

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 faith according to 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.

"I firmly believe that the missing ingredient in most Christians' lives and in most churches is prayer...the kind of prayer that is full of faith and trust...It's consistent, it's intense, and it's strategic. It brings change in churches and in lives. Bondage is broken, old habits are discarded, people become courageous, walls between believers are broken down, and relationships are restored. God uses this kind of prayer in conjunction with the armor of God to transform lives."

Chip Ingram, *The Invisible War*

***If the amount feels intimidating, start small – pick one each day to pray with us, to link arms as we all pray together to the Lord. See how your faith will grow and your relationship with the Lord will begin to strengthen.*

Sunday, March 1

- Pastor David: Boldness in preaching – Proverbs 29:25
- Salem & Self: Psalm 145:10-12
- Ask the Lord to strengthen our thankfulness to Him, and that through our openness to His Word and the encouragement of each other, we will be faithful witnesses to tell of His glory, power, and goodness.

Monday, March 2

- Pastor David: Faith – John 14:1
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 9:7
- This is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. The Lord does miraculous, powerful work through our prayers and giving. Pray fervently that God will increase our eagerness for Jesus to be known and for lives, families, and communities to be transformed throughout North America and around us.
 - Jordan & Jessamy Adams, West Lafayette, IN: Jordan and Jessamy moved to start a church near Purdue University in 2023. In the first year, 81 people were baptized. "I knew God was going to work, but I never imagined auditoriums overflowing, all these people getting baptized—this is more than anything we ever could've dreamed up." God is doing "exceeding abundantly beyond" anything they could have imagined. Pray for thousands more to meet Jesus at Purdue and for this church as they disciple new believers and send them out as ambassadors for Christ. (Watch more here: AnnieArmstrong.com/Adams)
- Pray that God will bring calm and reason to our nation and will use His church to be His instruments of peace.



Tuesday, March 3

- Pastor David: Built up – Acts 20:32
- Salem & Self: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- The Red Cross is facing a severe blood and platelet shortage. Pray for the WMU blood drive on March 10, that God will strengthen workers and provide many donors to demonstrate the love of God through this life-giving provision.
 - Fred & Casey Weymouth, Tappahannock, VA: Fred and Casey's lives used to be ruled by heroin addiction, enduring homelessness and jail, with no recovery program having any effect. Then they met Jesus and He transformed them and called them to ministry. A church plant grew out of the residential recovery and discipleship program they started, and they are seeing God radically change individuals who were lost in addiction. Pray for the Weymouths and other program leaders to build witnessing relationships with people who need healing and hope and that these men and women will discover the gospel purpose God has for their lives. (watch more here: AnnieArmstrong.com/Weymouth1)
- Pray fervently for our community, that God will deliver those caught in addiction to find new life in Him.



Wednesday, March 4

- Pastor David: Peace – Philippians 4:6-7
- Salem & Self: 1 John 5:3-4
- Pray for our deacons as they serve, that they would make every decision based on the Word of God (Mark 10:45).

- Pray that as Muslims fast during Ramadan and seek Allah, the true God will give them a deep hunger for truth and curiosity for the gospel, and that those who have been closed to the gospel will be open to hear it. Please pray by name for Lezan and Twana, two Muslims Melody met on a mission trip in Irbil, Iraq in 2011.
- Pray for Jesus' return, and that the Holy Spirit will fill us with the steadfast hope that He will make all things new.

Thursday, March 5

- Pastor David: Rejoice in the church – 2 Corinthians 7:16
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:6-8
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
 - Andrew Mark & Petra Adil, Montreal, Quebec: Quebec is less than 1% evangelical and very diverse, so when people meet a Christian, they're very curious about the Bible and about God. Every Friday night, Andrew Mark and others from their church go out to the sidewalks lined with restaurants and shops to talk with people, answering questions and sharing the gospel. From these conversations, their church plant has doubled in size in less than 2 years, growing faster than anyone imagined. Pray for more fruit from conversations, and for God to call and equip more leaders and church planters to spread the gospel in Quebec. (AnnieArmstrong.com/Adil)
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more missionaries to reach the lost in North America and around the world.



Friday, March 6

- Amanda Trump: Prayer – Psalm 17:6
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 10:25
 - Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: Pray for the Parkers as God continues to expand their ministry to reach people deeper into the Amazon. Pray that their relationships with each other will be strong and that Jake and Hailey will grow in the knowledge and grace of the Lord. Ask for His wisdom in navigating situations and planning this year's ministry agenda, and for financial provision through new individuals and churches coming alongside them, as costs have increased significantly with the expansion into new regions.
- Franklin Graham will be preaching in Lima, Peru on March 7-8. Thank God for the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel here. Pray for His blessing and strength for volunteers, and that the Lord will do a mighty work and transform many lives as the people repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 2:13).
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, March 7

- Pastor David: Endurance – Matthew 11:28-30
- Salem & Self: Philippians 3:20
- Pray for those organizing the mission trip to Madrid, Spain, that God will bring together the team He has purposed and guide each decision with clarity. Pray that individuals will be obedient to His calling as He stirs hearts to serve.
 - Troy & Chanel Gause, Marrero, LA: When Troy was hired to mow the grass of Ames Boulevard Baptist Church, it had dwindled to only a few faithful members and was close to closing its doors. When they realized Troy was a church planting missionary, it became clear God was putting them together to replant something new. "There's life back in this building. Baptisms are happening, salvations are happening, and this church has been raised from the dead." Pray for this church as they adjust to changes and as new believers grow in faith, and thank the Lord for His faithfulness and their openness to His work. (AnnieArmstrong.com/Gause1)



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Sunday, March 8

- Pastor David: Insight – Psalm 119:130
- Salem & Self: Psalm 4:5
- Pray that we will bring a right and honest sacrifice of praise to our Lord with lives surrendered in full trust in Him.

Monday, March 9

- Pastor David: Wisdom – James 1:5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 143:10
- Pray for the SCHS football banquet hosted at Salem this evening. Pastor Russ has asked specifically for prayer for gospel conversations and relational capacity to reach and minister to the football players and their families.
- Pray for US Senators Thom Tillis and Ted Budd, that they will be protected from and be able to withstand evil influences and pressures as they serve to represent the people of North Carolina.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will move powerfully among our nation's leadership and their families, to replace hearts of stone with hearts of flesh to respond to Him, as He wishes none to perish but all to reach repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Tuesday, March 10

- Pastor David: For his children – Isaiah 54:13

- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 1:22
- Pray for the WMU blood drive today at Salem, that this would be a connection point and service to our community for the glory of Christ, and that many lives will be saved through the blood donated today.
- Oscar & Wendy Ortiz, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico: When Oscar began a church plant in Rio Grande, he knew one would not be enough for the 46,000 people there with almost no gospel witness. They prayed and God answered through Send Relief, Southern Baptists' compassion ministry arm, to lay a foundation for a future new church in nearby Loíza. "Loíza is a spiritually dark place, but by serving the community, Send Relief is helping open doors for us there." Pray that Send Relief teams will connect the Ortizes to more people open to hearing the gospel, and for God to raise up more leaders in their church to start and grow this new work. (AnnieArmstrong.com/Ortiz)
- As we pray for Christ's return, pray that we stand firm in the strength of the Lord and hold fast to His Word.



Wednesday, March 11

- Pastor David: Live honorably – Hebrews 13:18
- Salem & Self: 1 Kings 8:57-58
- Pray for our Useful Souls ministry, for a renewed interest in senior church members to come together for ministry and fellowship.
- Pray for Christians living in Muslim nations during Ramadan. Pray for their safety and for new opportunities among friends and family for gospel conversations at this time of spiritual openness and awakening. Pray for boldness, anointing, and wisdom on the Christians as they share their faith. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).
- Pray that God will raise up many pastors and church planters in the younger generations, giving them His heart for people and calling them to His work as they come into adolescence and young adulthood.

Thursday, March 12

- Pastor David: Lord's defense – Psalm 35:1-2
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 44:8
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Pray for local EMT's, that God will give physical, spiritual, and emotional protection in their service, and that He will give them clarity and focus as they enhance and use their skills and knowledge (2 Timothy 1:7).
- Pray that that Holy Spirit will set our minds on things above, where Christ is, to renew our perspective in light of eternity and Jesus' second coming (Colossians 3:1-4).

Friday, March 13

- Amanda Trump: Nourishment – Isaiah 58:11
- Salem & Self: Psalm 89:14-15
- Transformation 1040, supported mission work in India: The majority of women in Bihar have little education and few marketable skills. Pray for Transformation 1040's work to train and equip them to start their own business through 6 months of Christ-centered training in a sewing school and their own pedal-powered sewing machine. Pray for the women to grow in their understanding of Jesus and graduate with not only the ability to support their families, but with a life-changing relationship with Christ.
- Thank the Lord for His continuing provision to the Foothills Food Pantry through donations from His people and from other sources. Pray the Lord will give wisdom, discernment, and a loving spirit to the director of the food bank as she deals with clients and their needs, and that He will bless and provide for her as well.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, March 14

- Pastor David: Commitment – Psalm 17:5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 5:11
- Pray for our youth Bible studies, to deepen their understanding of the Christian walk and to flee from youthful lusts to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22).
- The 27th night of Ramadan (expected March 16 or 17) is considered the "Night of Power" when Muslims believe angels and spirits descend and carry out the commands of Allah. Muslims often stay awake until morning and pray for blessings and forgiveness. Because many expect visions, dreams, wonders, and proper interpretations of their dreams during this season—and particularly during this night—pray that people will experience dreams of Jesus that will lead them to seek and be open to truth from a biblical witness or exposure to God's Word.

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Sunday, March 15

- Pastor David: Abiding – John 15:4
- Salem & Self: 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

- Pray that God will open your eyes to greater wonders in His Word and your heart will overflow with thankfulness and praise to Him.

There is nothing too small to bring before God, and there is nothing too great.

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62:8

Monday, March 16

- Pastor David: Instruction – Psalm 25:4
- Salem & Self: 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- Pray that God will give strength and grace to our deacons, that they would be full of faith and the Holy Spirit and serve with wisdom and joy.
- Pray for Surry County Commissioners Bill Goins, Eddie Harris, Mark Marion, Melissa Hiatt, and Van Tucker, that they would seek the Lord for wisdom and insight in each decision and situation and would know His faithfulness.
- Pray that we will eagerly await and pray for Christ’s return as we seek to walk worthy of the gospel.

Tuesday, March 17

- Pastor David: Joy – Psalm 16:11
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 4:22-24
- Pray for the Good News Club, that God will stir the hearts of volunteers to serve these children whom He loves.
- Crawford & Suzi Kaser, South Asia: For 25 years, the Kasers have served in the same city in a region of over 10 million Muslims. Their current focus is on training and mobilizing local churches. Recently, Crawford trained 25 new believers from a Hindu people group known for thievery. After their radical conversion, they asked how to share Christ with their Muslim neighbors, many of whom had already noticed the change in their lives. Over 120 Muslims have heard Bible stories through audio recordings, and at least 47 now study the Gospel of Luke weekly. Pray for boldness, protection, and lasting fruit as the Kasers and local believers share Christ.
- Pray that God will strengthen marriage relationships across our nation, and that He will help Christians stand with boldness and truth in love for the Biblical definition of marriage.

Wednesday, March 18

- Pastor David: Endurance – Galatians 6:9
- Salem & Self: 2 Peter 1:10
- Pray for our Useful Souls ministry, for God to raise up help in the leadership and organization of the ministry.
- Persecuted believers in Libya: The absence of a central government has made the situation very dangerous. Since the arrest of several Christians in March 2023, authorities have increased monitoring Christian activities on the internet. Christians are in danger everywhere in Libya, but particularly where violent Islamic extremists are active. Those from a Muslim background face intense family and community pressure to recant, and foreign Christians are targeted by various groups for trafficking or kidnapping. All practice their faith in secret. Pray for law and stability to return to Libya, for God’s protection, and that secret believers find a way to follow Jesus in safety and fellowship.
- Pray for God’s kingdom to come and for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

Thursday, March 19

- Pastor David: Praise – Psalm 18:46
- Salem & Self: James 5:7-8
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- As Ramadan ends, many Muslims come away disillusioned, either because they miss the spiritual high and the coming together of community, or because they carry guilt for their own lack of piety throughout the season. They may come away with questions about the whole practice. Pray again for an openness to the gospel and for salvation for those asking big questions after such a significant religious festival.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, March 20

- Amanda Trump: Prayer for using gifts – Ephesians 6:18
- Salem & Self: James 5:11
- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Matt recently launched the new app for river communities and missionaries; thank the Lord for these opportunities to share the gospel and disciple believers! Pray as they await government approval for new FM repeater stations in Baños, Lago Agrio, and Ibarra. These are underserved areas without a local Christian radio presence. They believe Christian radio can be a powerful light in the region, especially in Lago Agrio, a border town with significant drug cartel activity.
- Will Graham will be preaching in Mississippi on March 21-22. It is a place of great hurt and darkness where homelessness and addiction are prevalent. Pray for boldness and health as he preaches and that many will come to hear the Good News. Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften hearts and souls will be saved for eternity.
- Pray for Jesus’ return, and for the Spirit to strengthen us with joy to be faithful where God has placed us.



Saturday, March 21

- Pastor David: Peace – Isaiah 26:3
- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 4:10
- Pray for children’s hearts in Bible study classes and the nursery, for salvation and a lasting foundation in Christ.
- Persecuted believers in Iran: News reports indicate more than 36,500 people were killed during the recent unrest, and the horrific events have left Iranians traumatized and still living in fear. Already very dangerous for believers, the increased violence and surveillance have worsened the risk, and even meeting a Christian friend feels dangerous. “The Church in Iran wants to be salt and light in this moment. We want to bring truth and hope to our nation. But after years of oppression done in the name of God, we fear how people will respond to the gospel. Please pray that God shows us how to love our community with the hope of Jesus.”

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Sunday, March 22

- Pastor David: Boldness – Ephesians 6:19
- Salem & Self: Psalm 9:1-2
- Pray for ready responsiveness to the Spirit’s conviction, and that the Lord will incline our hearts to His truth.

Monday, March 23

- Pastor David: Protection – Psalm 34:7
- Salem & Self: John 8:31-32
- Pray for discernment for the leadership in the WMU and that the Spirit will bear much fruit for lives changed and lasting, eternal impact through the ways these ladies serve our community.
- Pray for NC Governor Josh Stein and Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt, that they would seek the Lord’s guidance and act with moral integrity and godly counsel.
- Pray for the people of our nation, that the Holy Spirit will turn their hearts toward truth and light, and in doing so would open their eyes to discover the hope and transformation of the gospel (Colossians 1:13-14).

Tuesday, March 24

- Pastor David: Friendships – Proverbs 27:17
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 54:10
- Pray for seeds to be planted through the Good News Club and that children will be rooted in Christ’s love.
- Tyler & Ashley Martin, Bar Nunn, Wyoming: More than 60 Wyoming towns don’t have a church of any kind. God laid a burden on Tyler and Ashley’s hearts to plant a church, and Tyler is now training men from within the church to plant more churches across the state. They also launched circuit preaching teams to reach small, forgotten towns, many that have never had a church. Thank God for raising up church planters to go to spiritual dark places, and pray that He will strengthen them in this work.
- Pray for God to strengthen righteousness in our nation and save many from their sin (Proverbs 14:34).



Wednesday, March 25

- Pastor David: Love of God – 1 John 4:16
- Salem & Self: Psalm 31:23-24
- Pray for our children’s ministry, that God will guide leaders in planning events and bring volunteers to joyfully serve.
- Pray for the Surry Baptist Association, that the churches will seek opportunities to support and encourage each other in their mission to spread the gospel in our county.
- Pray for Jesus’ return: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20)

Thursday, March 26

- Pastor David: Faithful shepherd – Jeremiah 3:15
- Salem & Self: Psalm 139:14
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- In January, we prayed for Franklin Graham’s festival in Cambodia, and over 27,000 people gathered to hear about God’s love for them! Franklin said about the second night, “Most of those who came tonight had never been to a church before or heard this Gospel message, and when we gave the invitation, hundreds of people responded, many of them literally running forward.” Thank God for what He’s doing in Cambodia and for the churches who invited Franklin to speak. Pray for them and for the new believers beginning their new life in Christ!
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Friday, March 27

- Amanda Trump: Marriage support – Matthew 19:6

- Salem & Self: Malachi 3:10
 - Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: LIFE International School has faced significant challenges in the past few months, including a delay in a needed license for an external fire escape that has halted their move into the new building. Pray that this process and all other delays will be resolved so they can move forward. Pray also that the Lord will provide additional needed funding and give wisdom and encouragement as Scot and Carol schedule their time in the US during March, April, and possibly part of May.
- Pray for Surry Baptist Association, that God will give guidance to leadership and a clear vision through His Word of what He has purposed for them in this season.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up more laborers to see and meet people in their practical needs, and that God will open opportunities for seeds of the gospel to be planted for His glory and the salvation of many (Matthew 5:16).



Saturday, March 28

- Pastor David: Strength – Deuteronomy 33:25
- Salem & Self: Psalm 77:11-13
- Pray for the adults in our Bible studies, that God will give insight and guide leaders on paths of righteousness, and for the Spirit to strengthen hearts to love and value His Word and to grow further into maturity and Christ-likeness.
- Persecuted believers in Afghanistan: Under Taliban rule, Afghanistan remains a place of extreme persecution. Many have either fled or gone deep underground. Turning from Islam is punishable by death, and families and tribes deal harshly with believers to preserve their “honor.” The church exists in secret gatherings. “Being a secret believer here is like walking on the edge of a blade. It’s full of caution, pain, but also hope and strength.” Pray for strength, peace, and protection for these believers, and that Taliban leaders’ hearts will be changed to receive Christ.

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Sunday, March 29

- Pastor David: Speaking and honoring of the Word – 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- Salem & Self: Psalm 138:1-2
- Pray for the Spirit to move powerfully in our hearts, for the salvation of any who don’t know Him and for the clearing of every sin and hindrance that would prevent us from running our race with joy and endurance.

Monday, March 30

- Pastor David: Joy in relationship – 1 John 3:1
- Salem & Self: Colossians 1:21-23
- Pray that the Lord will prepare and purify our hearts as we focus ourselves toward Easter, when Jesus fulfilled His purpose in His first coming through His death on the cross and His resurrection (John 12:27-32).
- Pray for US Representative Virginia Foxx, that she will have the courage, discretion, and foresight to make the right decisions in formulating bills and to cast her vote for those laws that promote the welfare of the people she serves.
- Pray that we would be eager for Jesus’ second coming and rejoice in the certainty of His return.

Tuesday, March 31

- Pastor David: Wholehearted service – 1 Chronicles 28:9
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 53:4-5
- Tomorrow, SCA students will walk through “Stations of the Cross,” which helps the events of the Holy Week come to life as students move through interactive stations across our campus. Pray that this will bring new realizations about Jesus, His love for them, and their need for Him as Savior and Lord.
 - Joshua & Brittany Brown, Sneads Ferry, NC: Joshua and Brittany started Pillar Church of Topsail near Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Those they serve regularly face life-threatening situations, making spiritual conversations about eternity both natural and necessary. With the changing nature of military life, those who come to Christ are equipped and motivated to carry the gospel into the world as they are deployed to new assignments. Pray that God will transform lives and families as the Browns share the gospel and that He will raise up new leaders for the church as others are deployed or reassigned.



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