

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 Matters!

From IMB missionary John Pratt: "I got to the field and realized my utter dependance on God and prayer! I found there is an *indescribable difference* in the effectiveness and outcomes of the work when you alone are praying versus when an entire group of people are praying all around the world. These prayer warriors are in different time zones, allowing their own convictions and faith to be tested as they pray for seemingly impossible tasks..."

When I allowed God's people to pray for me, that was the moment my entire ministry in South Asia changed. As a result, we now read stories like Lahud's and so many others who are among the first of their people to proclaim Jesus' name...

So, when you ask, "What does it mean to have people pray for you?", it means God STILL answers prayers."

*"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

*If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."* John 14:13-14

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

### Wednesday, October 1

- Pastor David: The Lord's presence – Psalm 42:8
- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 3:8
- Pray for the upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic, that God will bring together each detail in His sovereignty and foresight, and that He will prepare the way before them to grow His kingdom and accomplish every purpose.
- Pray that God would bring relief and provision to those in need in our community through the generosity of His people, and that through that provision they would see His goodness and open their hearts to the gospel of Christ.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

### Thursday, October 2

- Pastor David: Not to lose heart – 2 Corinthians 4:1
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Pray for the Legacy Center in Mount Airy as they prepare for their fundraiser banquet next week. Pray for God's physical and spiritual protection over those preparing and that He would rule over every detail. Pray that He will protect and guide those who will be speaking with the words He would have them to say.
- Last month, Scott Turner (Secretary of Housing and Urban Development) asked that Christians pray once a week for people to return to the Lord and for the renewal of our nation and its citizens. One day each week will include a prayer focus that the people of our nation will return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

### Friday, October 3

- Amanda Trump: Gentleness – Philippians 4:5
- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 3:15
- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Praise God that He continues to use the Players of Hope (mp3 players with Bible teaching) to impact lives along the river – the Parkers have heard several testimonies of people who have opened their hearts to Christ! Continue to pray for their FM Repeater Applications. The government has canceled the current process, requiring them to reapply for new stations in Baños, Lago Agrio, and Ibarra. These cities currently lack a local Christian radio presence. Lago Agrio, in particular, is a strategic location. Pray that Christian radio can be a powerful light in this region.
- Samaritan's Purse continues to comfort and support those affected by the tragic flooding in the Texas Hill Country. Pray for the teams as they help with cleanup and rebuilding and share the gospel. As of last month, 140 people had accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior! Pray for God's work in this community to comfort, heal, and save.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



### **Saturday, October 4**

- Pastor David: Holy Pursuit – 1 Timothy 6:11
- Salem & Self: 1 John 4:4
- Pray that through this month our focus will be on Christ and His goodness, authority, and truth, not drawn into the world's corruption and the darkness that can be prevalent. Pray that we will rejoice in our Lord's power and light.
- Persecuted believers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Over the course of two days last month, more than 100 Christians were killed by militants and many were kidnapped. Christians in sub-Saharan Africa are some of the world's most resilient believers and the gospel is spreading, but the incessant killings are taking their toll. "The massacres are weakening the faith of Christians...Please, brothers and sisters, let us unite in prayer to counter the enemy. God says if He does not watch over the house, those who watch, watch in vain." "Pray for God's comfort, His provision to the displaced, and for His Spirit to give them strength to stand firm amidst these targeted attacks."
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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### **Sunday, October 5**

- Pastor David: Confidence in God's Word – Isaiah 55:11
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:1
- Pray for wisdom as you seek God's guidance for decisions, planning, and priorities for the rest of this year.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

### **Monday, October 6**

- Pastor David: Abide in Christ – John 15:5
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 61:3
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, that the girls involved will not only learn skills and have positive interactions and activities, but will come to salvation through faith in Jesus and have a safe place that supports a growing faith.
- Pray for Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley and Commissioners Phil Thacker, Chad Hutchens, Deborah Cochran, David Hall, and Calvin Vaughn.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

### **Tuesday, October 7**

- Pastor David: For his children to walk in the wisdom of God – Proverbs 3:17-18
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 32:4
- Pray for the Good News Club team to be filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit in sharing the good news of God's love and the gospel of Christ with the children each week. "For apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)
- Paul & Abbey Campbell, Logan, UT: In 2021, God called the Campbells to leave a ministry position in Virginia to share the gospel and plant a church in a place with extremely limited gospel witness. Gospel Peace Church is in a region of Utah with 150,000 people, where most are Mormon and less than 1% are evangelical Christians. It is also the home of Utah State University. Pray for this church as they actively engage the community with the gospel, and that those who choose Christ will be strengthened and surrounded by the family of God. Pray also for this church, currently meeting in a community center, to find a permanent home.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



### **Wednesday, October 8**

- Pastor David: To be a Christ-like husband – 1 Peter 3:7
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Pray for the nominating committee, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in considering survey responses and leadership roles, and that the Lord will fit each member in the roles of service He has gifted them for.
- Pray for Gideons International, that God will abundantly provide the finances for their outreach and that He will continue to bring salvation to many through this ministry.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

### **Thursday, October 9**

- Pastor David: Love for the Lord – Matthew 22:37-38
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 3:7-8
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- This evening is The Legacy Center's annual banquet, which is their main fundraiser. Please pray for strong attendance and giving hearts, and that the Spirit will move powerfully in each person who attends. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5a).
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

## Friday, October 10

- Amanda Trump: Faithfully teaching the children – Psalm 78:4
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 50:10



- Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: Praise God that they were able to close negotiations on a beautiful big building for the school and are making preparations for the interior renovation work, to hopefully move in over Christmas break! Pray that they get needed licenses quickly, and for wisdom, provision, and the right construction company to carry out the work at an affordable price and in a timely manner.
- Today is World Mental Health Day. Pray for those who are struggling, that they will reach out to those whom God has called and equipped to help with their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs. Pray that as Christians, we will be intentional to encourage those around us with the love of Christ, walk alongside each other through difficult seasons, and help each other know the Lord is near as we are also near in relationship.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

## Saturday, October 11

- Pastor David: Joy – John 15:10-11
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 3:3-4
- Pray for the men's ministry at Salem, that God will connect men together in strengthening relationship, that they will be built up in Christ and the Spirit will continue His faithful work to bring them to full maturity and Christ-likeness.
- Persecuted believers in Turkmenistan: The government closely monitors Christians, especially Christian leaders. Printing or importing Christian materials, holding meetings, or downloading Christian songs can result in a fine, or worse. Muslim family and community members pressure and threaten believers. Pray for government leaders to have their hearts softened and find the hope of Jesus. Ask God to make a way for His Word to reach believers hungry for Scripture. "I cannot live without Jesus. I cannot deny Him, even if it means being persecuted. God gives me the comfort and desire to pray even more for my relatives and community who do not yet know Jesus."
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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## Sunday, October 12

- Pastor David: Power of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8
- Salem & Self: John 4:23-24
- Thank God for His faithfulness through the year so far and ask that He cultivate in you a heart of gratitude.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

## Monday, October 13

- Pastor David: Prayer – Matthew 6:6-8
- Salem & Self: John 17:21
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, for fruitfulness in hearts and minds and deeds.
- Pray for NC Commissioner of Labor Luke Farley, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Superintendent of Public Instruction Mo Green, and Treasurer Brad Briner.
- 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, October 14

- Pastor David: Faithful steward – 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- Salem & Self: John 17:25-26
- Pray for the Good News Club, for protection from disruption and that God will open students' hearts to the gospel.
- Dave & Amy Knotts, IMB missionaries: Dave and Amy lead a team using digital strategies to take the gospel to some of the least reached peoples in Central Asia. Their team creates ads on online platforms to spur gospel conversations and train church planters in places that are remote or where Christianity is banned. When someone responds, the team begins a conversation, whether introducing the gospel or for discipleship. They ask for prayer for their latest strategy to create effective content for women, and for people with digital skills to join their team.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

## Wednesday, October 15


- Pastor David: To not be anxious – Matthew 6:31-33
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:11
- Pray for the youth in our student ministry, that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them in the Lord to believe and stand confidently in His truth, and that they would walk in the freedom and power of Christ.

- Pray for those involved in or dabbling in occult practices, that the Holy Spirit would shine into their hearts the light of the gospel of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ and remove the deception of the spiritual enemy, that the veil would be removed from their minds and they would see light and choose salvation (2 Corinthians 4:3-6).
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

#### **Thursday, October 16**

- Pastor David: Blessing – Psalm 34:8
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- NC Baptists prayer focus for October: Immigration into the United States has opened up new opportunities for the gospel to flourish and churches to be planted among American people groups. Pray for God to raise up believers from American people groups who can be trained to take the gospel to the unreached, unengaged peoples living all around them. Pray that NC Baptist churches would partner together to reach those from Central and South America, and that God would guide Salem with wisdom in how we can effectively engage people in our community.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

#### **Friday, October 17**

- Amanda Trump: Helper to her husband – Genesis 2:18
- Salem & Self: Matthew 11:28-30
-  Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: Pray for the leaders and students at the Brazilian Indian ministry as they study God's Word, that the Spirit would give them insight, wisdom, and clarity of thought in their studies. Pray that they would grow not only in knowledge but also in relationship with Christ. Pray that Paul and Sonya's work with this ministry will continue to grow and bear much fruit.
- Will Graham is preaching at an event in Tallinn, Estonia on October 18th and 19th. Estonia is one of the least religious countries in Europe, where the people live with fading hope and rising fear of the future. Pray that the Lord God will draw people from all walks of life to Himself through this event and strengthen local churches to disciple new believers and continue to spread the gospel.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

#### **Saturday, October 18**

- Pastor David: Trust – Psalm 62:8
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Pray for the women's ministry, that the Lord continue to guide leadership in what He wants to do in and through the women at Salem, and that the Spirit will unite each together in love, encouragement, and service for Christ.
- Persecuted believers in Oman: While most Omanis practice a moderately conservative form of Islam, there is almost no tolerance for family members who convert to Christianity. Those who convert are put under pressure to recant and can be expelled from the family home, lose their jobs, and face problems over child custody and inheritance. Immigrant Christian communities are tolerated as long as they avoid sharing their faith with Muslims, but their facilities are restricted and meetings are monitored for political statements. Pray for God's protection and for His wisdom and boldness to believers to live out their faith and shine the light of Christ.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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#### **Sunday, October 19**

- Pastor David: Speak the Gospel – 2 Corinthians 4:13-14
- Salem & Self: Psalm 46:10-11
- Today is the Day of Prayer for Associational Missions. Pray for wisdom and strength for pastors, church planters, and associational leadership; for unity and zeal among churches to spread the gospel; for spiritual growth and transformation within our churches and communities; and for spiritual revival across our state and nation.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

#### **Monday, October 20**

- Pastor David: Seeking God – Psalm 42:1
- Salem & Self: Psalm 25:4-5
- Pray for our Praying Together ministry, that the Lord will give wisdom in putting together each prayer guide as well as events and times of prayer for the church. Pray that the Spirit will stir the hearts of our church toward prayer, that it will become the evident current running in all that we do in our lives and ministries.
- Pray for President Donald J. Trump and Vice President JD Vance
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

## **Tuesday, October 21**

- Pastor David: Contentment – 1 Timothy 6:6-7
- Salem & Self: Psalm 37:39-40
- Pray for the WMU, that God will encourage and strengthen the women in their hearts for the Lord, for missions, and for glorifying the Lord in service and provision for our community.
- Owen & Mila Stoddard, IMB missionaries in South Asia: The Stoddards' son, Jamin, was 6 months old when they followed God's call to the mission field. At 2 years old, he was showing developmental delays, and at 10 years old a professional assessment revealed how severely he was struggling. Through a ministry established for missionary children, Mila was able to get the resources and training to help him, and he is now attending college. She fought discouragement and spiritual attack, but God sustained her as well as her husband and their team in their mission work. Thank the Lord for His provision for all of their needs, and pray as they continue to serve in South Asia.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.


## **Wednesday, October 22**

- Pastor David: Steadfastness – James 1:12
- Salem & Self: Psalm 19:14
- Pray that our students would live as examples for all those around them of Christ-like speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Timothy 4:12), and that the Spirit would give them eyes to see as Jesus does.
- Spend time in prayer for those among your family, friends, and co-workers who don't yet know the Lord. Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare good soil for His Word to bear fruit, and for opportunities for conversations about Jesus.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

## **Thursday, October 23**

- Pastor David: Humility – Micah 6:8
- Salem & Self: Daniel 2:20-22
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Pray for those involved in prayer walks with LoveLife, that God would strengthen and protect them and work through their prayers to open truth-filled and gospel conversations with women around abortion centers. Pray that the Spirit will prepare the hearts of those they speak with, to choose life for their child and eternal life in Christ.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

## **Friday, October 24**

- Amanda Trump: Grace and honor – Proverbs 11:16
- Salem & Self: Psalm 145:15-16
-  • PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: Pray for the Karamoja region. They have had unusual floods and many crops have been destroyed. This will impact food availability in the near future. Pray that God will provide funds for the ministry to fill their storage building so they may feed families in the upcoming famine.
- Oct. 26-Nov. 1, Will Graham will be doing a four-city tour to Tallahassee, Gainesville, Sarasota, and Pompano Beach, FL. May the Holy Spirit pour out upon those who attend that "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6) may shine in them and lead them to repentance and faith.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

## **Saturday, October 25**

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Proverbs 2:6-7
- Salem & Self: Psalm 145:18-19
- Pray for our member care team and care coordinators, for God's blessing and protection from spiritual attack.
- Persecuted believers in Ethiopia: Non-traditional Christians get the harshest treatment from local authorities and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. In the east and southeast, converts from Islam and those from Orthodox backgrounds face intense family and community pressure. In other regions, Christians are attacked by Islamist mobs and often denied community resources, leading to social isolation. Political violence in the past 3 years has made things worse, with many churches destroyed. Pray for unity among Christians in Ethiopia, that God will connect them in community, and that He will give them strength to persevere and peace beyond understanding.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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## **Sunday, October 26**

- Pastor David: Spirit-given insight – Psalm 119:18
- Salem & Self: Psalm 145:1-2
- Pray for sensitivity to the Spirit, that you may hear and obey God's voice more clearly.

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

### **Monday, October 27**

- Pastor David: Christ-focus – Psalm 119:15-16
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 9:10-11
- Pray for Salem's Trunk or Treat on the 31st, that there will be strong participation and this will be an engaging way to connect with the community where they experience the love of our church and hearts will be open to the gospel.
- Pray for the Surry County Board of Education: TJ Bledsoe, Raleigh Scales, Dale Badgett, Tony Hutchens, and Kent Whitaker.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

### **Tuesday, October 28**

- Pastor David: Faithfulness – Psalm 119:29-31
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:10
- Pray for the marriages at Salem, that God will bless and guide couples in loving and serving each other with humility and intentionality, and that He will stir them to seek healing and counsel when needed.
- Nick & Anna Abraham, Beach City, OH: More than 14 years ago, Nick felt a burden in his heart from God to establish a gospel-preaching church in his hometown. After serving in various churches, he and Anna planted Reformation Bible Church with a team in 2022, bringing life back into an old church building in town. Many local churches have closed in recent years, leaving a significant need for local gospel ministry. The church actively engages with the community, including a weekly after-school ministry at the local school. Pray that this church will remain faithful to God's Word and sensitive to His Spirit in the Beach City community.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



### **Wednesday, October 29**

- Pastor David: Belief – Psalm 119:90-91
- Salem & Self: Matthew 5:43-45
- Pray that the students at Salem would build strong, encouraging relationships as they grow closer to Jesus together, and that each student would show and experience belonging and kindness.
- Pray for the integrity, strength, and protection of our local law enforcement. Pray that God will strengthen and bless their marriages and families to establish legacies of faithfulness, love, and Christ-likeness.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

### **Thursday, October 30**

- Pastor David: Delight in God's Word – Psalm 119:103
- Salem & Self: James 1:5-6
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Pray for the women who connect with churches through the LoveLife ministry, that they would find belonging with a community of believers who will disciple them, support them, and build relationships with them and their children.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

### **Friday, October 31**

- Amanda Trump: Firm foundation – Psalm 62:6-7
- Salem & Self: 1 John 1:5-7
- Pray for healthy relationships between Salem and the community, leading to open doors for service and the gospel.
- Pray that followers of Christ will let our light shine in the darkness, casting off everything that hinders and showing the world the love of Jesus, directing them to the One in whom they will find peace, forgiveness, hope, and eternal life.
- 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/>