

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.

"The prayer closet...is the battlefield of the church, its citadel, the scene of historic and unearthly conflicts. The closet is the base of supplies for the Christian and the church. Cut off from it, there is nothing left but retreat and disaster.

The energy for work, the mastery over self, the deliverance from fear, and all spiritual results and graces, are much advanced by prayer." E.M. Bounds, *Purpose in Prayer*

***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, February 1

- Pastor David: Strengthening – Psalm 144:1
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 16:20
- Pray for openness and trust in our hearts and minds, that we would each give careful thought to His Word and yield to the Holy Spirit's work.

Monday, February 2

- Pastor David: Shepherding – 1 Peter 5:2
- Salem & Self: John 17:17
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- Pray for NC Attorney General Jeff Jackson, Auditor Dave Boliek, Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler, and Commissioner of Insurance Mike Causey. May God grant them a heart of compassion toward those they lead and serve. May they carry out their duties with humility and understanding for the welfare of those under their authority.
- Pray for the fulfillment of God's promises for His kingdom to come in full as Jesus comes again to earth.

Tuesday, February 3

- Pastor David: To point to Christ, as John did – Matthew 3:11
- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 4:9
- Pray for our security team at Salem, that God would give them clarity to safeguard those in our church.
- Matt & Evelyn Podge, IMB missionaries in Korea: The Podges build relationships with families in Seoul, welcoming them into their home with weekly Bible lessons for kids while mothers gather, and a church plant that meets in their home on Sundays. Their 7 year old son Shawn and his sister, Corbin, are key helpers with outreach events in their community, drawing others with their kindness and approachability. Pray for them as they raise their children in the knowledge of Christ, and that God will use them to lead many to know the Lord.
- Pray for our nation, that God will heal harsh divisions and restore peace, order, and kindness in communities.



Wednesday, February 4

- Pastor David: Hope – Hebrews 6:18-20
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 6:11-12
- Pray for our financial aid/resource ministry, that they would have wisdom and compassion in responding as needs are brought to their attention, and that God would give them words of comfort and care.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Board of the Foothills Food Pantry as they carry out their duties and make decisions, and thank the Lord for His continued provision of food for the many families who depend on it.
- As we pray for Jesus' return, ask that we will make the most of every opportunity to share the gospel.

Thursday, February 5

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Job 12:13
- Salem & Self: 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- Pray for the details and preparation for Night to Shine (Feb. 13), that God will bring everything together and provide abundantly. Pray for the health and excitement of all involved and that it will be a night of great blessing and love.

- Pray for Baptist Children's Homes, that God will supply their needs and provide loving prospective parents for children, bringing the lonely into families and pouring out His grace to each of them.
- Pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers of church planters and pastors with a love for God's people and zeal for reaching the lost.

Friday, February 6

- Amanda Trump: Reward – Ruth 2:12
- Salem & Self: 2 Thessalonians 3:5
- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Pray for God's guidance and blessing over the details of a new app for the River Communities, that it will be a powerful way to bring hope, teaching, and encouragement to families. Pray also for the application process for new radio repeater towers in regions of deep need. May God open the right doors, grant favor with authorities, and accelerate every permit and approval, and may these towers become beacons of hope, reaching communities with the message of Christ.
- The International Mission Board has been preparing workers and local believers for outreach during the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in northern Italy. Pray for the those who will be sharing the gospel with athletes, coaches, and attendees as the world shows up for this large-scale event. Ask that God will strengthen them and that the Holy Spirit will even now prepare the hearts of those they speak to, to hear and receive the gospel of Christ.



Saturday, February 7

- Pastor David: Patience – James 5:7-8
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Pray for those presenting devotions during halftimes at Salem Basketball League, that God would give them the words to speak that will bear fruit in this gospel-centered outreach to share Christ in our community.
- Persecuted believers in Sudan: The ongoing civil war has driven Christians in Sudan to live in silence and fear. Violence has escalated and Christians face intense discrimination in every area of their lives. "People are extremely traumatized, and this impacts our witness. Pray for Christians to receive emotional and spiritual healing from what they have seen in the war. It's not just our buildings that have been broken down, but also our people." Ask God to bring about a peaceful resolution and help the church to be peacemakers in this war. Pray for His protection, strength, and peace; for church leaders' wisdom; and that the gospel will keep changing lives.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

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Sunday, February 8

- Pastor David: Blessing of discernment of the Word – Numbers 6:24-26
- Salem & Self: Psalm 13:5-6
- Pray that our worship to the Lord, together and in daily life, would be authentic and holy.

Monday, February 9

- Pastor David: Commitment – Joshua 24:15
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 50:4-5
- Pray for our SCA school board, that God would guide those He has placed in these important positions to lead in wisdom and discernment in every decision.
- Pray for President Donald J. Trump and Vice President J.D. Vance. May the Lord God give discretion, foresight, and understanding in making decisions in foreign negotiations and concerning internal problems (1 Chronicles 22:12).
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare us for Christ's return, that we would be alert and walk worthy of the gospel.

Tuesday, February 10

- Pastor David: Strength in weariness – Galatians 6:9
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 51:7-8
- Pray for our member care team and small group care coordinators, that God would give them words to comfort and restore broken hearts as they reach out to those walking through difficulties.
- Osvaldo & Vanessa Lerma, NAMB missionaries in Laredo, Texas: The Lermas serve at the Send Relief Ministry Center to refugees legally seeking asylum in the U.S. As church teams come to volunteer, they join in ministry to give hygiene kits, food, and the hope and salvation found in Jesus. "[God is] allowing this kind of movement and bringing people from all over the world so we can show His love." Pray for wisdom as they serve and for God's work in the hearts of volunteers, to show how He wants to use them to share Christ with their communities.
- Pray for our nation, that righteousness, justice, and truth would be prominent in our government and communities.



Wednesday, February 11

- Pastor David: Guidance for his children – Proverbs 2:6-7

- Salem & Self: Psalm 130:5-7
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Franklin Graham will be speaking in the southernmost city in the world Ushuaia, Argentina on February 14-15. May God watch over Franklin and the team of musicians, technicians, and all those involved in the festival. May He prepare hearts that many will discover an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison as they surrender their lives to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith.
- Pray that this “eternal weight of glory” will be the lens through which we view every circumstance, fixing our eyes on God’s love for us shown in Christ’s sacrifice and the certainty that Jesus is coming again.

Thursday, February 12

- Pastor David: Protection – Isaiah 54:17
- Salem & Self: Psalm 37:23-24
- Pray for Night to Shine (Feb. 13), that volunteers will come joyfully with willing hearts to serve and bless others.
- Pray for the IMB workers and local believers at the Olympics, that God would provide opportunities and give them boldness in sharing the gospel, and that partnerships would be strengthened with local churches to provide discipleship and share life with those who receive Christ and who seek to learn more about Him.
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Friday, February 13

- Amanda Trump: Strong helpmeet to her husband – Genesis 2:18
- Salem & Self: Genesis 16:13
- Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: Pray for the staff as they move forward in the new school building, that they will rejoice in God’s provision. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen and expand their ministry to students, families, and the community. Pray for their unity as a team and their personal growth in their walks with the Lord, that the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in their perspective and in every interaction.
- Pray for our local fire departments, for God’s safety and protection physically and spiritually (Gal. 6:9-10).
- Pray that the Lord will raise up laborers for His harvest of salvation, through ministry workers and leaders of Christian non-profits to connect with and provide for people with various needs, pointing them always to Jesus.



Saturday, February 14

- Pastor David: Humility – Galatians 6:14
- Salem & Self: Psalm 131:1-3
- Pray that the coaches for Salem Basketball League will enjoy their service in this ministry and will be good, godly examples to the players and families.
- Persecuted believers in Eritrea: Evangelical Christian groups face harsh repression through marginalization, raids, and imprisonment in brutal conditions. Many young people in Eritrea are forced into the military. “We live in fear of who will be arrested next. But we must continue to walk with God. We build upon what others have done before us.” Pray for God to give hope and light to those in prison and those forced into the military, and for their return home. Pray for provision and protection, and for comfort for their families. Pray that God will turn the country’s brutal dictator away from oppression and toward the love of Jesus.
- Pray that our nation will become one whose God is the Lord as He turns hearts to Him and to truth.

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Sunday, February 15

- Pastor David: Mission – Acts 26:17-18
- Salem & Self: 1 John 4:10-11
- Pray that our love will continually increase, to love one another as God has loved us in sending His Son.

Monday, February 16

- Pastor David: Love and support of the church – John 13:34-35
- Salem & Self: 2 Peter 3:13-14
- Pray for the growth of the American Heritage Girls ministry and that God will enable the leaders to teach the girls to be virtuous godly women.
- Pray for the Mount Airy Board of Education, that God would give them guidance and compassion to serve the children and staff.
- Pray that God would bring unity to our nation in righteousness.

Tuesday, February 17

- Pastor David: Guarded from sin – Psalm 141:3-4
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 11:6

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

“casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:7, ESV



- Pray for the staff and teachers of SCA, for wisdom, unity, and joy in their relationships and their work.
- Clarissa Morrison, IMB missionary in Canada: Clarissa has dedicated her life to campus ministry, discipling students to love God and the nations. She encouraged them to build friendships with internationals, reminding them they might carry the gospel back to their home countries. Many of the students she mentored went into global missions. Now, she is answering God's call to missions herself and will serve among university students in Montreal. Pray as she builds relationships and shares the gospel, that students will respond with bold faith and be equipped to carry the message of Christ to the nations.
- Pray for Jewish people around the world, that God would open hearts to hear and receive the Good News of Jesus, their Messiah, while the door of salvation is open for all who receive Him.

Wednesday, February 18

- Pastor David: Intercession – Ephesians 6:18
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 3:12-15
- Pray for our music ministry, that God will strengthen their faith as they offer praise and adoration through song.
- Muslims around the world are beginning to observe Ramadan and will spend the next month fasting to focus their attention on Allah, showing submission and a longing for Allah's acceptance. As Christians, we know we are loved and accepted not by what we do but because God has made us in His image and Jesus reconciles us to the Father. Intercede for the 1.8 billion followers of Islam, that through the faithfulness of believers sharing the gospel, they will realize their worth and value in the eyes of Christ and in receiving Him, they will hunger and thirst no more.
- Pray for Jesus' return, and that the certainty of His coming will motivate us to endure and run our race with joy, whatever our circumstances.

Thursday, February 19

- Pastor David: Fruitfulness – Psalm 90:17
- Salem & Self: Psalm 138:7-8
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Pray for the effectiveness of evangelistic materials, Bibles, and resources IMB workers and local believers in Italy having been giving out during the Olympics. Pray that the conversations and the resources provided will take root in good soil and bear much fruit for the salvation of those they spoke with and with their families and communities as they return home. Pray that those seeking the Lord will connect with Biblical Christian community to grow in their faith and knowledge of the Lord.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, February 20

- Amanda Trump: Bearing fruit – Colossians 1:10
- Salem & Self: Jude 1:20-21
- Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: Their planned trip to the Bible Institute this month had to be cancelled due to Paul's health. He is healing well from the anemia that developed shortly before his rotator cuff surgery in November, but the surgery was more complex and recovery has been slower than expected. Ask God to strengthen and heal him and that physical evaluations will show healthy levels of iron and good recovery. Pray also for wisdom as they plan the meetings, events, and materials for their church's couples ministry for this year.
- Pray for Baptist Children's Homes, that as the gospel is lived out through this ministry for children, families, senior adults, and adults with developmental disabilities, that each will know their value in the eyes of God and will come to know His love for us in Christ. Pray for abundant life, healing, hope, and peace through this ministry.



Saturday, February 21

- Pastor David: Faithfulness of the Spirit – 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
- Salem & Self: Jude 1:22-23
- Pray for Salem Basketball League, that players will strengthen skills and character, form healthy friendships, and hear the gospel. Pray that the Lord will use this ministry to change the lives and legacies of every family involved.
- Persecuted believers in Nigeria: Christians suffer significant and severe persecution, to such a degree that Nigeria has been the most violent place in the world for followers of Jesus for several years. Islamic law treats Christians as second-class citizens, and militant groups in the north target Christians and their property with violent attacks and kidnapping. Ask God to bring peace and stability, and to give hope to His people through His faithful presence. Ask for His protection, provision, and for the safe return of those in captivity.
- Pray that God will thwart the efforts of evil and wickedness and will bring peace and light to our nation.

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Sunday, February 22

- Pastor David: God's purposes – Isaiah 55:11
- Salem & Self: Jude 1:24-25
- Pray that God will strengthen your heart as you hear His Word taught, that you would respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction and leading, and that He will uphold you in righteousness and truth.

Monday, February 23

- Pastor David: Trust in the Lord – Psalm 40:4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 90:1-2
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, for their growth in God's Word and deepening in their faith.
- Pray for NC Commissioner of Labor Luke Farley, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Superintendent of Public Instruction Mo Green, and Treasurer Brad Briner, that each would recognize God's divinity in decision making and would lead in justice and righteousness for the well-being of NC citizens.
- Pray for Christ's return: "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price" (Revelation 22:17, ESV).

Tuesday, February 24

- Pastor David: Proclaiming truth – Psalm 40:5
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 48:17-18
- Pray for the students of SCA, that God will give them peace and clarity and an openness to learn, and that they will grow in character and friendships. Pray that each of them will come to know Jesus as the way, truth, and life.
 - Leo and Miosha Robinson, Flint, MI: Leo grew up in a vibrant neighborhood in Flint with many churches. This changed when the GM plant closed: people moved, churches closed, and it became a place of great need and almost no gospel witness. When a study showed 80% of those in Flint had no faith background, God led Leo and Miosha to return to plant a church. Talking with the community, they decided to start with a laundromat – meeting their biggest felt need to open the door to meet their greatest need: salvation in Jesus. Pray for transformation in the community through this practical help and the power of the gospel.
- Pray that God will turn the hearts of our nation's leaders to Himself and to truth.



Wednesday, February 25

- Pastor David: Direction – Psalm 143:8
- Salem & Self: Psalm 116:2
- Pray for God to guide the music ministry, that every song would be anchored in Scripture and lead us with strength in spiritual battles, that the Lord would be praised and the enemy's flaming darts extinguished by our faith.
- As Muslims seek Allah during Ramadan, pray that they will find the true and living God and be transformed by His love for us in Christ. Muslims regularly share testimony of Jesus meeting them as they devoutly prayed to Allah, and appearing in dreams to call them to Himself. "Seek and you will find" (Matthew 7:7).
- Pray that the Spirit will help us live with joyful hope, expectant and praying for Jesus' return and casting aside sin and distractions that hinder our focus.

Thursday, February 26

- Pastor David: Focus – Psalm 123:1-2
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:3-6
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- Pray for wisdom and grace for Baptist Children's Homes staff as they support children, adults, and families. Every decision they make carries weight and impacts lives for years to come. Ask God to grant unity, discernment, and compassion as they navigate complex needs and guide those they serve toward hope and healing.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, February 27

- Amanda Trump: Friendship and support – Galatians 6:2
- Salem & Self: Deuteronomy 33:26
 - PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: Pray for God's provision for the ministry in the Karamajoa region, that they would be able to buy seeds for planting in March. Pray that they also will receive needed funds to buy corn, beans, and rice to distribute to the villages to help feed them until the crops come in.
- Operation Christmas Child packed 12,205,900 shoeboxes last year, each one representing a child who will hear the gospel. The Chapra people in the jungles of Peru are among those reached. The gospel was presented and more than 1,000 shoeboxes given along with a gospel booklet in their own language, showing God's desire for a



personal relationship with them. Pray that they will grow in discipleship and also for Samaritan's Purse teams throughout the world as they deliver shoeboxes and reach other groups around the world who need the gospel.

- Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He would give us His heart to send us out as laborers in our community and in the world, faithfully and joyfully sharing the gospel in the roles and interactions He gives us.

Saturday, February 28

- Pastor David: Eyes toward the Lord – Psalm 141:8
- Salem & Self: Psalm 86:10-11
- Pray for God's blessing and clear guidance for every consideration of our church for ministry, and that He will provide an abundance of resources to do His work. May we walk in faith, and faithfully apply all He gives to us.
- Persecuted believers in Pakistan: Christians endure many challenges, from everyday discrimination to the threat of deadly violence. An accusation of violating blasphemy laws can provoke mob violence. The danger has forced many Christians underground. In 2025, Voice of the Martyrs held a retreat for ministers and their families for rest, recovery, and spiritual enrichment: "We can rejoice that in the midst of all the bad things...beautiful things are also happening." Pray that believers' faith will be strong and they will feel the body of Christ standing with them. Pray for their protection from imprisonment and violence and that the church will grow and flourish.

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Further Prayer Resources:

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

Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney

Quiet Talks on Prayer by S.D. Gordon

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

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

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

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