

Prayer Guide


July - September 2024




This prayer guide and scripture reading are devoted to a regular commitment to devoted time with Jesus. They help you slow down for contemplative prayer and scripture reading and follow a shared track of prayer and scripture with our church.

Use this prayer guide along with our weekly prayer list that is sent out each week and lift up your church family in prayer. Remember, prayer forms us. I expect you to hear from God when you pray; it could be a simple encouragement or a convicting spirit nudge. His Spirit is always at work.

Pastor Nate



We pray to be **formed by God**. Take a moment and **quiet your head, heart and spirit**. Open yourself to hearing from God and then **begin with these prayers each day**. This is the work of slowing down and posturing yourself to **hear from God**.



FIRST WORDS IN PRAYER

Eternal God, you are always with us-
You are here, Now.

Father God, creator of heaven and
earth.

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

God of Israel,

God and Father of our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ,

True and living God who is Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit,

Have mercy and hear our prayers.

DECLARATION

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouths shall proclaim your
praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
(Hallelujah)

O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.
(Hallelujah)

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, We confess that
we have sinned against You in
thought, word and deed,
By what we have done, and by what
we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly
sorry and we humbly repent. For the
sake of your son Jesus Christ, Have
mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your name, Amen.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

HAVE MERCY ON ME [A SINNER].

Amen.

When we open God's word, it's like we're opening his mouth—take some time each day to immerse yourself in God's word. As you read the daily Psalm, imagine the feelings you encounter as your own. As you read in the Old Testament, work to discover what it has to do with the Good News of Jesus Christ. As you read in the New Testament, imagine you are present with Jesus or with the early church.

BIBLE READING QUARTER 3

Psalms: one each day

New Testament Reading: one chapter each day

Week of Jun 30

Psalm 60-66
Revelation 1-7

Week of Aug 4

Psalm 95-101
Revelation 8-14

Week of Sep 8

Psalm 131-137
Revelation 15-21

Week of Jul 7

Psalm 67-73
Revelation 8-14

Week of Aug 11

Psalm 102-108
Revelation 15-21

Week of Sep 15

Psalm 138-144
Revelation 22

Week of Jul 14

Psalm 74-80
Revelation 15-21

Week of Aug 18

Psalm 109-115
Revelation 22

Week of Sep 22

Psalm 145-150
Revelation 1-7

Week of Jul 21

Psalm 81-87
Revelation 22

Week of Aug 25

Psalm 116-122
Revelation 1-7

Week of Sep 29

Psalm 1-7
Revelation 22

Week of Jul 28

Psalm 88-94
Revelation 1-7


Week of Sep 1

Psalm 123-130
Revelation 8-14



PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND NEEDS

This next section is all about bringing our requests to God. Before you begin this specific time of prayer, read Psalm 23 and Psalm 91:1-2.



PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND NEEDS

Pray for your immediate family by name.

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Pray for your personal requests and needs.

Use this time to pray for whatever is on your heart. Employ your spiritual gift and pray in tongues to edify yourself before the Lord.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND NEEDS

Pray for these weekly needs:

Sunday: the church gathered

All of Albemarle's worship gatherings today; clear gospel! All of our network churches: AFA, Sandhills Assembly, NC AG Churches.

Monday: the church scattered in mission

Wisdom in reaching out with God's love through our various vocations, local businesses and medical missions. Business owners in the community, doctors, nurses, civil servants.

Tuesday: the church at home and at school

For homes and schools. All of our county schools, charter and private schools, college and universities.

Wednesday: the church serving the needy

The people who reach out regularly, for the needs of the community. All of our local and regional outreach partnerships: Pregnancy Resource Center, Stanly Christian Ministry, Convoy of Hope.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND NEEDS

Pray for these weekly needs:

Thursday: the church in our nation and world

Guidance for those who govern and those who are governed.
For peace and justice. Local, state, and national officials and servants.

Friday: AFA's own fellowship

For the growth and deep-rooted cultivation of unity and hospitality at AFA. For our pastor, board, and leadership team.


Saturday: the witness of Christians

That the church may grow inwardly in discipleship and outwardly through evangelism of the lost; All of our supported missionaries.



SLOWING DOWN AND SITTING WITH JESUS.

Take several minutes to sit in silence.
If you need to say something or think
something, say or think in Jesus's
name. Maybe set a timer or an
alarm, but take several minutes to be
still, silent, breathe, and just BE with
Jesus.




PRAYER WITH OPEN HANDS

Lord Jesus, speak gently in my silence. When the loud noises of my surroundings and the loud inner noises of my fears keep pulling me away from you, help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you. Give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice- Let that loving voice be my guide.



CLOSING PRAYERS

These prayers are an appropriate ascent from the slower, more contemplative prayer that we've just prayed. Pray these as you wrap up this time of prayer.



A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS

Gracious Father, we pray for your church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son our Savior. Amen.

BENEDICTION PRAYER

We are image bearers of the most
high God,
We are covered by the love of Jesus,
We have the power of the Holy Spirit
within us.

Because of the Holy Spirit's power
within us,
We will freely and recklessly give
away this love of Jesus
We won't hold back.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF THE MYSTERY

Christ **has died.**

Christ **has risen.**

Christ **will come again.**

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

HAVE MERCY ON ME [A SINNER].

Amen.



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