

What is Prayer?

Simply put, prayer is communicating with God. Real prayer is experiencing our devotion to our heavenly Father, inviting Him to talk to us as we talk to Him.

Who Can Pray?

Anyone can pray, but only those who walk in faith and obedience to Christ can expect to receive answers to their prayer.

A special contact with God begins when we receive the Holy Ghost. Praying with a clean heart is also vital to successful prayer. We cannot expect God to answer our prayers if there is unconfessed sin in our life or if we are harboring an unforgiving spirit (Psalm 66:18; Mark 11:25). For God to answer our prayers, we must have a believing heart and ask according to His will (Matthew 9:29; 21:22; I John 5:14, 15)

Why Are We to Pray?

God's Word commands us to pray (Luke 18:1; Acts 6:4; Mark 14:38; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2; I Timothy 2:1,2). We pray to have fellowship with God, receive spiritual nurture and strength to live a victorious life, and maintain boldness for a vital witness for God.

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When Should We Pray?

God's Word commands us to "Pray Continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We can be in prayer throughout the day, expressing and demonstrating our devotion to God as we go about our daily tasks.

It is not necessary to be on our knees, or even in a quiet room to pray. God wants us to be in touch with Him constantly wherever we are. We can pray in the car, while washing dishes, or while walking down the street.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pray each part for ten minutes for one hour of prayer)

Matthew 6:9-13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Part One

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

- A. Jehovah TSIDKENU
PSALMS 11; 15; 32; 45; 62
“Lord our **RIGHTEOUSNESS**”
- B. Jehovah M’KADDESH
PSALMS 1; 4; 9; 26; 31; 38; 39; 51
“Our Lord who **SANCTIFIES**”
- C. Jehovah SHAMMAH
PSALMS 10; 16; 55; 59
“The Lord is **THERE**”
- D. Jehovah SHALOM
PSALMS 19; 34; 35
“The Lord is **PEACE**”
- E. Jehovah ROPHE
PSALMS 6; 25; 63
“The Lord who **HEALS**”

- F. Jehovah JIREH
PSALMS 8; 18; 22; 36; 41; 46; 66
“His **PROVISION** shall be seen”
- G. Jehovah NISSI
EXODUS 23:20-33
PSALMS 2; 7; 17; 27; 48
“The Lord is my **BANNER**”
- H. Jehovah ROHI
PSALMS 3; 5; 21; 23; 24; 39; 65
“The Lord is my **SHEPHERD**”

Part Two

*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.*

- A. Write Daily Action List.
- B. Pray over your family’s needs.
- C. Pray for your church
(Bishop, Sr. Pastor, Pastors, Leadership,
Faithfulness of Saints, New Converts)
- D. Pray for your nation
(city, state and community)
- E. Pray for Missions
(Foreign and Home)

Part Three

Give us this day our daily bread.

- A. Make requested needs specific
(color, size, place, time)
- B. Pray with persistency
- C. Confess it is God's will to prosper you.
HEBREWS 11:6

Part Four

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

- A. Confess your sin honestly.
PSALMS 51
- B. Forgive and release others who have sinned
against you.
- C. Set your will to forgive those who might sin
against you in the future.

Part Five

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

- A. Confess honestly your weakness.
- B. Engraft the Word.
JAMES 1:21
- C. Put on God's Armour.
EPHESIANS 6:13-18

Part Six

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

- A. Bind satan to the north, south, east and west.
ISAIAH 43:4-7
- B. Declare the prayer of inheritance.
EZEKIEL 46:16-18
- C. Declare with a loud voice His praise,
Shabach (Hebrew for loud shout of praise)
PSALMS 149:6-9

Action List

*“Evangelism without prayer is like an explosive
without a detonator”*

-Thetus Tenney

THE COMPLETE PRAYER

(Pray each part for five minutes for one hour of prayer.)

1) PRAISE – Psalm 22:3; 63:3; Hebrew 13:15

Begin all prayer with praise. Whatever your ultimate goal may be, first praise God. In praise you esteem God for His greatness and virtues.

2) FORGIVENESS – Matthew 6:14-15

Nothing will block your spiritual progress more fatally than an unforgiving spirit. Forgiveness is a complete pouring-out of any feeling that might develop against anyone during the day. Even a small “root of bitterness” will quickly grow into a serious problem.

3) CONFESSION – Psalm 139:23-24; 66:18

Early in the complete prayer clock we must deal with sin. If you hide sin in your heart God will not hear you. Rid yourself of sin and you will clear the road for POWER PRAYER.

4) PETITION – James 4:2-3; Matthew 6:9-13

This aspect of prayer deals with our personal needs. Take them to the Lord, and leave them there. “Cast” them upon Him.

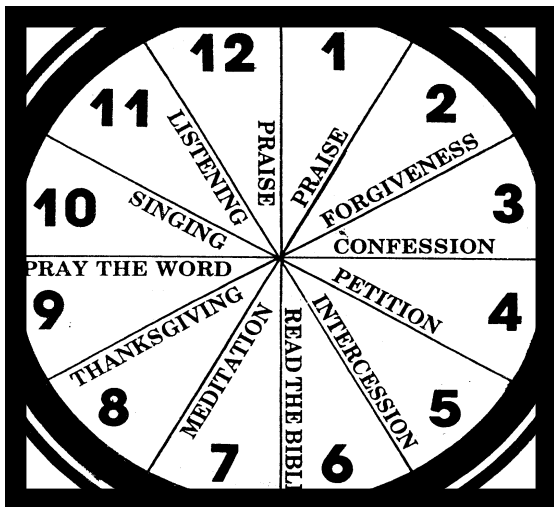
5) INTERCESSION – I Timothy 2:1-2; Matthew 9:37-38

Intercession is prayer for others – and it involves the most intense dimension of prayer. Intercession is God’s love flowing through us.

6) READ THE BIBLE – II Timothy 3:16

It may surprise you to hear the suggestion that you should read the Bible during prayer. However, the word is enlightening to the eyes (Psalms 19:9). When you read the Bible, new possibilities are made clear.

- 7) **MEDITATION** – Psalms 1:1-2; 77:12
 Take time to “think on these things”. God will open your understanding.
- 8) **THANKSGIVING** – Philippians 4:6
 Although this will probably be throughout your prayer, spend a special time thanking God out-loud for his provision and goodness to you.
- 9) **PRAY THE WORD** – Personally apply, out-loud, the precepts of the Bible.
- 10) **SINGING** – Psalm 100:2; Ephesians 5:19
 Singing refreshes and comforts the soul. Try singing in the spirit!
- 11) **LISTENING** – I Kings 19:11-12
 Praying is not all talking to God. Prayer is also listening for direct orders.
- 12) **PRAISE** – Matthew 6:13
 Conclude every prayer with Praise. Again we exalt the nature of God.



The A.C.T.S. Prayer

Although prayer cannot be reduced to a formula, certain basic elements should be included in our communication with God: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS).

(Pray each part fifteen minutes for one hour of prayer)

A - ADORATION

To adore God is to worship and praise Him, to honor and exalt Him in our heart and mind and with our lips.

C - CONFESSION

When our discipline of prayer begins with adoration, the Holy Ghost has opportunity to reveal any sin in our life that needs to be confessed.

T - THANKSGIVING

An attitude of thanksgiving to God, for who he is and for the benefits we enjoy because we belong to Him, enables us to recognize that He controls all things — not just the blessings, but the problems and adversities as well. As we approach God with a thankful heart, He becomes strong on our behalf.

S - SUPPLICATION

Supplication includes petition for our own needs and intercession for others. Pray that your inner person may be renewed and empowered by the Holy Ghost. Pray for others — your spouse, your children, your parents, neighbors, and friends; our nation and those in authority over us. Pray for the salvation of souls, for a daily opportunity to be a witness, and for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

*“Where there is much PRAYER, there is much POWER,
Where there is little PRAYER, there is little POWER,
Where there is no PRAYER, there is no POWER.”*

-Michael Meadows

The Warfare Payer

Lord Jesus, I bow in worship and praise before You. I cover myself with your blood as my protection. I surrender myself unreservedly and completely in every area of my life to You. I take a stand against all the workings of satan that would hinder me in my prayer life. I address myself to you the true and living God and refuse any involvement of satan in my prayer.

Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave my presence with all of your demons. I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us.

Lord Jesus, I worship You and give You praise. I recognize that You are worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise. I renew my allegiance to You and pray that the Holy Ghost will enable me in this time of prayer. I am thankful, Lord Jesus, that You have loved me from past eternity and that You came into the world to die as my substitute. I am thankful that You came as my representative and that through Your complete forgiveness, You have adopted me into Your family; You have assumed all responsibility for me; You have given me eternal life; You have given me perfect righteousness in Jesus Christ so I am now justified. I am thankful that You have made me complete, and that You have offered Yourself to me to be my daily help and strength.

Lord Jesus, open my eyes that I may see how great You are and how complete is Your provision for this day. I am thankful that the victory You won for me on the cross in resurrection has been given to me and that I am seated with You in the heavenlies. I take my place with You in the heavenlies and recognize by faith that all wicked spirits and Satan himself are under my feet. I declare, therefore, that Satan and his wicked spirits are subject to me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am thankful for the armor You have provided. I put on the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace and the helmet of salvation.

I lift up the shield of faith against all of the fiery darts of my enemy; and I take into my hand the sword of the spirit, the Word of God. I choose to use Your Word against all the forces of evil in my life. I put on the armor and live and pray in complete dependence upon You, Lord Jesus.

I am grateful, Lord Jesus, that You spoiled all principalities and powers and made a show of them openly and triumphed over them. I claim all victory for my life today. I reject all the insinuations, accusations, and temptations of Satan. I affirm that the word of God is true, and I choose to live today in the light of Your Word. I choose, Lord Jesus, to live in obedience to You and in fellowship with You. Open my eyes and show me the areas of my life that do not please You. Work in me to cleanse me from all ground that would give Satan a foothold against me. I do in every way stand in all that it means to be Your adopted child and I welcome the ministry of the Holy Ghost.

By faith and in dependence on You I put off the old man and stand in victory of the crucifixion where You Lord Jesus, open my eyes that I may see how great provided the cleansing from sin. I put on the new man and stand in all the victory of the resurrection and the provision You have made for me to live above sin.

Therefore, today I put off the old patterns of sin and selfishness, and I put on the new nature with its love. I put off the old patterns of sin and fear, and I put on the new nature with its courage. I put off the old patterns of sin with all its deceitful lusts, and I put on the new nature with its righteousness, purity, and honesty.

In every way I stand in the victory of the ascension and glorification of You, Lord Jesus, whereby all the principalities and powers were made subject to You.

I claim my place in You as victorious over all the enemies of my soul. I pray that You would fill me. Come into my life, break down every idol and cast out every foe.

I am thankful, Lord Jesus, for the expression of Your will for my daily life as You have shown me in Your Word. I therefore claim all the will of God for today. I am thankful that you have blessed me with all spiritual-blessings in heavenly places. I am thankful that You have begotten me unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I am thankful that You have made a provision so that joy and peace, with longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness, with meekness, faithfulness and self-control are in my life. I recognize that this is Your will for me, and I therefore reject and resist all the endeavors of Satan and his wicked spirits to rob me of the will of God. I refuse in this day to believe my feelings and I hold up the shield of faith against all the accusations and distortion and insinuations that Satan would put into my mind. I claim the fullness of the will of God for my life today.

I am thankful, Lord Jesus, that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through the pulling down of strongholds, to the casting down of imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and to bring every thought into the obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, in my own life today I tear down the strongholds of Satan and smash the plans of Satan that have been formed against me. I tear down the strongholds of Satan against my mind, and I surrender my mind to You, Lord Jesus. I affirm that You have not given me the spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind. I break and smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my emotions today. I give my will to You, and choose to make the right decisions of faith. , smash the strongholds of Satan formed against my body today. I give my body to You recognizing that I am Your temple. I rejoice in Your mercy and goodness.

Lord Jesus, I pray that now and through this day You will strengthen and enlighten me, show me the way Satan is hindering and tempting and lying and distorting the truth in my life. Enable me to be the kind of person that will please You. Enable me to be aggressive in prayer and faith.

Enable me to be aggressive mentally, to think about and practice Your Word, and to give You Your rightful place in my life.

Again, I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and pray that You will bring all the work of the crucifixion, the ascension, and Pentecost into my life today. I surrender myself to You. I refuse to be discouraged. You are the God of all hope. You have proven Your power by resurrecting Jesus Christ from the dead, and I claim in every way this victory over all satanic forces in my life. I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ with thanksgiving. Amen.

Prayer Needs

“Prayer for many is like a foreign land, when we go there, we go as tourist, like most tourist we feel uncomfortable, and like most tourist we therefore move on before long and go somewhere else”

-Robert McAffe Brown

How to Pray For Your Church

When you pray for World Harvest Community Church, pray for:

1. Your Pastor And His Family

Pray that God would anoint your pastor and his wife to be godly leaders that the church needs (1 John 2:27). Pray that they will be strengthened physically and that their financial needs would be met (Philippians 4:19). Pray that they would have wisdom in rearing their own children in the fear of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

2. Children's Ministries

Pray that God would anoint and inspire the teachers to reach and teach the children on their level. Pray that the children's hearts would be tender to the Lord and that they would receive the Holy Ghost even in their classrooms (Acts 2:39). Pray that the children would lead their unchurched parents to know Christ.

3. Outreach Ministries

Pray that teachers and workers would be sensitive to the needs of those they meet. Pray that the hearts of the contacts would be fertile soil for the Word of God to take root and grow. Pray that the entire church would feel the burden to reach their world with the love of Christ and his gospel.

4. Youth Ministries

Pray that the youth staff – the youth pastor, youth leaders would have genuine love and concern for the youth of the church and city and the wisdom to deal with the manifold problems that face today's youth. Pray that the youth would learn to put God first in their lives (Matthew 6:33)

6. Spanish Church (El Faro Apostolico)

Pray for the pastor of the Spanish church to be anointed and strengthened both spiritually and physically (III John 2). Pray for those attending the Spanish church would pick up the burden – both spiritually and financially. Pray that the Spanish community would be receptive to the Word of God.

7. Prayer Ministries

Pray for the leaders of the prayer ministry to be strengthened physically and spiritually – intercession is taxing both to the body and spirit. Pray that they would be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit and to the needs of the church. Pray that others would have a burden to join the prayer ministry.

8. Media Ministries

Pray that the media ministries of the church would be tools of evangelism and encouragement. Pray that God would anoint the hearts of those that hear the CD's and the DVD's to be receptive to the Word of god.

Praying for your local church is not only an obligation, it is a wonderful privilege. Heaven and hell respond to those who pray (II Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 16:18). Your prayers can bring revival, healing, reconciliation, and salvation.

Church Needs

How to Pray For Families

Pray for husbands to:

1. **Be spiritual leaders in their homes** (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

It is difficult for a woman and children to find their proper place in the divine scheme for the family when the father is out of place. He is designed to be the spiritual head of the family. When he fails to be the spiritual leader, his wife is unfairly forced to assume this role. Pray that the husband's love and devotion to God and his steadfast faithfulness will set the example for his family to follow.

2. **Love their wives as Christ loved the church** (Ephesians 5:25)

Love is not a gushy feeling of the moment. Love is commitment – through the good times and bad. Pray that the husband's love for his wife would be as pure and eternal as Christ's love for the church.

3. **Raise their children in nurture and admonition of the Lord** (Ephesians 6:4)

Fathers teach children how to bait hooks and how to drive the family automobile. However, the greatest lesson they can teach their children is to fear the Lord and walk humbly before Him. Pray that fathers would teach Christian principles to their children by precept and example.

Pray for wives to:

1. Seek God and love His Word (Matthew 6:33)

Just as diet helps to determine our physical health, what we read, watch, and listen to determine our mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Pray that the wife's love for the Word would keep her thoughts pure and holy.

2. Be subject to their husbands as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:24)

Eve was created to be a helper suitable for Adam. Although she was not inferior to him, she was to follow his leadership. Pray that the wife would have a godly respect for her husband.

3. Teach their children to have faith in God (II Timothy 1:5)

The mother is a child's first teacher. She instills many of her values subjectively through her priorities and actions. Pray that the mother's example of holiness and dedication would transmit her faith in God to her child.

4. Be content and not given to covetousness (Hebrews 13:5)

Modern advertising and the values of a new generation have made what once were luxuries now seem necessities. In such an environment it is easy for the wife to want what the family cannot afford and put undue pressure on her husband and family. Pray that she would be thankful for the bounty that God has already provided.

Pray for Children to:

- 1. Become sensitive and responsive to God at an early age (I Samuel 3:1-14)**

Samuel's childhood and youth show that children can be sensitive and responsive to God at an early age. Pray that they would keep their hearts attuned to God. Pray that parents would have the wisdom to recognize their children's sensitivity and guide them.

- 2. Be obedient to parents (Ephesians 6:1)**

The fifth commandment is the only one with a promise. Pray that the parents would have the wisdom to discipline their children properly (Ephesians 6:4). Pray that the children would receive the discipline as an act of love (Hebrews 12:5-8).

- 3. Heed their parents' godly teaching and example (Proverbs 1:8)**

Although parents are still the greatest influence in a child's life, school, media, and friends are also sources of influence. Pray that children would be more swayed by the example of their godly parents and the teachings of the Word of God than by peer pressure or worldly environment.

- 4. Follow Christ's example and grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52)**

Luke wrote that Jesus was subject to Mary and Joseph and that He grew mentally (wisdom), physically (stature), spiritually (God), and socially (man). It is God's will that our children be well-rounded individuals. Pray that they would develop in each of these areas as they grow.

How to Pray For Leadership

Seven ways to Pray for Our Leaders

In her book *The Mighty Warrior*, Beth Alves, president of Intercessors International, suggests seven ways to pray for our leadership:

Day 1 – Favor with God

- Pray for the leaders to walk in the Spirit, pleasing to the Lord.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give personal direction, teaching, vision.
- Pray for ever-increasing knowledge of God.
- Pray for leaders' work to be the best.
- Pray for leaders to have strength to withstand fiery test.
- Pray for leaders to be sensitive to God's voice, to have spiritual ears and heart.
- Pray for leaders to speak the Word with boldness wherever they go.

Day 2 – Favor with Man

- Pray that people will be sensitive to financial needs of spiritual leaders and support them.
- Pray that there will be no gossip, deceit, or unbelief.
- Pray that God will send his ministering angels to guard the leaders.
- Pray that all leaders will be in unity and attuned to the Holy Spirit for direction, that they will be supportive of one another.
- Pray for God to give leaders a spirit of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, strength, and obedient and reverent fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2).

- Pray that the leaders will witness effectively and boldly to the lost.
- Pray for God to prepare the hearts of those with whom the leaders share the gospel.

Day 3 – Pure Vision

- Pray for God to clarify His vision for ministry to the leaders.
- Pray for helpers in carrying out the vision.
- Pray for keen discernment between God’s wisdom and human wisdom.
- Pray for pure motives, purged by God through the Word and their personal prayer time.
- Pray for discernment against impure motives.
- Pray for God to lead and direct their paths.

Day 4 – Spirit, Soul, and Body

- Pray for divine health - physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Pray for all effects of tiredness and discouragement to be loosed from the leaders’ minds and bodies.
- Pray for fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Pray for total submission to the Lord in every aspect of life.
- Pray for a spirit of unity, not competition; humility, not superiority; cooperation, not defensiveness.
- Pray for leaders to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
- Pray for leaders to feed daily on the Word of God and maintain a faithful prayer life.

Day 5 – Warfare and Protection

- Pray that God would send angels to guard our leaders, their families, and property, to put a hedge of protection around all that is going in, coming out, the air above, and the ground below.
- Pray that the angels would go before them and do battle in their behalf.
- Pray that God foils all attacks and traps of the enemy.
- Pray against all occult activity – curses, witchcraft divination, and sorcery.

Day 6 – Priorities

- Pray that the Lord will cause the leaders to abound in prosperity – body, soul, and spirit.
- Thank God for providing all the needs – personal, family, and ministry.
- Pray for leaders to learn to be wise stewards of time, to become disciplined.
- Pray for leaders’ relationship with God to always remain the top priority.

Day 7 – Family

- Pray for unity and understanding among the family members.
- Pray that there would be no resentment when sacrifice is required.
- Pray for God to meet the emotional needs.
- Pray that leaders will spend quality time with their families – both leisure time and spiritual time.
- Pray for the family to discern each other’s needs – emotional, physical, material, and spiritual.

How to Pray for Your Pastor

There are three reasons why you should pray for your pastor:

Love: “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). When you pray for you pastor, you are helping him bear the burden of the ministry. You are showing your love for him, and thereby obeying the greatest commandment – the law of love.

Humility: Intercessory prayer focuses on his needs. This kind of prayer will break the chains of pride that keep so many people from becoming what they could be in God. You will be submitting yourself to him in the true biblical sense, which produces tremendous power.

Unity: Praying for your pastor – his personal and ministerial needs – will bind your heart together with his. As you promote the work of the kingdom and unite with your pastor in his vision for your church and city, and you will become a vessel for the Spirit to move through. It was this kind of unity that preceded the first revival of the New Testament church – the Day of Pentecost.

Personal Prayer Needs

Humility: Pray that your pastor would walk humbly with his God, seeking His will and direction in all things. (Micah 6:8). Pray that his heart would be strong in the midst of trials and accusation and that he would commit himself into the hands of Him who judges righteously (I Peter 2:23). Pray that he would learn and grow through every circumstance and that he would give God glory for every victory. Pray that he would give thanks in all things, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

Relationships: Personal contact is a powerful force in our lives, either for good or for evil (I Corinthians 15:33). Pray that your pastor would not be corrupted by the necessary contact with a sinful world and that his heart would withstand the influences of his worldly acquaintances. More importantly, pray that he would influence every person he meets for good and that he would be a shining witness in his personal life for the Lord Jesus Christ. Especially pray for peace in his dealings with people – his family, friends, business associates, and church members, for disharmony can produce a great deal of unnecessary stress.

Balance: “If you go too far to one extreme or the other, you’ll wind up in a ditch.” Pray that your pastor would maintain a steady, consistent walk, and that he would not be swayed by dangerous extremes. Pray that his course would be steadfast and unwavering. Pray that his character would combine the strength and gentleness of the Lord – the Lion and the Lamb.

Family Prayer Needs

Relationships: A pastor’s family is usually overworked, under-appreciated, and misunderstood. There is a lot of pressure in being the family of a full-time minister. Late night phone calls, early morning trips to the airport, staying all night with a sick church member – all of these take a toll on a family. Pray for the peace of God to cover and protect the fabric of your pastor’s family. Pray that God’s anointing would ease the friction and produce a loving atmosphere. Pray that your pastor would be a godly leader of his home, giving his family the love and attention they need to grow. Pray that your pastor’s income would meet the needs and realistic desire of his family.

Protection: Satan has targeted your pastor, and that means his family is under the gun. The enemy will try to get him through his family. Pray a covering of God's protection over the family of your pastor. Pray against negative pressures and distractions. Pray that as your pastor abides in the presence of God that no destructive force would touch his home and that God's angels would keep his family (Psalms 91:9-11).

Spiritual Prayer Needs

Power: Pray that your pastor would be energized by the Holy Ghost for his daily pastoral duties. Pastoring means so much more than preaching and your pastor needs spiritual vitality to help meet the needs of others day in and day out. Bless him with all the strength and power that he needs. Pray that he would be strong in the lord and the power of His might and that he would be prepared to do all things through Christ who strengthens him (Philippians 4:13).

Holiness: Pray for a hedge of purity around your pastor. Cover his eyes, his mind, his steps, and his heart with holiness that he would not fall into temptation or the snares of the devil. Pray for his words to be seasoned with grace and for his mind to be stayed on the Lord. Pray that he would be well pleasing in all things to Ggod.

Accountability: God's ministers must be accountable. Many of the attacks of the enemy can be warded off or avoided completely if the man of God is protected by being transparent with another strong man of God. Pray that God would bring such a man into your pastor's life and that God would continue to cultivate that relationship. Pray that your pastor will remain open to such a friendship.

Warfare: Jesus said, "Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered" (Mark 14:27).

Satan knows that if he can bring down a man of God, the work of God will be severely hindered in your city. Pray the armor of God over your pastor (Ephesians 6:10-18). Quote Scriptures for his protection (Psalms 91; Luke 19:10; etc.). Pray that no weapon formed against him would prosper (Isaiah 54:17), that he would not be ignorant of the enemy's devices, and that the enemy would not gain an advantage over him (II Corinthians 2:11).

Leadership and Church Prayer needs

In the City: Pray that God's people would be called forth from every corner of the city and even from without the city and be gathered together to your pastor. Pray that every one that God has ordained to ministry will come and submit themselves to him (Psalms 18:44). Pray that he will be anointed to be a leader in your community.

Pulpit Ministry: Pray for God's anointing to rest heavily upon your pastor and that God would prepare him for that anointing. Pray that the Word of God would come alive as he preaches. Pray for a burning conviction to grip the hearts of everyone – saint and sinner alike – that is not right with God. Pray that his study and preparation time would be protected so that he can receive from God the message He has for your church. Pray that his preaching would magnify Christ in all things and that as Christ is lifted up He would draw all men unto Himself.

Vision: Pray that your pastor would receive God's direction and vision for your church. Pray that he would be sensitive to the needs of the congregation as the Holy Ghost leads and guides him; so he will be able to feed the needs of the flock.

Counseling: Pray that God's wisdom would flow through your pastor as he deals with the problems of people.

How to Pray For Missionaries

1. First of all, pray for the missionaries' personal needs. Call their name in prayer. (See pages 99-100 for names of missionaries we support.)

- Pray for the missionaries' personal relationship with God, realizing that missionaries are people like we are. They have their spiritual conflicts; they are not super humans. In fact, many times they face stronger onslaught from Satan than we may have to face in our North America church culture.

- Pray for the missionaries' physical and emotional needs. Good health is so needed to enable them to fulfill the great responsibility that God has placed upon their lives and ministries. The medical facilities in many countries are far below the expected or desired. If a missionary should become very ill, it may be almost impossible to receive adequate treatment.

- Pray against emotional distress such as discouragement, depression, loneliness, and homesickness.

- Pray that the missionaries can make the necessary adjustments to living on their fields of labor. Many times missionaries live in extreme climates.

- Pray also for protection as they travel, which is often under adverse conditions.

2. Pray for the effective ministry of the missionaries. The Lord is able to open doors that are seemingly locked tight – if we but pray!

- Pray for revival in each nation and region of our world. Do you know that when we pray in this manner that we are actually speeding up the return of our Lord Jesus Christ? *“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come”* (Matthew 24:14).

- Ask Jesus to make the missionaries effective soul winners.

- Pray that they communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to a people who may have never heard before. Include in your prayers for the Lord to give to the missionaries boldness and spiritual understanding in dealing with the people to whom they are ministering.

- Pray that God’s love will fill the missionaries’ hearts for the people they desire to win.

- Pray for God’s anointing to rest upon the missionaries and their efforts.

- Pray for freedom to preach the gospel and that the people will be responsive to the message.

3. Relationships are very important to all of us, even more so in the life of missionaries. Many times they have very few close friends, perhaps just their family. Ask the Lord to keep the missionaries’ family knit together – husband and wife, parents and child.

- If more than one missionary is working in the same country, pray for unity among them that they together could reach the people that are waiting to hear this saving message.

If one can put to flight a thousand and two ten thousand, then we can surely see the importance of unity among co-workers.

- Pray for good relationship among national workers. The missionaries are in no way superior to those whom they work.
- Pray that the Lord will help the missionaries develop good national leaders that will multiply their efforts. May the missionaries' burden become also the burden of the national workers.

4. A great need exists to pray for the countries where the missionaries live and minister. Include in that prayer the governmental leaders of nations and the political situations.

- Pray that the missionaries would find favor in the eyes of those in high placed that can help to further the kingdom.
- Pray for any special meetings in the country where the missionaries are located, such as revivals, crusades, or conferences.
- Pray for the establishment of a strong national church and for the national leaders and ministers as they carry forth this same great commission that has so occupied the hearts and minds of their missionaries. Discipling is very important to evangelizing the world.
- Pray for national Bible schools – the students, the teachers, the support staff.

5. All the above prayer has been for the missionaries living and working abroad. We need also to pray for the time that they are in the homeland. Traveling many months away from their home and often from their family is a very difficult time. The fact that the missionaries' burden is for their work many miles away adds to this difficulty.

- Pray for protection for our missionaries as they travel throughout North America and share their burden with the home church. Pray that the missionaries would quickly raise all the necessary funds and support needed to be able to return to the field as soon as possible.

Conclusion

- An almost unending list of needs can help you pray for our missionaries. Those cited here are but a few suggestions. Pray knowledgeably. Learn all you can about missionary work in general and any one, two, or three missionaries in particular. Focus on a specific missionary family, rather than just the generalization of praying for all missionaries. This will help you to target in specific needs and prayer requests.

- Pray with fasting. When you add fasting to your prayers, Satan's strongholds are broken down.

- Pray believing. "*Whatsoever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and will have them*" (Mark 11:24). Pray with confidence, knowing that you make a difference. "*The effectual, fervent pray of the righteous man availeth much*" (James 5:16).

- Do not forget to praise God for answered prayers. Give Him praise due for answering your petitions.

