

This guide is an opportunity for us to join together in prayer, believing what God's Word says about the power and necessity of prayer. The Lord has established that He acts in response to our prayers as we pray in accordance with His will. As we focus our prayers together in specific ways, we believe we will see God move in power within and around us.

The prayer points focus us toward areas which Scripture instructs us to pray: for our pastors and each other, for ministries, missionaries, and government leaders, for persecuted believers, the lost, and Christ's return. We are also to cry out to the Lord with personal concerns and for our own growth; the Scripture for "Salem & Self" contributes to this.

"Prayer is working together with God. Prayer is *pulling with God* in His plan for a world."

S. D. Gordon, *Quiet Talks on Prayer*

You are welcome to join Pastor David and others to pray in his office on Sunday mornings at 9:05 am

Thursday, January 1

- Pastor David: Peace – John 14:27
- Salem & Self: Psalm 105:3-4
- Pray that we, as a united body of believers, will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and have clear discernment of God's vision for our church over this next year as He guides us and the leaders He has given us in working together for the gospel in our community and our world.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, January 2

- Amanda Trump: Joy – 1 Peter 1:8
- Salem & Self: Psalm 55:22
- Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: This month, they plan to move into their new school building where they will be able to serve more students and families than ever before. In a country where only 2% are evangelical Christians, this building not only meets the needs for school growth, but will also be a ministry hub including after-school programs, summer camps, and possible use by local churches. These initiatives will open new doors for the gospel. Pray for the Lord's continued provision, for many lives and families impacted and changed by the gospel, and that they will see His hand at work in every area.
- Pray for the Legacy Center in Mount Airy, that God will provide every financial and resource need, and will stir the hearts of His people to serve in volunteer or staffing roles to join in what He is doing through this needed ministry.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, January 3

- Pastor David: Abiding – Psalm 71:3
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 11:13-14
- Pray for the Salem Basketball league, that it will shine God's light into the community through sportsmanship and the faithful character of each person serving.
- Persecuted believers in North Korea: If discovered, Christians are either sent to labor camps or killed on the spot. Authorities often also round up and punish extended family, even non-believers. It's impossible to gather for worship or prayer, with great risk even in secret. For those who escape to China, spies work to discover and return them. "I know the risks involved. If I am caught, I could end up in a labor camp, paying a heavy price for being a Christian now." Pray for God to give Christians eyes to see His light in the darkness, for Him to make a way for them to worship together, and that He will refresh courageous believers with His peace.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, January 4

- Pastor David: Glorify God's Word – 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:17-18
- Pray that God will give our deacons clear guidance, and that He will strengthen them in unity and in support of our pastors.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, January 5

- Pastor David: Strength in weariness – Isaiah 40:28-29
- Salem & Self: Hosea 6:3
- Pray for our Night to Shine committee, for guidance in planning and that God will provide the workers needed.
- Pray for Pilot Mountain Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Kiger and Board of Commissioners Dwight Atkins, Rachel Collins, and Scott Needham. Evan Cockerham resigned as mayor in December; pray as they address filling the vacancy and as they move forward, that God would give wisdom and guide each decision in His sovereign will.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, January 6

- Pastor David: Choosing the Lord – Psalm 84:10
- Salem & Self: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
- Pray for strength and discernment for our Good News Club volunteers and for receptive hearts in the children.
 - Chad & Miriam Pumpelly, IMB missionaries in Africa: During initial years of fruitful ministry in Malawi, one of Chad and Miriam's sons struggled with spiraling behavior, anxiety, and depression, and was diagnosed with autism. Trusting the Lord with this change, Chad took a position as a pastor in Ohio as their children grew. With their adult children now living independently, God has opened new doors for mission work in Kenya, training Christians to reach people for Christ and plant new churches. Pray for them as they work with African believers and pray for their children as God continues to lead their lives.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Wednesday, January 7

- Pastor David: Assurance – Psalm 103:17-18
- Salem & Self: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and unity for our SCA teachers and that the gospel will go forth and establish students in truth and the steadfastness of Christ.
- Pray for God's protection over local law enforcement and His wisdom in the challenges they face. Pray that they would be strengthened and also would receive any needed help and support for the impact of traumatic situations.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, January 8

- Pastor David: Health – 3 John 1:2
- Salem & Self: Philippians 3:8-9
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- In November, we prayed for the Deaflympics in Tokyo. One IMB team member met Deaf athletes from Sweden, Denmark, and Russia at a tourist spot. She gave them cards with QR codes and the Deaf Olympic pins, explaining the colors on the pin through gospel stories. The Swedish and Danish athletes both accepted Jesus after understanding the gospel story. Praise the Lord that the pins opened doors to the gospel! During the event, the gospel was shared with 1,236 people from 68 countries. 10 people received Jesus as their Savior, 1 was baptized, and more than 2,500 people received the Olympic pins and QR codes, which link to gospel stories at any time.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, January 9

- Amanda Trump: Teaching wisdom and kindness – Proverbs 31:26
- Salem & Self: John 8:31-32
 - Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: Paul was able to have his rotator cuff surgery, which went well. Pray for him as he continues recovery. Pray also that God will provide needed travel funds for a trip to the Indian Bible Institute in February, and that He will continue to guide their ministry and work.
- Pray for the safety of organizations that help people escape human trafficking and exploitation in the U.S., and that God will give clarity for effective ways to connect with them and get them to places of safety and healing. Pray that God will raise up more Christian organizations to meet the great need of these men, women, and children.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, January 10

- Pastor David: Trust – Isaiah 12:2
- Salem & Self: Philippians 3:12-14
- Pray for God's wisdom in our men's ministry, to give a clear vision of how to meet the needs of the men of Salem and also of how the men of Salem can work together for the gospel and to meet the needs of others.

- Persecuted believers in Somalia: A violent Islamist militant group controls much of the country and is committed to eradicating Christianity, often killing Christians on the spot. Persecution also comes from the family and community, as being Muslim is a large part of Somali identity, and conversion is seen as betrayal. Ask God to help secret believers know they are not alone. Pray for wisdom for parents as they teach their children about Jesus and how to follow Him. Pray that God will protect Christians and Christian leaders from attack.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, January 11

- Pastor David: Declaring truth – Psalm 119:160
- Salem & Self: Psalm 104:33-34
- Pray for the April and Noah Hill Scholarship Fundraiser. Ask that the Lord continue to bless this scholarship and that He will work through these funds to change lives with the gospel and strengthen children with healthy relationships and a strong, Christ-focused education.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, January 12

- Pastor David: Submission – Isaiah 64:8
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:36-37
- Pray for the girls involved in American Heritage Girls to grow and learn together and build lasting relationships.
- Pray for the NC Supreme Court (Paul Newby, Anita Earls, Philip Berger, Jr., Tamara Barringer, Richard Dietz, Trey Allen, and Allison Riggs), for integrity, justice, and courage and that they will look to God to give clarity in decisions.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, January 13

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Psalm 32:8
- Salem & Self: Hosea 10:12
- Pray for the teachers of our Sunday morning classes and our Bible studies for children, teenagers, and adults, that they would be certain they are teaching the truth of God's Word and sound doctrine. Pray the teachers avoid too much speculation or opinion but ground everything in what Scripture says for sound Biblical teaching.
- Jackie Lewis, IMB missionary in Uganda: Jackie and her ministry partners work through a language preservation project to connect with isolated ethnic groups who live in the mountains. This provides opportunity for the gospel, as those who participate hear and interact with Bible stories to produce recordings of Scripture in their languages. Those recordings are refined for Scriptural accuracy and produced on SD cards to distribute to the people. Many in the tribes practice folk Islam, and Jackie has seen the Holy Spirit transform hearts in those previously hostile to Christianity. Pray for openness among the people and for protection and perseverance for Jackie and her team.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Wednesday, January 14

- Pastor David: Provision and protection – Isaiah 33:15-16
- Salem & Self: Psalm 20:6-8
- Pray for our youth group, that the Spirit would grow in each of them a love for the Lord and a deep commitment to learning scripture. Ask the Lord to grow healthy relationships among them and that each would feel belonging.
- Pray for the Legacy Center, that God will give clarity and wisdom in considerations toward an ultrasound machine and the staff required for it, and that He will provide abundantly in accordance with His leading.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, January 15

- Pastor David: Confidence in challenges – Joshua 1:5
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 26:7-8
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Pray for the health and well-being of the volunteers who faithfully serve at Foothills Food Pantry, as some have health issues and some are elderly.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, January 16

- Amanda Trump: Support – Romans 8:28
- Salem & Self: Psalm 119:165
 - PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: Pray that Ira and Susan will have clarity on how God wants them to lead the many people who depend on them. Pray also for God's continued provision and blessing on

Know that your personal requests are also important to God, because you are important to Him.
"casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."
 1 Peter 5:7, ESV



the in-country director, John Opio, and the pastors who have been trained in the Karamajoa region. Pray for His strength and that He will sustain their health and their joy, and that they will see much fruit in their ministry.

- Pray for those in human trafficking situations, that God will connect them with people and organizations who can help and will give them the courage and opportunity to take the steps toward a life of freedom and healing.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Saturday, January 17

- Pastor David: Thankfulness – Psalm 100:4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 139:11-12
- Pray for our music ministry, that God will call more members with musical ability to join the choir, praise team, and band to lead the congregation in praise and worship, and that each will use their talents and abilities for His glory.
- Persecuted believers in Yemen: Many have fled the country due to severe monitoring from authorities and Islamic groups, and risk of prison, torture, or death. Yet many Yemenis disillusioned with Islam are searching for truth and finding out about Christ through online chats with secret Christians. “We are afraid...At the same time, we know that we are stewards of God’s commandments...Jesus took my pain, my suffering, and my guilt. He carried His cross, and now it is my turn to carry the cross and continue the journey.” Pray for peace and justice in Yemen and for God’s protection. Pray that the underground church will flourish and believers will live as salt and light.
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Sunday, January 18

- Pastor David: Boldness – Ephesians 6:19
- Salem & Self: 2 John 1:3
- Ask the Lord to increase our love for those around us, and that this love will show as we engage our community through intentional service together and as individuals shining His light in our daily lives and interactions.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, January 19

- Pastor David: Love – 1 Corinthians 13:7
- Salem & Self: Romans 14:19
- Pray for our women’s ministry leadership, that the Lord would give a clear vision of His desire for ministry focus, and that He would guide each decision with peace.
- Pray for our U.S. Supreme Court, that God would establish decisions in justice and truth, and that His sovereign will would overcome any efforts of darkness.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, January 20

- Pastor David: Listen for correction – Habakkuk 2:1
- Salem & Self: 1 John 4:7
- Pray for God’s guidance and strength for those in the WMU, that He would bring clarity to ways He would have them to serve and minister, and would continue to build and bless this ministry.
- Ben & Hope Minter, IMB missionaries in Colombia: While spending 5 weeks in Bogota to bond with their newly adopted Colombian daughter, the Minters began sensing God’s deeper purpose for their family. Hope realized that God had blessed her with knowing both English and Spanish not only to communicate with their daughter, but also to share the gospel with many. Mercy Hill Church in Greensboro, NC is now sending the Minters back as newly appointed missionaries. Pray for them as they follow the Lord in this new chapter of ministry.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Wednesday, January 21

- Pastor David: For his children to walk in truth – 3 John 1:4
- Salem & Self: Mark 13:35-37
- Pray for our children’s ministry, that God will grow good relationships and understanding in the children, and that He will bless and strengthen the volunteers involved in every area.
- Pray for the women who need the services of the Legacy Center, that God would bring them to the center and they would receive the information, compassion, and support they need to choose life for their babies and wholeness for themselves. Pray that they would seek Christ and respond to His work in their lives.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, January 22

- Pastor David: Fruitfulness – Psalm 1:3

- Salem & Self: Ephesians 6:12-13
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Pray for the March for Life taking place in D.C. on January 23. This year's theme is Life is a Gift, emphasizing what lies at the heart of the pro-life movement: an unshakeable conviction that life is very good and worthy of protection, no matter the circumstances. Pray for God's protection over the event, and that He would turn the hearts and minds of leaders and the people of our nation to embrace life as something to be cherished and celebrated from the very beginning.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, January 23

- Amanda Trump: Worthiness – Psalm 139:14-15
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 6:14-15
- Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: 2025 was a year of significant challenge but also of growth and blessing. Their new regions are growing, with many open doors and lives transformed by God's grace. 65 students joined the seminary and 3 new churches were planted in villages. Pray for clarity and provision as they plan this year's ministry agenda. Praise the Lord for a successful adenoids surgery for their son Jake, who is now healed and they can already see how much it has helped him.
- On January 24-25, Franklin Graham will preach the gospel in Siem Reap, Cambodia, during the Love Siem Reap Festival. This is the first large-scale evangelistic event in the city's 1,000-year history. Christianity only makes up 2% of the population and is often viewed in a negative light. Pray for many to come and for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in their hearts and minds to save many and strengthen believers with renewed zeal to make disciples. "Only prayer could change the lives of our people. Nothing else will do except prayer and the power of God."
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Saturday, January 24

- Pastor David: Peace – Philippians 4:6-9
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 6:16-18
- Pray for our Useful Souls ministry, that God will give discernment and open doors in the ways He would have them to serve, and that these opportunities to serve would strengthen them in purpose and joy.
- Persecuted believers in Libya: Due to Islamic extremism and the lack of a central government to enforce law, there is no safe part of Libya for the estimated 35,500 believers. Converts from Islam face violent pressure from their families and foreign Christians are targeted by extremists and criminal groups. Pray for God's peace, hope, and comfort to sustain believers, and for His provision of Christian community so they can grow in faith. Pray that the tension dividing Libya will not further endanger their lives and for protection of Christian migrant workers.
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Sunday, January 25

- Pastor David: Faithful to speak – Jeremiah 23:28
- Salem & Self: Psalm 27:4
- Pray that God will strengthen our awareness and readiness to respond to those around us, filling us with the urgency and treasure of the gospel, that we would delight in speaking of the hope we have. Pray that we will meet people where they are and will bring them with us to the feet of Jesus.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, January 26

- Pastor David: Guard his calling – 1 Timothy 6:20
- Salem & Self: Jeremiah 29:13
- Pray for our Praying Together ministry, that God would give insight into the needs of our church and how to best support the church and leadership through prayer and opportunities to pray together in this season.
- Pray for Elkin Mayor Will Gwyn and the Board of Commissioners Graham Ray, Alvin Hayes, Robert H. Ball, Jr, Cicely McCulloch, and Jeff Eidson, that they desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and cooperate.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, January 27

- Pastor David: Faithful as an overseer – 1 Timothy 3:2-3
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 30:20-21
- Pray for those in D-Groups, that the Lord will build togetherness as groups begin and that they will grow deeper in Scriptures. Pray that they will taste and see His goodness as they grow closer in their walks with the Lord.



- Christi Hall, Groveport, OH: As a law enforcement chaplain, Christi provides spiritual support, crisis response, and ongoing care. She connects churches with law enforcement, equips chaplains, and mobilizes communities to care for those who serve and protect. Christi also travels nationwide to share how believers can minister to the unique challenges faced by law enforcement. Pray for Christi as she meets with first responders, that God will open doors for gospel conversations and will break through emotional walls to bring His hope and peace.

- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Wednesday, January 28

- Pastor David: Perseverance – 1 Timothy 6:12
- Salem & Self: 1 John 2:28-29
- Pray for our member care team and small group care coordinators, for discernment in supporting and ministering to our congregation. Pray for the Lord's strength and blessing on them, and His support in their needs as well.
- Pray for LoveLife as they coordinate prayer walks and sidewalk outreach at abortion centers and provide church connections. Pray for their peace and protection, and for God to move powerfully to save and change lives through people turning to Christ, whether those considering abortion or those who have worked in the industry.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, January 29

- Pastor David: Strength – Joshua 1:9
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 58:10-11
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- Pray for God to provide the needs and volunteers/staff for organizations that come alongside trafficking survivors for restoration. Pray for wise and compassionate counseling for recovery from their traumatic experiences, and for resources to strengthen survivors' knowledge and skills to empower and equip them for life moving forward.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, January 30

- Amanda Trump: Love – John 13:34-35
- Salem & Self: 1 John 4:20-21



- Transformation 1040, supported mission work in India: Pray that the Lord will continue providing for the many aspects of this ministry, in resources as well as partners, church planters, and trainers. Ask that each involved in the mission work would draw near to the Lord for strength and guidance, and that they experience God's all-sufficient grace and provision meeting their every need for themselves and their families.

- Pray that the Lord will work in the hearts and minds of those coming out of trafficking to give them hope and a new outlook for their lives. Pray that the Spirit will draw them to Jesus and they will find healing and wholeness in Him.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Saturday, January 31

- Pastor David: Delight in the Lord – Psalm 1:2
- Salem & Self: 1 John 5:13-15
- Pray for our guest services teams, for friendliness and support as they serve the Lord in welcoming all to Salem.
- Persecuted believers in Syria: Syria has experienced unprecedented violence over the past year, causing many to flee. A suicide bombing at a church in June was a shock, killing 22 Christians and injuring 60. Recent death threats were written on church walls and in Christian areas. Yet the number turning to Christ is increasing, and believers find safety in the church. "All this never prevented the Church from continuing its mission. Rather, it was a renewed start with greater faith and courage." Pray for God to give Christians the power to persevere in faith. Ask Him to touch the hearts of those wishing to harm them and remove the spirit of hatred, filling them with His Spirit of love.
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Further Prayer Resources:

How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life by Dr. Gregory R. Frizzell

Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney

Quiet Talks on Prayer by S.D. Gordon

Open Doors (articles, updates, interviews with persecuted Christians): <https://www.opendoors.org.au/>

Help the Persecuted (weekly email with specific requests for persecuted believers): <https://http.org/>

International Mission Board, monthly prayer guides and Loving the Lost prayer guide: <https://www.imb.org/prayerpoints/>