

This guide is an opportunity for us to join together in prayer, asking God to move among and within us and those for whom we pray. It is not to limit our prayers, but rather to focus them together in specific ways, alongside the personal requests we each offer for the lost and other intercessory requests, and how the Spirit moves us each to pray.

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.

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

Monday, September 1

- Pastor David: Enjoyment – Ecclesiastes 5:18
- Salem & Self: Matthew 9:37-38
- Pray for Salem Christian Academy's school board: Scott Hudson, Trena Schumaker, May Hambrick, Bev Hembree, Gregg Swaim, and Pam Snow
- Pray for the NC Supreme Court as arguments begin this month: Paul Newby, Anita Earls, Philip Berger, Jr., Tamara Barringer, Richard Dietz, Trey Allen, and Allison Riggs
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, September 2

- Pastor David: God's work in him – Philippians 2:13
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 10:38-11:1
- Pray for the children's ministry as AWANA begins, for the adults who volunteer to show love and Christ to the children, and for each child to come to love and treasure Christ as their savior.
- Andrew & Beth Higgs, IMB missionaries in Thailand: For years, the Higgses prayed and worked to build a network of healthcare professionals to establish a crisis pregnancy center in Chiang Mai. Their center now has seven care teams across Thailand, who guide pregnant women and teens through their options and offer support up to 2 years after childbirth. The teams look for opportunities to share the gospel, and Beth finds joy in seeing God transform lives. Pray for unity, wisdom, and love for the Higgses and those involved with the pregnancy center.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Wednesday, September 3

- Pastor David: Continued renewal – Romans 12:2
- Salem & Self: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- On July 2, we prayed for Operation Heal Our Patriots, a ministry for military members and their spouses.



Chris and Toni were among the couples attending that week. Chris said he received the help he needed to light his fire and find his way back to Jesus again, and he and his wife finally learned how to reconnect. Toni said the most significant impact was bringing God back into their marriage. During the first 8 weeks of this summer, there were 62 baptisms, 56 veterans who accepted Christ, 5 veterans who rededicated their lives, and 43 couples renewed their vows. Pray that God will continue to transform these lives and marriages.

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

Thursday, September 4

- Pastor David: Humility – Romans 12:3
- Salem & Self: Philippians 2:14-15
- Pray for the various ministry leaders at Salem, that God will continually pour into them His strength, wisdom, and grace. Pray that He will give guidance and clarity to those He would have serve as leaders in the coming year, and that He will bring others around them in service for each ministry.
- Pray for the seminaries in the Southern Baptist Convention, that leaders and faculty will be faithful to God's Word and that God will work through classes and relationships to equip and strengthen those He is calling into ministry.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, September 5

- Amanda Trump: Joy – Psalm 32:11

- Salem & Self: Revelation 21:3-4



Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: Paul and Sonya returned safely to Brazil after a recent furlough, during which they had great meetings with supporting churches. Pray for new ministry opportunities on the horizon, that the Lord will guide and establish the plans He has for them and their work. Pray for wisdom as they minister and disciple couples in their church; there seem to be more attacks than usual from the enemy. Pray also for Paul, who may need surgery for two ruptured tendons in his right shoulder.

- Pray for the Foothills Food Pantry, for God's provision of food for the many families the food pantry serves and that He would move people's hearts to donate canned goods and other needed items.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Saturday, September 6

- Pastor David: Reflection and Insight – Psalm 16:7
- Salem & Self: Revelation 21:5-7
- Pray for our adult Bible studies on Sundays and throughout the week. Pray for strength and guidance as teachers prepare, and for personal daily spiritual growth and maturity in the adults taking part in the classes.
- Persecuted believers in Uzbekistan: Uzbekistan is a former Soviet state ruled by an authoritarian government that heavily monitors the population. Unapproved and unregistered Churches are often raided by police, with people arrested, threatened, and fined for having an illegal meeting. The vast majority of people are Muslim, and new Christian believers may be threatened, locked away, divorced, disowned, or physically abused. Church leaders are commonly targeted to instill fear. Pray for the strength and endurance for our Christian brothers and sisters to be witnesses to Christ's love and that God will protect them from harassment.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, September 7

- Pastor David: Gospel focus – Titus 1:1
- Salem & Self: Psalm 118:28-29
- Pray for our members who are unable to gather with us in corporate worship, that they will experience God's presence and love as they worship at home.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, September 8

- Pastor David: Abounding in the Lord's work – 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Salem & Self: Psalm 27:4
- Pray that God will guide us in responding to the Ministry Involvement Survey for next year, and that we will be responsive to the Holy Spirit's leading in the roles where God would have us serve.
- Pray for US Representative Virginia Foxx.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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

Tuesday, September 9

- Pastor David: Leading – Psalm 25:4-5
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 23:17-18
- Pray for the first meeting of the Good News Club at Dobson Elementary, that the Holy Spirit will help the leaders to communicate God's truths and the gospel to the children, many of whom may have no knowledge of God or the Bible. There may also be language barriers with Spanish speaking children.



Austin & Amy Mathis, Cincinnati, OH: In 2021, Grace Church began in the Mathis' living room, quickly growing and moving to a nearby elementary school. In 2022, they were able to move the church into a retail space. Seeking to steward resources for long-term success, Austin and Amy established a co-working office space for businesses to use during the week, providing funding for operational costs of the church as well as a strategic way to engage those around them with the gospel. Pray for the growth of Grace Church and that God will continue to use His people to multiply disciples in the community.

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

Wednesday, September 10

- Pastor David: Treasure the gospel – Matthew 13:44
- Salem & Self: Nahum 1:7
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.

- NC Baptists prayer focus for September: People in North, Central, and South America have a rich heritage of missions, yet more than 550 million are living without Jesus. Growing prosperity theology and a mixture of Catholicism and occult or new age beliefs make the Americas an urgent mission field. Pray that missionary efforts among the American peoples will result in the rapid spread of the true gospel, and that churches across the Americas would remain healthy and persevere against false teachings and unbelief.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, September 11

- Pastor David: To Work Heartily – Colossians 3:23-24
- Salem & Self: Psalm 33:20-22
- September often feels like a time of transition and fresh beginnings. Pray for renewed focus, discipline, and strength for the months ahead.
- The first rehearsal for the Surry Baptist Association Christmas Choir is on Sunday, September 21. Pray for many to participate and that those taking part will glorify God and proclaim the Christmas story and truly reach the community with the gospel in a united effort.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, September 12

- Amanda Trump: Wisdom – Proverbs 24:3-4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 105:3-4



- PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: Pray for the in-country director John Opio, as well as all of the pastors in Karamoja. Pray for their strength, encouragement, and that God will provide every need. They have a heavy burden to bring as many to Christ as possible and they have so little means of support.
- Pray for the Women's Evangelism and Discipleship Conference given by the Baptist State Convention of NC on Saturday, September 13. May this conference equip women for living out and sharing the gospel and for mentoring and discipling other women.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Saturday, September 13

- Pastor David: Trust – Psalm 62:1-2
- Salem & Self: Zechariah 8:16-17
- Pray for our youth in Bible studies as well as their leaders, that through conversations grounded in Scripture and centered around Christ, they would come to know Jesus as their foundation and that in Him, they receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28).
- Persecuted believers in the Central African Republic (CAR): Believers in the CAR are increasingly attacked, driven from their homes, and killed. Many have been displaced by the violence of the ongoing civil war. Some are concerned for the next generation of the church, but a group of pastors in one town are discipling youth to develop future leaders. "The fact that their goal is to make disciples is such an encouragement that the church is not going to be pushed out. It is pushing back, and the gospel is going to continue to move forward." Pray for these future leaders, for the endurance and encouragement of believers, and for God's provision and protection.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, September 14

- Pastor David: Faithfulness – 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Salem & Self: Psalm 67:1-3
- Pray that we will learn to honor God in our rest. Ask God for balance, health, and peace as routines shift into fall.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, September 15

- Pastor David: Spiritual responsiveness – Matthew 13:16
- Salem & Self: Matthew 6:19-21
- Pray for God's blessing and encouragement for those on our historical committee. Give thanks for their love for our church and the heritage they value maintaining, to strengthen and encourage us through God's faithfulness.
- Pray for Surry County Commissioners Mark Marion, Melissa Hiatt, Bill Goins, Eddie Harris, and Van Tucker.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, September 16

- Pastor David: Goodness – Romans 12:9
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 3:12-13

- Pray for the children in our Sunday school classes and the nursery, that the truth of God's love for them and that He made them in His image will be instilled from their earliest days and as they grow and develop.
- Tanner & Naomi Devereaux, Omaha, NE: In 2022, Tanner and Naomi planted Imago Dei in response to God's call to plant a church that looked like the throne room of heaven, with people from all walks of life and multiple ethnicities all worshipping God together. With a mission to live and look like Jesus, the church serves the community together through food distribution, public school engagement, involvement in foster care, and giving hope to the drug addicted and homeless. Pray that God will sustain their family and continue to spread the gospel in their community.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Wednesday, September 17

- Pastor David: Hope – Romans 12:12
- Salem & Self: Matthew 5:14-16
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- A neighborhood in Hamburg, Germany has 100,000 people and not a single healthy church. After years of prayer, by God's grace, a team has formed to plant a church. Pray that God will strengthen their hands and hearts for the work and will protect them from spiritual warfare as He establishes this church for His glory. Pray for a location for the church, for unity in the leadership, and for many to come to faith to the glory of God.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, September 18

- Pastor David: Security – Psalm 16:8-9
- Salem & Self: Matthew 7:24-25
- September is harvest season in many places. Pray for a fruitful harvest in every area of life.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will move military service members to seek the Lord and family for comfort and peace, rather than turn to the overuse of substances. Pray also for the removal of stigmas for seeking medical attention for mental and physical needs.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, September 19

- Amanda Trump: Grace – 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Salem & Self: Matthew 11:28-30
- Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: Pray for missionaries working in regions where Greg and Anne have hosted medical and dental teams, especially where new villages have opened doors for future ministry. Pray that the Lord will guide as they begin building relationships and sharing the gospel in these newly opened communities. This month the Parkers are building a home for one of their missionaries that is in one of the new regions. Pray for safety as they build and that this house can be a light for that region!
- A new church plant in Hungary is gaining momentum. The main focus is praying for the lost and sharing the gospel, and missionaries are seeing signs of growth. Each week brings reports of new gospel conversations and new people attending. Pray for God's kingdom to grow here!
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Saturday, September 20

- Pastor David: Love – 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Salem & Self: Matthew 22:37-39
- Pray for the guest service teams at Salem, that God will continue to pour His love into their hearts for those He is drawing to Himself, both members of Salem and those in the community who come seeking Him.
- Persecuted believers in Nicaragua: Hostility toward Christians continues to intensify. Those who speak out against the dictatorial regime are likely to face harassment, threats, detentions, and physical violence. Church leaders have been harassed and arrested, Christian properties seized, Christian schools, TV stations and charities closed, and churches monitored and intimidated. Pray for God's protection over church leaders courageously speaking out against injustice, that persecution preparedness training and discipleship seminars help believers live as salt and light, and that believers won't be deterred from sharing the gospel.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, September 21

- Pastor David: Boldness – Ephesians 6:19
- Salem & Self: Psalm 150:1-2

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will transform the people of God, that we will value and cultivate holiness and purity in our lives and perspectives. Ask God to strengthen you against temptation and help you walk in righteousness.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, September 22

- Pastor David: Rest – Psalm 116:7
- Salem & Self: Ecclesiastes 3:1
- As the seasons change, ask God to align your heart with His will, and pray for responsiveness to this in His people.
- Pray for NC Governor Josh Stein and Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, September 23

- Pastor David: Obedience – Psalm 40:8
- Salem & Self: Psalm 17:6-7
- Pray for our deacons, that God will give them wisdom and clarity as they address various situations.
- See You At The Pole is tomorrow, September 24. As students across our community and our nation gather to pray at their schools, cover them in prayer for God to encourage and strengthen them, and pray for God to move mightily to draw hearts to Himself through this movement and because of their prayers. Pray that God will work in this generation to raise up many to impact their schools, communities, and the world with the gospel.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Wednesday, September 24

- Pastor David: Flourishing – Psalm 1:3
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.



• Jonathan & Melissa Parnell, St. Paul, MN: Jonathan and Melissa planted Cities Church in 2015, which is surrounded by deep loneliness and fragmentation despite being in an educated and desirable neighborhood. He also trains and encourages fellow pastors and church planters throughout the region so they can reach people with the gospel. Pray for the Parnells as they lead their church and mentor others. Ask God to continue raising up people to reach communities with the good news of Jesus.

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

Thursday, September 25

- Pastor David: Thankfulness – Psalm 103:2-5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 145:17-18
- Transformation 1040, supported mission work in India: Transformation 1040 provides drinking water to villagers who have little to no access to clean water through their “Water Well” project. Most of the diseases in Bihar are carried through contaminated water from shallow, open wells. As each new fresh water well is dedicated to the village, pray that church planters will have opportunity to share about Jesus, the Living Water, and that many will receive Him and experience the hope and transformation of the gospel.



- Pray that all military personnel will see God working in their daily lives and that He is with them wherever they are.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, September 26

- Amanda Trump: Gentle, quiet spirit – 1 Peter 3:4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 139:23-24
- Pray for our Useful Souls ministry, that God will continue to stir their hearts for the good works He has for them to do, and that He will strengthen them with joy as they respond to how He would have them to lead and serve.



• Join in prayer with believers in Belgium for an event in Brussels where Franklin Graham will be preaching tomorrow. More than 535 churches have come together for this event, and as of early July, more than 7,500 people from every region of the country had booked seats on a fleet of buses to attend. Pray for strength, health, protection, and for the Spirit's mighty work as Franklin prepares and speaks. Pray that thousands will hear and receive the gospel and that believers will be empowered to grow in their faith and share Christ.

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

Saturday, September 27

- Pastor David: Love from the church – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- Salem & Self: Romans 11:33-36
- Pray for our guest service teams, that God will give them His joy, light, and compassion as they serve.

- Persecuted believers in Niger: Niger battles political instability and threats from Islamic extremists. Conversion to Christianity brings severe consequences, and most churches were forced to close in 2024 due to sustained attacks. The areas outside the main cities are the main areas where Christians experience persecution. Pray that God will bring order to chaos and will protect and strengthen believers. Pray for the gospel to spread, and for the emotional and spiritual maturity in many young people who are coming to faith in Jesus.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, September 28

- Pastor David: Diligent teaching – Acts 20:27
- Salem & Self: Psalm 13:5-6
- As we prepare for the coming months, pray for readiness—spiritually, emotionally, and practically—for the last quarter of the year.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, September 29

- Pastor David: Confidence – 2 Timothy 1:12
- Salem & Self: John 13:34-35
- Pray for the Useful Souls visitation teams, that they would be an encouragement and blessing to those who are shut-in and have ongoing illnesses and that they can help them feel connected to the church family.
- Pray for the United States Supreme Court as the term begins, with the opening conference scheduled for today. In the opening conference, the justices decide which petitions they will hear and decide in the upcoming term.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, September 30

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Proverbs 2:2-5
- Salem & Self: John 16:33
- Pray for unity and grace among our deacons and that the Spirit will encourage them as they faithfully serve.
- David & Elany Clark, Roseville, MI: A native of Detroit, David and Elany launched S.E.E.D. Church in the greater Detroit area in 2022, with a name representing the church's four values: Salvation, Education, Edification, and Discipleship. To connect with the community and share the message of Jesus, the church organizes game nights and other events such as Garden Day, where the church constructed raised box beds and planted flowers and vegetables, engaging with neighbors throughout the event. Pray for the Clarks and S.E.E.D. church as they continue to grow in Christ together and engage the community with the gospel.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



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/>

SBC Cooperative Program stories: <https://www.sbc.net/resource-library/52-sundays/>