

# Prayer Guide

## Why Should We Pray?

Spurgeon says, "He who knows how to overcome with God in prayer has heaven and earth at his disposal."

God intends your praying to secure divine answers. Prayer is not just God's diversion to keep from being lonely. He delights in your fellowship. He always draws nearer when you pray. Also, prevailing prayer is one of the most important ministries in God's kingdom plans. Wesley Duewel

Prevailing prayer is God's ordained means for extending His kingdom, for defeating Satan and his empire of darkness and evil, and for fulfilling God's eternal plan and bringing into effect His good will on earth.

We must prevail in prayer for situations where God's will is being thwarted and where Satan is delaying and blocking Christ's cause.

We must prevail for lives so ensnared and blinded by sin that they are unable or unwilling to pray for themselves.

We must prevail for physical, financial, and spiritual needs.

We must prevail for homes that are being torn apart by Satan.

We must prevail for our church and its ministries.

The scope of prevailing prayer is as broad as Christ's church and as extensive as God's world. There is nothing within God's will that is outside the purview of prevailing prayer.

Footnote: From Wesley Duewel's book "Mighty Prevailing Prayer"

## Prayer Targets

- Pray that parents will recognize the power and influence they have to pray, evangelize, and disciple their own children to be lifelong followers of Christ. (even their adult children)
- Pray that God's will, purposes, and plans will come to pass.
- Pray that Satan's plans and schemes will be thwarted.
- Pray that our families will be strong, in spite of the forces of evil that work to weaken, confuse, and breakdown.
- Pray for our Nation and our Leaders
- Pray for transformation for ourselves, fellow believers, and for our leaders. Romans 12:2 Be not conformed to this world, **but be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may be able to prove what that good, acceptable, and perfect Will of God.

3 part prayer:

1. Be not conformed...
2. But Be transformed...
3. ...that you may prove that the Will of God is good, perfect, and acceptable. (the outcome of their lives proves it.)

## Prayers for Crossroads

- Pray that God will make clear to the Senior Pastor HIS vision for Crossroads. A vision that serves as a catalyst for the entire church. Nehemiah received vision that set a course that helped them realize their mission.
- Pray for the pastors, staff members, and board members and their families.
- Pray for Crossroads Christian Academy and Creation Station, the staff, teachers, students, and their families.
- Pray for the ministries of Crossroads, their leaders, and workers.
- Pray that God will lead us to the Youth Pastor HE has for Crossroads.
- Pray for the presence of God in our services, in our ministries, and in our homes. That God may be more than present but will manifest Himself.
- Pray for our Children's and Youth Ministries. (Angie Copeland, Andy Perkins and Kenna Blevins)
- Pray for our Worship Teams, their members and families. (Bradney and Kaylee Agin/Allie Copeland)
- Pray for our Media and Sound Teams. (Shawn Jenkins, Nate Copeland, Alex Mack and their families)
- Pray for our Greeter and VIP teams as we prepare to re-launch.

## Great Prayers in the Bible

We encourage you to take these prayers and turn them into your own. You can do so by substituting/or adding the names of the people you are praying for into the prayers. It is a powerful way to pray biblical prayers. Or take a scripture that is important to you and turn it into a prayer. We have examples of both below.

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. And may you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints (God's people) the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love]; <sup>19</sup> and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself]. Ephesians 3:17-19 Amplified Version

A prayer for your entire family  
Psalms 23 Amplified Version

The LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me],  
I shall not want.

2

He lets me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still *and* quiet waters.

3

He refreshes *and* restores my soul (life);  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.

4

Even though I walk through the [sunless] <sup>5a</sup>valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort *and* console me.

5

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You have anointed *and* refreshed my head with <sup>6a</sup>oil;  
My cup overflows.

6

Surely goodness and mercy *and* unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house *and* in the presence of  
the LORD

you're in our  
**PRAYERS**

**Neil Frazier**

**Dwight & Claudette**

**Hershey**

**Judy Townsend**

**Julia Horney**

**Perry Homoelle**

**Bob & Marion Grate**

**Gary & Ele Thompson**

**Dick Perkins**

**Andy Joslyn**

**Cathy Trivette**

**Dave Adams**

**Debbie Underwood**

**Carl Groff**

**Jamie Donald Neff**

**Krista Lathrop**

**Greg Miller**

**Becky Hux**

**Chris Arni**

**Bob Warren**

**Adona Dunkin**

**Naomi Dean**

**Rev. Joe Duvall**

**Debbie Manson**

**Merle and Peggy Swank**

**Dee Conley**

**Tammy Davis**

**Bill Hoffman**

**Addi Martin**

**Nancy North**

**Phil Dailey**

**Dale Edwards**

**Jan Reed**

**Donna Dyke**

**Darrel Dyke**

**Mason Rose**

**Debbie Jenkins**

**Charles Overholt**

**Harry Styers**

**Al Caparsky**

**Stephanie Cartwright**

**Bentley Poling**

**Marty Esselstein**

**Rev. Bruce Sigman**

**Zelma Dillard**

**Gary Leasure**

**Nathan Brown**

**Jon Neff**

**Karen Stamper**

