mocked and insulted as Roman soldiers nailed him to the wooden cross.

Jesus spoke seven final statements from the cross. His first words were, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* (Luke 23:34, NIV). His last words were, *"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."* (Luke 23:46, NIV). Then, about the ninth hour (3 PM), Jesus breathed his last breath and died. By 6:00 PM on Friday evening, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus' body down from the cross and lay it in a tomb.

Friday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56, and John 18:28-19:37.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS.

#### FRIDAY – APRIL 15

##### Bible Study Group in Ghent, Belgium

Please pray for a Bible study that meets every Saturday night in the home of IMB representatives in Ghent, Belgium. Over the past months, the study has seen growth with new participants from several countries. This requires the study to be done in both Dutch and English. The goal is for all of the participants to grow closer to Christ and to share their faith with friends, family, and acquaintances. Please pray for direction and unity for this group.

## Day 7: Saturday in the Tomb

Jesus' body lay in its tomb, where it was guarded by Roman soldiers throughout the day on Saturday, which was the Sabbath. When the Sabbath ended at 6:00 PM, Christ's body was ceremonially treated for burial with spices purchased by Nicodemus:

"He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth." (John 19: 39-40, NLT)

Nicodemus, like Joseph of Arimathea, was a member of the Sanhedrin, the court that had condemned Jesus Christ to death. For a time, both men had lived as secret followers of Jesus, afraid to make a public profession of faith because of their prominent positions in the Jewish community. Similarly, both were deeply affected by Christ's death. They boldly came out of hiding, risking their reputations and their lives because they had come to realize that Jesus was, indeed, the long-awaited Messiah. Together they cared for Jesus' body and prepared it for burial.

While his physical body lay in the tomb, Jesus Christ paid the penalty for sin by offering the perfect, spotless sacrifice. He conquered death, both spiritually and physically, securing our eternal salvation:

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." (1 Peter 1:18-19, NLT)

Saturday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:62-66, Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56, and John 19:40.

## Day 8: Resurrection Sunday!

On Resurrection Sunday, or Easter, we reach the culmination of Holy Week. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event, the crux, you might say, of the Christian faith. The very foundation of all Christian doctrine hinges on the truth of this account.

Early Sunday morning several women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary the mother of James) went to the tomb and discovered that the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. An angel announced:

"Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." (Matthew 28:5-6, NLT)

On the day of his resurrection, Jesus Christ made at least five appearances. Mark's Gospel says the first person to see him was Mary Magdalene. Jesus also appeared to Peter, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all of the disciples except Thomas, while they were gathered in a house for prayer.

The eyewitness accounts in the Gospels provide what Christians believe to be undeniable evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ did indeed happen. Two millennia after his death, followers of Christ still flock to Jerusalem to see the empty tomb.

Sunday's events are recorded in Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23.

Use the following guide as you pray.

## **Pray through the ACTS method.**

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication

### **A**doration (Praise God for who He is.)

Begin prayer by telling God of your love for Him. Consider His names: Almighty King, Lord of Lords, and Most High God. Consider His character: loving, protecting, and guiding. Consider His roles: creator, comforter, and provider.

"I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."  
(Psalm 18:1-2)

### **C**onfession (Devote yourself to God.)

Now move into a time of confession. Ask God to search your heart. As the Spirit reveals sin in your life, confess it. Know that God forgives each sin fully.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from  
my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before  
me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil  
in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and  
blameless in your judgment." (Psalm 51:1-4)

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us."  
(Psalm 103:11-12)

# Thanksgiving (Thank God for all He has done.)

Now move into a season of thanksgiving. Be specific. List things in your mind or below to give thanks to the Lord.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17).

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1)

I am thankful for:

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# Supplication (Present your requests to God.)

Supplication is the action of asking for something earnestly or humbly. Use the prayer points below in earnest prayer to the Lord.

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

## Prayer Points

- Victory over personal struggles.
- Prayer for your family.
- Prayer for God to work through our Faith Family.
- Prayer for Revival in our city.
- Prayer for Revival in our Nation.
- Pray for International Missions. (See Prayer Guide.)
- Pray that God would raise up more missionaries from among us.
- Pray that those lost in darkness would see His Light.

Prayerfully meditate on the following Scripture:

## **Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

Of David.

Psalms 103

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;



- 12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.
- 17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him, and his  
righteousness to children's children,
- 18 to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.
- 19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!
- 21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!
- 22 Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayerfully meditate on the following Scripture:

## My Soul Thirsts for You

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

### Psalm 63

- 1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.
- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;  
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

# Make Your Face Shine upon Us

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.  
Psalm 67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

2 that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

6 The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

How God has blessed me:

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## PRAY THROUGH THESE SCRIPTURES.

Ask God to give you the ability to listen. Jot down ways to listen.

Pray for God to open your ears to hear His voice.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear. (Isaiah 50:4-5)

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Ask God to continually let you hear Him as you follow Him.

To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

(John 10:3-4)

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Thank God for speaking to you.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

(John 10:27)

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Ask God to give you the strength to not only hear His voice, but to follow His direction.

As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." (Hebrews 3:15)

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Ask God to continually remind you of His leading throughout your busy days.

And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

(Isaiah 30:21)

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## PRAYING SCRIPTURE

The following selections are prayers of Paul recorded in the New Testament. In each of these, he is praying for his readers. Use these prayers to pray specifically for people you know. Insert their name in the blank and pray these prayers directly for them. When you pray through scripture, let God guide your mind and your requests.

**Ephesians 3:14-21** <sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant \_\_\_\_\_ to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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**Philippians 1:9-11** <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that \_\_\_\_\_'s love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that \_\_\_\_\_ may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>(I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will be) filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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**Colossians 1:9-12** <sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for \_\_\_\_\_, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May \_\_\_\_\_ be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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1 Thessalonians 1:2-7 <sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for \_\_\_\_\_, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers, loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And \_\_\_\_\_ became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (Pray that they will be an example to all in the community where they live.)

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Ephesians 1:15-23 <sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of \_\_\_\_\_'s faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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## GUIDED PRAYER

Use these reminders to intercede on the behalf of others.

- **Pray for your Family.**

- **Pray for our Church.**

- **Prayer for those in Authority.**

President, Cabinet Members, U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, Supreme Court, Governor, State Senators, State Representatives, County Leadership, School Board, School Teachers, City Leadership

*1 Timothy 2:1-4 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

- **Pray for Revival.**

*2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

- **Pray for Missions.**

Lord send workers into the mission field.

*Matthew 9:35-38 <sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

# THE MODEL PRAYER

Use the Model Prayer as your guide. (Matthew 6:9-13)

## **Our Father in Heaven...**

Thank Him that you can call Him Father because He initiated a relationship with you. Through Jesus' work in life, death, and resurrection, you call Him Savior. God is your Father. You are His beloved child.

## **Hallowed be your Name...**

Adore your Father with praise for who He is. Meditate on His names. Worship Him as your Lord, your Holiness, your Righteousness, your Peace, your Healer, your Provider, your Victory, your Shepherd. Worship Him for who He is.

## **Your Kingdom come...**

Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in the lives of lost people. Pray for revival. Ask God to center your life around His kingdom purposes.

## **Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Ask Him to reveal His will for your life. Ask the Lord to rule in your life, your family, your work, in our nation, and in our world.

## **Give us today our daily bread.**

Ask God to meet all your physical, material, and personal needs. Ask Him to meet your immediate needs. Ask Him to provide today's needs for others.

## **Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Confess your sins to God and ask for His forgiveness. Ask Him to search your heart and reveal sin in your life. As He reveals sin, confess it and ask for forgiveness. Ask Him to forgive those who have sinned against you. Ask Him to give you the strength to fully forgive every person who has sinned against you.

## **And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.**

Acknowledge the weakness of your flesh and your need to depend on God as you stand firm in spiritual warfare. Ask God to lead you on the path of righteousness. Ask Him to make you aware of the path that leads to temptation and sin. Ask for strength and guidance. Ask God to give you victory over the Evil One. Be specific in asking for victory over sin.

## **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

Worship the Lord your God. Praise Him that He reigns as Lord of all. Praise Him for His awesome, abundant power on display in your life. Praise Him that His glory will be reflected through your life today as a bold witness for Jesus.

<sup>1</sup> Adopted from "Prayer Portions" by Sylvia Gunter.



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