

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.

"Help us, Father, to make prayer a priority in our lives.
May we take seriously the privilege of speaking intimately with You
and may our prayers be deliberate, focused, and frequent."
Billy Graham, *Wisdom for Each Day*

***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.*

Wednesday, July 1

- Pastor David: Strength – Isaiah 40:31
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 4:25-26
- Pray for the fellowship leaders in our small groups, that God will guide them in opportunities for groups to gather to encourage one another and build each other up, growing in relationship together.
- Pray for the Marriage Resiliency Weeks that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association provides for law enforcement officers and spouses as couples begin their journey of healing. Ask the Lord to use this experience to transform their lives and relationships and that they will apply what they learn in their daily lives.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Thursday, July 2

- Pastor David: Treasure of Christ – Acts 20:24
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Persecuted believers in Uzbekistan: Strict restrictions hinder churches, and "unauthorized" materials place them in danger of raids, arrests, threats, and heavy fines. Converts from Islam face strong opposition from their family and community, and the past year saw a jump in the number of times Christian activities were reported to the police. Pray that leaders will be able to minister without harassment or harm, and for God to protect those who risk much to meet together and worship Him. Ask for grace, hope, and strength for converts as they face pressures to recant.
- Pray for Jesus' return and that we will walk in the faith of His presence and the truth that He will soon return.

Friday, July 3

- Amanda Trump: Rest and renewal – Matthew 11:28-30
- Salem & Self: Psalm 73:28
- Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: The gospel was presented at a couples' banquet in June, given through their church in Brazil, where unsaved couples attended. Pray for seeds planted to take root for repentance and salvation, and that these couples will connect to the weekly Bible study to learn and grow in the Lord. Pray also for Paul as he continues physical therapy from his rotator cuff surgery last November.
- Pray for the war in Ukraine. May God bring peace to this country and protect the vulnerable and the local churches ministering and delivering critical aid in Jesus' name. May the Lord provide the food and resources they need.



Saturday, July 4

- Pastor David: Vigilance – 1 Timothy 4:16
- Salem & Self: Psalm 59:16
- Pray for our Praying Together ministry. May the Lord give clear guidance to the prayer team and strengthen our understanding of how to join Jesus in His intercession. May He build Salem up in prayer, faith, and blessing.
- Pray for our country, that we would become one united nation under God's leadership. May He guide our leaders with an abundance of godly counsel (Proverbs 11:14) and place in leadership those who will lead with integrity for the wellbeing of our nation. May God be glorified in reconciling many to Himself and establishing us in truth.

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Sunday, July 5

- Pastor David: Boldness – Acts 20:27
- Salem & Self: Psalm 34:3
- Pray for our readiness to receive God's Word and that our hearts will wholly desire for God to be magnified and His name made great in our lives and relationships.

Monday, July 6

- Pastor David: Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:11
- Pray for the Kids Day Camp through this week, for salvation and growth in the Lord in the children who come.
- Pray for NC Governor Josh Stein and Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt. May they discern and act with righteousness and justice, and fulfill their roles with honesty and integrity for the prosperity of the people.
- Pray that we will live upright and godly lives as we eagerly wait for "our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13)

Tuesday, July 7

- Pastor David: Honor for his wife – 1 Peter 3:7
- Salem & Self: Philippians 4:19
- Pray for the marriages at Salem. May God protect and strengthen them against every spiritual and worldly attack. May His Spirit work mightily, that selfishness would be cast away and brokenness healed. May God be glorified in the love, gentleness, kindness, and honor shown to each other, and may Jesus hold each together in grace.
- Pray for the Legacy Center in Mount Airy. May God provide every need, making all grace abound to have "all sufficiency in all things at all times," that they may abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Wednesday, July 8

- Pastor David: His children – Isaiah 26:3
- Salem & Self: James 5:10-11
- Pray for the Kids Day Camp this week, that the children will know they are the Lord's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works prepared for them (Ephesians 2:10).
- Harrison Martin, Europe (IMB): Harrison provides medical care across Europe as a nurse practitioner, and designed his mobile clinic with Bible stories woven into the decor to invite spiritual conversations with those seeking care. This fully equipped clinic brings hope and healing to hard-to-reach places and allows mobility to respond quickly in disasters and war time. Pray for favor with smooth border crossings and that countries will allow this unique ministry aid. Ask God to use it to open gospel access in places closed to traditional methods of evangelism.

Thursday, July 9

- Pastor David: Humility – Isaiah 57:15
- Salem & Self: 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: At the end of June, the Parkers began their home assignment and will travel to over 30 states in a 4 month period. Pray for all their plans and travels as they will be making the entire journey by car. May God sustain their health and protect them from vehicle issues, and may He keep them safe on the road. May the Lord also connect them with more ministry partners to help support the ministry's continued expansion into the Amazon.
- Pray for our local law enforcement. Thank the Lord for the brave men and women who serve. Pray for peace for their families, and may He protect them and give them strength and wisdom for their difficult and dangerous tasks.



Friday, July 10

- Amanda Trump: Wise words – Proverbs 25:11
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:9-10
- Pray for the Kids Day Camp as it ends today. May the lessons taught and friendships made bear fruit in each child's life. May the Spirit continue to lead their lives and draw them to Christ.
- Pray for Foothills Food Pantry, that God will stir the hearts of people to donate the food and money needed to meet the clients' needs. May many give freely, knowing the Lord will bless us and has blessed us to provide for others.
- There is a need for pastors in open positions as well as decreasing enrollment in seminaries to prepare for the pastorate. Pray that God will call pastors and missionaries who will spread the gospel and shepherd and feed the sheep with knowledge and understanding.

Saturday, July 11

- Pastor David: Purposeful – 1 Corinthians 9:26-27

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

- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Persecuted believers in Niger: The instability after a military coup in 2023 has emboldened Islamic militants, which enforce Islamic law and operate without much resistance in parts of Niger. In other regions, churches are destroyed and believers killed or abducted. Christians must worship in secret and live under constant threat. Pray the military will govern fairly and offer elections soon and that stability will return. Pray for protection and provision for all needs, that God's presence will strengthen and encourage believers' hearts, and that the gospel will reach many.
- Pray for the Lord's kingdom to come soon, and that many will hear and receive Christ to be ready for His coming.

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Sunday, July 12

- Pastor David: Preparation and teaching – 2 Timothy 4:2
- Salem & Self: Exodus 15:2
- Pray for faithful teaching and the Spirit's powerful movement in our church and in churches across our community and nation. Pray against any spiritual attack or false teaching that would point people away from the gospel.

Monday, July 13

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Proverbs 2:4-6
- Salem & Self: Psalm 105:3-4
- Pray for the health and safety of our youth at Student Life Camp this week. May God's presence go with them. Pray for salvation and for growth in the Lord as He strengthens their understanding of His truth in their lives.
- Pray for US Representative Virginia Foxx. May she seek godly wisdom in putting together bills, presenting the bills on the floor, and voting on different legislation to provide for the public safety and security of our citizens, for honesty in business and use of federal funds, and for the appropriation of funds where needed.
- Pray for the people in our country to turn to the Lord, and that each of us will daily dedicate ourselves and our families to the Lord.

Tuesday, July 14

- Pastor David: Foundation – 2 Thessalonians 3:5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 71:3
- Pray for the families of Salem. May God bind them together in grace, unity, and love. Pray that parents will continually choose Christ and point their children to Him. May each life demonstrate authentic faith, and may children learn from parents' and grandparents' example to love, trust, and obey the Lord.
- Pray for strength and joy in Legacy Center staff and volunteers, and that God will call more to serve in this ministry.
- Pray that the love of God's people will abound with knowledge and discernment, to approve what is excellent and be pure with the fruit of righteousness as Jesus comes again, to the glory of God (Philippians 1:9-11).

Wednesday, July 15

- Pastor David: Shepherd after God's heart – Jeremiah 3:15
- Salem & Self: Psalm 128:1-2
- Pray for the youth at Student Life Camp, that they will experience Jesus' presence and be firmly set on a path to know Him and love Him more. Pray for the energy, faith, and resilience of the leaders with them.



- Andy & Tabitha Daniel, South Dakota (NAMB): The Daniels planted Mercy Gate Church in 2022, near Ellsworth Air Force Base. Reaching Lakota men is a deep burden and focus of prayer, and of the 100 baptisms they've celebrated, about 40 were Lakota Sioux individuals. Their church also has an outreach for the homeless that is producing spiritual growth and a hunger for the gospel, with a Sunday bus ministry that brings them to church services followed by a meal. Pray for the church's discipleship, leadership, and continued spread of the gospel.

Thursday, July 16

- Pastor David: Build up faithful leaders – 2 Timothy 2:2
- Salem & Self: Psalm 71:17-18
- Transformation 1040, supported mission work in India: Pray for the villages ministered to through this work, that God will open doors and conversations for the gospel. Pray that He will strengthen, encourage, and protect church planters, their families, and other workers in the spread of the gospel and the building up of these communities, that the love and power of Jesus would be known.
- Pray for Gideons International, that God will open doors for the Word to declare the mystery of Christ, and that their work will bear much fruit for salvation and spiritual growth.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Friday, July 17

- Amanda Trump: Peace of mind – John 14:27
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 43:1-2
- Pray for our youth as they return from Student Life Camp. May they be motivated to return home with a greater passion for King Jesus, and may God guide them in His purposes for them both now and into the future.
 - “I’m an atheist—well, I was an atheist...despite that, [Jesus] has sought me out.” These words were spoken by one of hundreds who responded to God’s call at the Franklin Graham event in Madrid in May, a man who had never heard the message of Christ. More than 250 went forward in Canada at Will Graham’s event in June. Praise God for the power of the gospel to change lives and for His grace in calling people to Himself! Pray for these new believers and for local churches to walk with them as they grow in faith.
- Pray that God will give each of us a stronger love for the gospel and for the lost, to labor joyfully as ambassadors.



Saturday, July 18

- Pastor David: Faithfulness – 2 Timothy 2:24-25
- Salem & Self: Psalm 68:19
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- Persecuted believers in Tajikistan: The secular dictatorship keeps a tight grip on all religions and deems Protestant Christians as dangerous followers of “deviant” sects. Religious activities for those under 18 are banned, and recent amendments seek to criminalize religious education for children, including online. With increased pressure on “unauthorized” gatherings, there are more raids, interrogations, and fines. “Praise be to God, these threats don’t stop believers gathering. In contrast, believers pray without ceasing for those who persecute them.” Pray for strength, protection, and joy for our brothers and sisters, and that their persecutors will come to know Christ.
- Pray for the fulfillment of Jesus’ words that He will come soon to take us to Himself.

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Sunday, July 19

- Pastor David: Approved worker – 2 Timothy 2:15
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Pray that God will protect us from distractions as He faithfully works to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, free us from any hindrance, and make us more like Himself.

Monday, July 20

- Pastor David: Thankfulness – 1 Timothy 1:12
- Salem & Self: James 1:5
- Pray for those in D-Groups. May they grow in their knowledge of the Word as the Lord gives wisdom. From His mouth may they receive knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:6).
- Pray for Pilot Mountain Mayor Donna Kiger and Commissioners Dwight Atkins, Rachel Collins, Scott Needham, and Vince Hancock. May each be upright and responsible in their decisions and duties that the town may prosper.
- Pray for pastors, church planters, and missionaries as God leads them in their calling as laborers for the gospel. May Jesus be their treasure more and more as they continually abide in Christ and experience His fullness.

Tuesday, July 21

- Pastor David: Trust – 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 13:20-21
- Pray for evangelism leaders in our small groups, that they will lead with a focus on things above (Colossians 3:2). May efforts be fruitful as groups reach out with ideas and direction the Lord gives.
- Leanne Stack, Eastern Europe (IMB): Leanne leads trauma-focused discipleship groups with Ukrainian refugee women, sharing biblical accounts of suffering through oral storytelling. In discussion, the women connect deeply with the emotions of loss, fear, and distress. As they are given space to lament for their experiences, they begin to see Jesus’ heart for them even in their pain. Pray that God will continue to guide these conversations, and for healing and strength as these women find hope in Christ in this time of crisis and displacement.

Wednesday, July 22

- Pastor David: His children – Psalm 71:5-6
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 5:1
- Pray for our Women’s Ministry. May the women of our congregation find ways to encourage and teach one another.
- Pray for LoveLife, which organizes prayer walks and sidewalk ministry outside abortion clinics. Pray for strength and protection for those praying as they engage in spiritual warfare and stand in the strength of the Lord.
- Pray for our nation, that the Lord will revive His people and bring salvation to many, that we may rejoice in Him.

Thursday, July 23

- Pastor David: Pursuit of godliness – 1 Timothy 4:10
- Salem & Self: 1 Corinthians 12:25-27
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- Pray in earnest for the churches in Surry County. May God protect and empower the teaching of His Word, and may it stir each of His followers to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Pray for a mighty movement of God that starts in His people and spreads powerfully to change the landscape of our community, transforming lives, breaking addictions, restoring families, and reconciling people to Himself.
- As we pray for Jesus' return, pray that we will have boldness to speak the gospel without fear (Philippians 1:14).

Friday, July 24

- Amanda Trump: Honorable – 1 Peter 3:4
- Salem & Self: 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: Continue to pray for funding for projects they are involved in.
- Also pray for wisdom for Susan and Ira, and for encouragement and provision for the local ministry workers and the pastors they have trained. May the Lord abundantly bless these in the work they are doing for the gospel, and may the ministry bear much fruit as the Spirit moves through their prayers and faithfulness.
- Pray for the Surry Baptist Association. May the Lord build unity and strengthen involvement among churches, and may He be glorified as we labor together for the spread of the gospel in our community.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, July 25

- Pastor David: Strength – 2 Timothy 2:1
- Salem & Self: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- Pray for our guest services teams. May God strengthen in them a welcoming spirit as they show hospitality for all who come through our doors (Romans 12:13).
- Persecuted believers in Laos: Believers face violence, harassment, and community expulsion between strongly held ethnic traditions and pressure from the Communist government. Many meet underground in illegal house churches. Church leaders and others who actively evangelize are particularly vulnerable. Police scrutiny and confiscation of Bibles and Christian literature has intensified in recent months. Pray for protection of house churches and that those expelled from their homes will find shelter and experience comfort in the shadow of God's wings. Ask God to soften the hearts of Communist leaders, that they would allow freedom to follow Jesus.

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Sunday, July 26

- Pastor David: Holding firm – Titus 1:9
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 61:10
- Pray for our joy and peace in the Lord, and that we would know His comfort and strength in our trials.

Monday, July 27

- Pastor David: Above reproach – 1 Timothy 3:2-3
- Salem & Self: Psalm 18:30
- Pray for the WMU blood drive happening tomorrow. May there be many eager to donate, with hearts to not withhold good when it is in their power to do it (Proverbs 3:27).
- Pray for NC Senator Eddie Settle. May he do nothing from selfish ambition but look to the interest of his constituents, truly representing and seeking their welfare when presenting and voting on legislation in our state.
- As we pray for Jesus' return, may our manner of life be worthy of the gospel, standing firm in one spirit and with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel without fear (Philippians 1:27-28).

Tuesday, July 28

- Pastor David: Prayer – Colossians 4:2
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 24:13-14
- Pray for our team as they leave for the Hurricane Helene Rebuild trip today. May God supply every need, protect their safety and unity, and may each work heartily for the Lord in the strength He gives.
 - Tim & Rose Eborada, Illinois (NAMB): Tim and Rose are leading the replant of Ashburn Baptist Church Frankfort, just south of Chicago. As a young Filipino pastor, Tim has faced challenges connecting across generations and ethnic backgrounds, but the gospel bridges the gaps. What encourages them most is seeing how God's Word transforms lives. Pray for this family as they share the hope of Christ and disciple new believers. Pray that God will strengthen this church with vibrant faith, courage, and commitment to spiritual growth and outreach.



Wednesday, July 29

- Pastor David: Pleasing to the Lord – Psalm 19:14
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 3:7-8
- Pray for our Men's Ministry, that God will guide the leaders and build up the men of Salem as faithful witnesses.
- Pray for those ministering outside abortion clinics with LoveLife. May the Lord give wisdom and boldness in conversations, and may they see Him do far more abundantly than all that they ask or think according to the power at work within them (Ephesians 3:20).
- Pray for the people of our nation. May they seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. May the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous his thoughts, returning to the Lord to find compassion and forgiveness (Isaiah 55:6-7).

Thursday, July 30

- Pastor David: Love for God's Word – Psalm 19:7-8
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 13:4
- Pray for our Hurricane Helene Rebuild team and for the families who lost their homes and are still recovering two years later. May our team be bold in proclaiming the goodness of God and the gospel as they help with construction and other tasks.
- Pray for the Surry Baptist Association. May God give wisdom, strength, and encouragement to Dan Merritt and other leaders in the ministry.
- Pray for God to send out more laborers into His harvest, that many will hear the call to turn to Him and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for He is God and there is no other (Isaiah 45:22).

Friday, July 31

- Amanda Trump: Influence & impact – Matthew 5:16
- Salem & Self: Psalm 71:23-24
- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Continue to pray for favor and open doors for radio repeater stations to expand the reach of the gospel. Pray also that God will bless them as a family with unity, love, and growth together. May He protect them from spiritual attack and strengthen them with His faithful presence and wisdom.
- Pray for those served by the Legacy Center and other pregnancy centers. May they find comfort and support, and may God strengthen them to choose options for life and come to know the God who sees and cares for them.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



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://htp.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/>