

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.

"[Jesus] tells you that prayer is the path to faith – strong faith that can cast out devils. He tells you: 'If ye have faith, nothing shall be impossible to you.' Let this glorious promise encourage you to pray much. Isn't the prize worth the price? Give up everything to follow Jesus in the path He opens to us! Fast if you need to! Do anything you must so that neither the body nor the world can hinder us in our great life-work – talking to God in prayer, so that we may become men of faith whom He can use in His work of saving the world."

Andrew Murray, *With Christ in the School of 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.*

Friday, May 1

- Amanda Trump: Hope – Lamentations 3:21-23
- Salem & Self: Romans 12:1-2
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- NC Baptists has a conference May 1-3 for Deaf leaders and church interpreters. Pray for insight and understanding to communicate clearly the gospel and God's Word into the sign language of the Deaf, to share the hope of Jesus with these who are loved and valued, and often unreached. May they speak the mystery of Christ and make it clear.
- Pray that we will be diligent to watch for Jesus' return faithfully, walking in the light of truth, obedience, and hope.

Saturday, May 2

- Pastor David: Love – 1 John 3:18
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 4:6-7
- PLOW 127, supported mission work in Uganda: Pray against a proposed bill that would establish Sharia courts nationwide, placing matters of marriage, divorce, child custody, and inheritance in the hands of a Muslim court. Some are trying to fast-track its passage before Parliament dissolves April 24. If passed, it would legally prevent conversion from Islam and undermine many rights, especially for women, children, and religious converts.
- Will Graham is speaking in Shikoku, Japan May 4-5. Pray for the Spirit to draw many to come who don't know the Lord, and to prepare their hearts to be humble and revived as they seek Him, that they would hear the message of God's love in Christ and receive the gospel. Pray for great transformation and a powerful movement that is ongoing to make disciples and will spread out to make Jesus' name known among the nations.

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Sunday, May 3

- Pastor David: Clear, Spirit-led teaching – Nehemiah 8:8
- Salem & Self: Nehemiah 8:12
- Ask the Spirit to bring clarity to His Word. Pray that we will receive His truth and respond with repentance, humility, and great joy, that we may know the Living God and receive understanding from His Spirit.

Monday, May 4

- Pastor David: God's greatness – Deuteronomy 3:24
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, that the girls will grow in faith and leadership to live out 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."
- Sol & Lizzy Rexius, Eugene, OR: Sol and Lizzy planted Generations Church with a passion to share the hope of Jesus with all ages, and especially college students. Their prayer centered on Luke 10:2, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few." After they baptized Luke, his mother shared she had prayed that verse as she



dropped him off at college, walking the campus and praying for him to meet Jesus. Pray for the Rexius family as they minister in this community and that God will raise up more laborers in Eugene to join what He is doing.

Tuesday, May 5

- Pastor David: Faithful – 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- Salem & Self: Psalm 138:3
- Pray that God will unleash His Holy Spirit in power upon us at Salem. Pray that we will eagerly recognize the spiritual gifts He has given and respond in faith to give Him our gifts for the ministry of the gospel. Pray that God will radically transform us, our families, and our community through His work in and through us.
- Pray for NC State Senator Eddie Settle and State Representative Sarah Stevens. May their actions and decisions be made with moral integrity, and may they follow the guidance of the Lord in their service and their personal lives.
- Pray for the people and leaders of our nation, that the Spirit would move and grant a deep godly grief across every state and community, that will produce a repentance that leads to salvation without regret (2 Corinthians 7:9-11).

Wednesday, May 6

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Proverbs 4:7
- Salem & Self: Psalm 143:8
- Pray for God's guidance for SCA and for every need of finances, resources, and staff for the continuing growth of the school and the coming school year. "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
- Pray for those who are in and have come out of human trafficking. May the Lord rescue them out of great darkness and lead them to the places and the people whom He has called to minister to their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. May He cover them with His protection, supply His provision, and send His healing.
- As we pray for Jesus to soon return, pray fervently that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

Thursday, May 7

- Pastor David: Fruit – Psalm 128:1-2
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 3:21-23
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Today is the National Day of Prayer. Pray for God to move in our neighborhoods and nation, that He would be glorified and all generations of His people will be revived to seek Him with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. Pray that this is the beginning of new awakening, with humility, repentance, and a faith in the God who transforms.
- Ask God to give us His heart for the lost, to eagerly make His appeal, "be reconciled to God!" (2 Corinth. 5:18-20)

Friday, May 8

- Amanda Trump: Family relationships – Ephesians 5:19-21
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 40:10-11
- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Continue to pray for God's favor in the process of receiving government approval and establishing FM repeater stations, to bring light into new areas in great need of the gospel. Pray for God's provision for their radio ministry as well as guidance in their programming, that they may keep proclaiming the good news of Jesus and strengthening believers in His Word.
- Pray for those struggling with mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Pray that we will be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus for one another, that God will remove stigma against seeking support, and that He will connect people with those who will help with tools, understanding, and healing grounded in truth and relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.



Saturday, May 9

- Pastor David: Security – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- Salem & Self: Psalm 143:11
- Pray for unity and clarity for the June mission trip to Madrid, and for God to ordain every detail to come into place.
- Persecuted believers in China: Persecution has increased significantly in recent years. Churches who refuse to register with the communist government face raids and imprisonment. On January 6, church leaders and family members were arrested in a large-scale search in Chengdu. Some are still unreachable. Pray for comfort and protection as their families wait for news, and for the strengthening of our brothers and sisters. "Sharing the gospel is our calling. Some of us have written farewell letters and prepared for prison. We've chosen to follow Christ through any storm while shepherding wisely, caring for the weak, protecting them and strengthening their faith."

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Sunday, May 10

- Pastor David: God's Word to succeed – Isaiah 55:11

- Salem & Self: Psalm 99:5
- Pray that we will come into the Lord's presence attentive and eager to hear from His Word and respond to Him.

Monday, May 11

- Pastor David: Delight – Job 33:26
- Salem & Self: James 1:25
- Pray for American Heritage Girls. May God draw the heart of each girl to Himself and may she become grounded in truth and encouraged by friendships developed through this ministry.
- Pray for those in the Presidential cabinet. May the Lord enable the members of the Cabinet to continue to carry out their duties with diligence and integrity and humility toward God.
- Pray for Jesus' return and for the fulfillment of Isaiah 2:2, that "many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'"

Tuesday, May 12

- Pastor David: Fan the flame – 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- Salem & Self: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- Pray for SCA with end-of-year testing. May God calm anxiety and grant peace and clarity of thought, that the students will do well and recall what they have learned.
- Stephen Cox, Northern Thailand: Stephen has heard many times, "To be Thai is to be Buddhist." Less than 1% of the population is evangelical and many have never heard the gospel. Stephen's team launched a digital outreach campaign, which came during national tragedies, acknowledging the brokenness and pointing people to the gospel and disaster relief. The first ad asked, "How can we pray for you?" Another featured the testimony of a Thai believer. The campaign reached 980,000 people. Over 70,000 watched the full testimony, and more than 500 reached out for follow-up from local believers. Pray for Jesus to be made known among these people.
- Pray that Jesus would raise up church planters and pastors to declare as the prophet in Isaiah 6:8, "Here I am! Send me!" in response to the Lord's call to reach those who don't know Him and may never have heard the gospel.

Wednesday, May 13

- Pastor David: His children – Isaiah 33:6
- Salem & Self: 1 Peter 1:7
- Pray for the music ministry. May the musicians be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by the Lord to encourage believers, speaking in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19).
- NC Baptists is holding a Deaf youth retreat this weekend. This is an opportunity for Christian fellowship and Bible study for Deaf students. Pray that many students will come and bring friends who don't know Christ. Pray that the Gospel will be communicated clearly and received, that friendships will be made and faith strengthened, and that more will be called to church leadership to spread the gospel among the Deaf.
- Pray for our nation, that God will deliver people from the enemy's deception and truth would be seen and honored.

Thursday, May 14

- Pastor David: Love for God – Deuteronomy 6:5
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 4:1-3
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Pray for those in our military. May they be strong and courageous, trusting in the Lord, and may they come to know the Lord God as their shield and defense, their refuge and their fortress. Pray for God to strengthen and equip military chaplains to minister to those in their care and to be faithful witnesses and oaks of His righteousness.
- Pray for Jesus' return, and that in these last days we will see many crying out to the Lord and turning to salvation, "For he says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Friday, May 15

- Amanda Trump: Guarded heart – Proverbs 4:23
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 4:4-6
- Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: Praise the Lord for some very qualified candidates at various stages of the application process for joining the LIFE team for next school year! Pray that God will raise up teachers with a passion to teach and bless at LIFE school, to fill the remaining open positions particularly in preschool and high school.
- Will Graham is holding a crusade in Uijeongbu, Korea on May 17. Beginning in spring 2025, churches in Korea began gathering weekly to pray fervently for their nation, and believers have increasingly been gathering to pray as one each Friday. As they prepare for this event they have united over in prayer, join them in praying for the 30,000



who will come to the stadium, that God will move mightily to save, deliver, heal, and restore. “The miracle that saves one soul begins with the prayers we offer together.”

Saturday, May 16

- Pastor David: Victory – Isaiah 54:17
- Salem & Self: Hebrews 12:28-29
- Pray for our benevolence team to have wisdom and empathy as they address needs.
- Persecuted believers in Iraq: With the present conflict in the Middle East, fear is growing due to worsening security conditions, threats from militias, and a declining economic situation. This increases risk for believers, on top of an already dangerous situation. Christians face threats of violence, intolerance, and discrimination from Islamic militias, the government, and from family and community members who put strong pressure on them to convert back to Islam. Pray for God’s provision and protection of His people, and that they will know they are not alone. Pray that believers will be salt and light and that those who persecute them will be changed by the love of Christ.
- 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, May 17

- Pastor David: Spirit’s teaching – 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
- Salem & Self: Matthew 5:14
- Ask the Lord to surround and fill each of us with His comfort, peace, and presence.

Monday, May 18

- Pastor David: Shepherd – Acts 20:28
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 19:21
- Pray for SCA as this school year ends. May the Lord go before each student into the summer break, and may they see His hand and know His love in their lives. Pray that the family connections made through SCA would bear fruit for family legacies filled with light, forgiveness, kindness, and love as the Holy Spirit draws them to Himself.
- Pray for Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley and Commissioners Phil Thacker, Chad Hutchens, Deborah Cochran, David Hall, and Calvin Vaughn. May they seek the Lord and may God work through their decisions to accomplish His will.
- Pray for our unity and love as we pray for Jesus’ return, knowing we are “called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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

Tuesday, May 19

- Pastor David: Refreshing – Proverbs 11:25
- Salem & Self: Psalm 116:8-9
- Pray for our care team and small group care coordinators. May God grant awareness of the needs in our church family, that they may lovingly serve one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
 - Scotty & Jessica Santiago, Tampa, FL: The Santiagos are chaplains ministering to those currently, formerly, or potentially incarcerated. They bring encouragement through Scripture cards on birthdays and Christmas, and share the gospel where others may not go: riding motorcycles inside prisons across Florida. Jessica says most inmates don’t care about God or church, but many come out to see a motorcycle, and that opens the door to share Christ. Each week, they lead a 2-hour chapel service focused on spiritual growth, and many inmates stay in touch once released. Pray for them as they mentor new believers, and for God’s provision for their daily living.
- Pray for our nation, making intercession for those in high positions and for all people, “that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” Pray that God will give you His heart, as He “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)



Wednesday, May 20

- Pastor David: Ways established – Proverbs 4:26
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 19:23
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- Pray that God would bring rescue and justice for men, women, and children caught in human trafficking. Pray for effective laws and enforcement, and for the protection and healing of those brought out of those situations.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up missionaries to reach all the nations, that “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” will stand before the throne declaring, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 7:9-10)

Thursday, May 21

- Pastor David: Character and integrity – 1 Timothy 1:5
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 12:2

- Pray for our building program. The building is being built with money offered willingly. All is from the Lord's hand and is all His own. May we keep this forever in the intent of our thoughts and fix our hearts toward the Lord. May this building be used to accomplish God's will and purposes. (1 Chronicles 29:16-18)
- Pray for the physical safety and mental wellbeing of our military. May God strengthen them in great difficulty, surround them with His presence, and protect them from far-lasting effects of trauma. Pray that those who need help and support to heal from emotional, mental, and moral injury will receive it and find healing.
- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Friday, May 22

- Amanda Trump: Effective prayer – Psalm 17:6
- Salem & Self: Psalm 25:4-5
- Paul and Sonya Gale, supported missionaries in Brazil: Pray for God's strength and healing, and that He will bless them with unity and clarity of His leading. Pray for a Bible study they are beginning to lead in their church and for their growing couples ministry, that God will work through their discipleship and fellowship to strengthen believers, marriages, and families in Him, and that His transforming power would be evident in every life.
- Pray for our local fire departments. May the Lord give them strength and courage, and may they place their faith in Him to go before them into every situation. "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." (Psalm 121:7-8)
- Pray for Jesus' return, that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:10-11)



Saturday, May 23

- Pastor David: Strong marriage – Ephesians 5:31-33
- Salem & Self: Romans 15:5-6
- Pray for our security team. May the Lord give wisdom, discernment, and skill to those watching over SCA and the church. May the members of the team be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- Persecuted believers in the Maldives: To be Maldivian is to be Muslim, and that makes converting to Christianity extremely dangerous. In this tightly knit country, where neighbors and shopkeepers could report any signs of deviation, converts must practice their faith in absolute secrecy. Gathering with other believers or even accessing online Christian content is done at great risk. Pray for believers' protection and blessing, and that they will be able to gather together. Pray for this to be the year the complete Bible is translated into their native language.

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Sunday, May 24

- Pastor David: Lasting work – 1 Corinthians 3:12-14
- Salem & Self: Isaiah 66:2
- Pray for surrender and readiness in your heart and the heart of all who gather to hear the Word of God this morning, that we will be humble and contrite, tremble at His Word, and repent of all that would hinder us from Him.

Monday, May 25

- Pastor David: Life-giving fruit – Proverbs 11:30
- Salem & Self: Luke 1:78-79
- Pray for cheerful generosity in our church as God moves our hearts to give financially toward what He is doing. Pray for great faith, open hands, and powerful love, and that we will rejoice at every opportunity to join in His work.
- Pray for the family members, friends, and fellow military service members of those who have died fighting for our nation and for freedom. Pray that they will experience the nearness, comfort, and peace only Christ can give.
- Pray for the fulfillment of Jesus' words, "'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).

Tuesday, May 26

- Pastor David: Rooted in love – Ephesians 3:17-19
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- Pray that God will strengthen our love for one another as small groups and a larger church body, that we will truly live as the body of Christ, each filling the role God has fitted us for, and bearing one another's burdens in love.
- Dean & Sybil Polk, Central Asia: Dean and Sybil serve the people of Central Asia, though they can't live in the region directly. They invest in local church planters by hosting training retreats in a nearby country, with instruction, fellowship, and encouragement. Their partners serve in high-pressure environments where scrutiny and hostility toward Christians are intense. Yet, by God's grace, doors continue to open to share the gospel in those local

communities. Pray for the Polks as they provide training and encouragement, and for the church planters, that God will equip, strengthen, and protect them and their families. Pray for continued open doors for the gospel.

- Pray for the people of our nation to return to the Lord and that He will bring renewal and salvation.

Wednesday, May 27

- Pastor David: His children – Proverbs 3:7-8
- Salem & Self: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4
- Pray for our music ministry. May the message of Christ be clearly delivered in song, and may God work through those He has called and gifted in these roles to stir hearts of honest and abundant praise among His people!
- 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 wisdom and courage to act with integrity.
- Pray for the Lord to raise us up as laborers, that we will joyfully go under Christ's authority and presence to make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all His commands (Matthew 28:19-20).

Thursday, May 28

- Pastor David: Flourishing – Psalm 92:12-14
- Salem & Self: Matthew 11:28-30
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- Pray for new beginnings for those brought out of human trafficking. It's incredibly difficult to establish long-lasting change and to believe they have something to offer and more they are able to do. Step into the gap for these loved individuals, that they will come to know Christ and His freedom, and be delivered from addiction, shame, and pain from the past, and see themselves as God sees them – with purpose and great love.
- Pray for the believers in our nation, that our hope and trust will be fully in the Lord and that as far as it depends on us, we will live peaceably with all – in person and online – for the glory of God.

Friday, May 29

- Amanda Trump: Peace – John 14:27
- Salem & Self: Romans 6:5-7
- Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: The Parkers held a missions retreat with over 130 people in attendance, and are thankful for this time of fellowship and learning with those God has called into these roles. This also highlighted a need for a larger cafeteria, as God expands the ministry and those involved in the work. Pray for God's guidance and financial provision for the new space. Their daughter Hailey recently turned 11 and their son Jake turned 14; pray for the Lord's blessing as He shapes them and guides their lives.
- Franklin Graham is speaking in Madrid, Spain May 30-31. Pray that God will richly supply every need for this event and give Franklin the words to speak. Ask God to work through the music and message to draw people to Himself, and that this will spark a powerful spreading of the gospel as they respond to His love and purpose for their lives.



Saturday, May 30

- Pastor David: Humility – 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
- Salem & Self: Romans 11:36
- Pray for VBS. May the Lord prepare and equip the teachers and volunteers for this week, that His word may go out and the children and youth be taught to love and obey God.
- Persecuted believers in Algeria: Over the past three years, state pressure on Protestant Christians has intensified to levels unseen in decades. Churches have been closed, many Christians have received fines and prison sentences, and converts from Islam face strong opposition and hostility from families and communities. Authorities also increasingly target the church's online presence. Pray for believers to find ways to worship together and for justice and protection. May our God's presence be their light and may Jesus be their treasure.

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Sunday, May 31

- Pastor David: Teaching wisdom – Proverbs 13:14
- Salem & Self: John 7:37-38
- Pray that we will continually come to Christ and be filled with the living water of His Spirit. May we then pour ourselves out in service to Him, trusting that as we abide in Him, He will keep filling us up with Himself.

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