

This guide is an opportunity for us to join together in prayer, asking God to move among and within us and those for whom we pray. It is not to limit our prayers, but rather to focus them together in specific ways, alongside the personal requests we each offer for the lost and other intercessory requests, and how the Spirit moves us each to pray.

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.

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

Friday, August 1

- Amanda Trump: Known purpose as she begins her first year at SCA – Psalm 138:8
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 22:17-19
- PLOW 127: Pray for God's blessing, wisdom, and clarity on Susan and Ira as they seek His face and His will for the ministry He has given them. Pray that He will continue to sustain them with His joy and strength.
- Pray for the Christian teachers and administrators in our public schools as they begin the school year, that God will give them strength, joy, and resilience and they will be a light in the darkness.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Saturday, August 2

- Pastor David: Peace – Psalm 119:165
- Salem & Self: Psalm 94:18-19
- Pray for tomorrow's Praying Together event for SCA, that many will come to pray together as the school year begins. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully through our prayers and that God's presence and work will be evident throughout the year.
- Persecuted believers in Algeria: In 2023, almost all churches were closed, and the remaining were closed or forced to stop regular services in 2024. It is illegal to "shake the faith of a Muslim," and persecution comes from the government, community, and family members. Ask God to give His people wisdom, boldness, and protection when they share their faith. Pray that believers will find a Christian community where they can enjoy fellowship. "We believe that God is good all the time. He has never forsaken us, and our suffering is very precious to Him. We believe that He will make a way when there seems to be no way."
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, August 3

- Pastor David: Joy in God's Word – Jeremiah 15:16
- Salem & Self: Psalm 32:11
- Pray that God will revive the hearts of His people to show through our service, generosity, work, and conversations that we love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, August 4

- Pastor David: God as his Shepherd – John 10:27-29
- Salem & Self: Philippians 1:27
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, that God would provide faithful Unit Leader volunteers who have a heart to serve the girls and be impactful as they serve.
- Pray for the Mount Airy Board of Education: Tim Matthews, Jayme Brant, Ben Cooke, Thomas Horton, Kyle Leonard, Randy Moore, and Mark Welch.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, August 5

- Pastor David: Strength – Nehemiah 6:9
- Salem & Self: Philippians 2:1-2
- Pray that God will clearly guide those He is calling to volunteer for the Good News Club at Dobson Elementary, and that He will give them peace and excitement at this opportunity to show His love and share His truth.



- Nathan & Stephanie Crandall*, IMB missionaries: Nathan initially joined a gym in Chiang Rai, Thailand to manage stress and high blood pressure from his intense language study. He and Stephanie soon realized the gym's close-knit community was a perfect place to share the gospel and plant a church. The gym's owner had opened it in hopes of starting a church, and it is now home to a growing group of believers and seekers who gather weekly for worship and to hear God's Word. Pray for the Crandalls as they lead this new church.

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

Wednesday, August 6

- Pastor David: Fearlessness – Isaiah 52:12
- Salem & Self: Philippians 1:6



- Greg and Anne Parker, supported missionaries in Brazil: On August 7, Greg and Anne leave for a medical trip to the Apocuitaua River. They expect to treat close to 2,000 river people with a medical team from a church in Pennsylvania, and a VBS team will lead programs for over 700 kids. On August 25, they will have their last kids camp of this summer. They expect 200 kids ages 7-12 for a 3-day camp of games, fun, Bible stories, and devotions. Many of them come from broken homes; please pray that the gospel may touch their hearts.

- Pray for the men and women who serve as EMT's in our area, that God will give them clarity in responding and will help them cope in healthy ways to emergency situations, protecting them from long-term trauma symptoms.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, August 7

- Pastor David: Reward – Luke 6:38
- Salem & Self: Philippians 1:9-10
- Pray for SCA as the students begin classes today, that God will calm nerves and will begin to develop healthy, maturing relationships among students as well as staff, and that He will bless everyone connected to this ministry.
- NC Baptists prayer focus for August: The United States has seen an influx of Central Asian refugees after Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in August 2021. The majority of people from this region follow Islam. Pray that NC churches will catch a vision to embrace Central Asian peoples, and that many will be reached with the gospel and will then take the good news back to Central Asia.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, August 8

- Amanda Trump: Courage – John 16:33
- Salem & Self: Romans 6:10-11
- Pray that God will use Salem to reach the lost in our community with the gospel, and that our community will see Salem as Jesus' hands and feet as we serve them with joy.
- Pray for Dan Merritt, Director of Missions at Surry Baptist Association, that he would experience encouragement and joy in his role and that God will lead and strengthen him.
- 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

Saturday, August 9

- Pastor David: Focus – Psalm 119:37
- Salem & Self: Romans 6:12-13
- Pray for our student pastor Russ Billo, his wife Leah, and their family.
- Persecuted believers in Burkina Faso: Violence has caused severe displacement and food shortages. Christians driven from their homes face food insecurity, lack of protection, and limited government or international support. Because of Jihadist activity, hundreds of churches have closed and attacks are increasing. Pray for God's peace, provision, and strength for believers, and for renewal that the church will grow and thrive. "I do believe that we are displaced, but Jesus is not and will never be displaced from our lives. He is always with us. This truth strengthens my faith and helps me in this difficult time, and I'm glad with God" (Pastor Soré, displaced believer).
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, August 10

- Pastor David: Spirit-given insight – 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
- Salem & Self: Psalm 92:1-4
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will build a holy passion in God's people to see people saved and lives transformed.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, August 11

- Pastor David: Joy in ministry work – Romans 15:32

- Salem & Self: Ephesians 5:1-2
- Pray for our church as construction moves forward on the new building, that God will show abundant favor in the building of the structure and that we will see His glory in His provision as we faithfully look to and pray to Him.
- Pray for those serving in the NC Offices of Attorney General (Jeff Jackson), Auditor (Dave Boliek), Commissioner of Agriculture (Steve Troxler), and Commissioner of Insurance (Mike Causey)
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, August 12

- Pastor David: All-sufficient grace – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- Salem & Self: Ephesians 5:26-27
- Pray for our Finance Committee, that God will give them wisdom and assurance of His faithfulness in decisions.
- Faith Garland, Boston, MA: Faith coordinates the Beloved Initiative, an anti-trafficking and sexual abuse awareness ministry of the Send Relief Ministry Center in Boston. This ministry focuses on awareness and “interruptive” trafficking efforts, providing vulnerable populations with friendship and job opportunities to prevent exploitation, as Faith shares with the women the message that to Jesus, they are “beloved.” Pray that God will continue to protect Faith as she shares the gospel in some of the most dangerous places in Boston.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Wednesday, August 13

- Pastor David: Blessing on his family – Proverbs 20:6-7
- Salem & Self: Proverbs 23:4-5
- Pray for our executive and worship pastor John Kennedy, his wife Candace, and their family.
- Pray for the Surry Baptist Association, that churches would be united together in relationship and for the gospel, and that God would protect the churches from disharmony, “that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me” (John 17:23, ESV).
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, August 14

- Pastor David: Fruitful work – 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 37:3-5
- Pray for the singers and players in the music ministry, that God would continue to fill them with His fullness and draw their hearts to Him as they seek to offer a wholehearted sacrifice of praise to our God.
- Pray for peace and bonding within the families who have adopted children in connection with Baptist Children's Homes. Pray for God to bring emotional healing as children grow and that our Father will protect their hearts; surround them with safe, nurturing love; and open their hearts to the gospel. Pray that He will guide their steps, shape their gifts, and let their lives be a testimony of redemption and hope.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, August 15

- Amanda Trump: Patience – 1 Corinthians 13:7
- Salem & Self: Psalm 37:7-9
- Transformation 1040, supported mission work in India: Less than 1% of the over 100 million people in the villages of Bihar, India know Jesus. 2,000 die every day without knowing this name by which we must be saved. Founder Biju Thomas believes it is the birthright of every person in Bihar to hear the name of Jesus at least once in their lifetime. Pray for the church planters equipped and commissioned through Transformation 1040, and the work to develop these communities holistically, that the truth of the gospel will spread powerfully and all will have the opportunity to choose Christ.
- Pray for the work that Samaritan's Purse is doing in Latin America, and for the Lord to raise up godly leaders in Haiti who will help bring hope, peace, and reconciliation to the country. Ask God for opportunities for the Samaritan's Purse team to share the Gospel and partner with churches in Colombia.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Saturday, August 16

- Pastor David: Responsiveness to God's Word – Hebrews 4:12
- Salem & Self: Psalm 56:3-4
- Pray for those in D-Groups, that God will continue to give strength and motivation each day as they seek His face and dig into His Word. Pray that they will delight in God's Word and allow the Spirit to work within them.
- Persecuted believers in Laos: Most believers are persecuted by family members or village authorities who follow a version of Buddhism mixed with tribal animism. They experience threats, destruction of crops or livestock, and may

be driven from their village. Pray that God will bring strength and encouragement, and that their faithfulness will be a witness. "Even if there is more persecution, we will continue believing in Jesus. We will walk faithfully with the Lord, even if we are the only ones doing it...I believe that the people who plan to kill or harm us for any reason can open their hearts to see God's mercy and love, if we pray for them. So please pray for them."

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

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Sunday, August 17

- Pastor David: Faithfulness – 2 Timothy 2:15
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Pray for spiritual hunger in God's people and for fervent intercession among us.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, August 18

- Pastor David: Wisdom – Ecclesiastes 7:19
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- Pray for American Heritage Girls, that all who God wants to be a part of our AHG will be and will have what they need to join as well (participants, Unit leaders, and Board members).
- Since President Trump's first term, the Presidential Cabinet has held a Bible study, and they are currently studying service, being servants of God and servant leaders, as well as being able to resist the temptation that comes with power. Pray that God will enable them to stay humble and serve God in the positions they hold.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, August 19

- Pastor David: Love – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- Salem & Self: 2 Corinthians 9:8-10
- Pray that God will give us His heart to serve each other and our community, and that He will give us clarity, strength, and a desire to step into the service and ministry roles He has for each of us now.
- Jay & Ella Janill, IMB missionaries in northern Africa: Jay and Ella serve in a region marked by violence and unrest, yet see God drawing people to Himself. As they see the flickering lights of open fires in villages surrounding the base of a mountain, they know that each one represents people who probably haven't heard the gospel. Most in the area have been exposed to religion that some refer to as Christianity, "but truthfully, they don't know Jesus...If you ask them who Jesus is, they have no idea." Thank God for those who have come to know Christ through their witness, even at risk of persecution. Ask God to lead Jay, Ella, and their children as their ministry continues.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Wednesday, August 20

- Pastor David: Kindness – Proverbs 21:21
- Salem & Self: Romans 7:24-8:1
- Pray for our children's ministry director Melissa Jarrard, her husband Brian, and their family.
- Pray for the Surry Baptist Association staff and adjunct volunteer teachers to let their work of faith, labor of love, and patient hope in our Lord Jesus abound more and more. Pray that as they teach the gospel that the hearers would receive the Word in power and the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, August 21

- Pastor David: Provision – Philippians 4:19
- Salem & Self: Romans 8:3-4
- Pray that God will continue to bless the music ministry at Salem with individuals who have a heart for declaring His praise and truth through music, and that He will be glorified and His body strengthened and equipped through this avenue of worship.
- Pray for the staff and volunteers of rebuild programs through Samaritan's Purse, serving people affected by natural disasters across the country. Pray that those they serve will experience the eternal hope of the gospel.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, August 22

- Amanda Trump: Peace – John 14:27
- Salem & Self: Romans 8:5-6
- Matt and Anabella Parker, supported missionaries in Ecuador: Pray for Matt and Anabella and their family as they balance ministry responsibilities and personal life, that they would stay rooted in faith and unity.



- Rainbow Revival, a Christian organization we prayed for in June (former LGBTQ+ individuals who have found truth and identity in Christ and strive for others to experience His love and transformation), is holding a Freedom March event in Portland, OR on August 23, with many speakers whose testimonies demonstrate “that healing is possible, purpose is real, and God’s power still transforms lives.” Pray that God will move powerfully in their evangelism outreach today and through the event tomorrow as they come to love the lost and see the captive set free, and let the city of Portland know there is a God who loves them, sees them, and is drawing them near through His heart.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Saturday, August 23

- Pastor David: Pure aim – 1 Timothy 1:5
- Salem & Self: Romans 8:35-39
- Pray for the security team at Salem, that God will strengthen them and give them wisdom and discernment.
- Persecuted believers in Mauritania: Located in North Africa, Mauritania is staunchly Islamic; Christian activities are severely restricted. Christianity is viewed as a negative Western influence, and Christian converts face severe hostility from the authorities and from their families. Baptisms must be carried out in secret. Many converts from Islam are reluctant to be baptized fearing discovery and charges of apostasy. Pray that believers will find ways to meet together and grow in faith with a Christian community and that God will protect them and overturn laws forbidding conversion from Islam.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, August 24

- Pastor David: Trust in God's work – 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
- Salem & Self: Psalm 95:6-8
- Pray that God will send laborers into His harvest, and call many into ministry, missions, and Christian service.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Monday, August 25

- Pastor David: Confidence – 1 Corinthians 1:30-31
- Salem & Self: Romans 13:11-12
- Pray for the upcoming Ministry Involvement Survey at Salem, that God will stir the hearts of each person at Salem toward the ways in which He is calling and equipping them to serve, and that each of us will experience His grace and fullness in our lives as we step out in faith to see what He will do in and through us and His body.
- Pray for the Elkin Board of Education: Jennifer Kleinheksel, Jillann Bellia, Earl Blackburn, Haley Sullivan, and Susan Baker.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Tuesday, August 26

- Pastor David: Alertness – 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Salem & Self: Psalm 68:19
- Pray for the financial aid/resource team, that God will give them grace and wisdom as they respond to benevolence requests and will bless them in their heart for others.



- Campbell and Elizabeth Bach*, IMB missionaries to South Asia: Campbell became the first Christian in his family while in college, where he discovered a passion for serving God. He and Elizabeth have served in South Asia for over a decade, and now lead a dedicated team focused on sharing the gospel and planting churches across tens of thousands of South Asian villages, spanning hundreds of miles and reaching millions of people. Many groups in this vast region remain unreached and unengaged with the gospel. Pray that the Lord will sustain them and that God will do a mighty work of salvation in these people.

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

Wednesday, August 27

- Pastor David: Abiding – John 15:4
- Salem & Self: Psalm 90:1-2
- Pray for our SCA principal Olivia Beroth, her husband TJ, and their family.
- Surry Baptist Association partners with a Christian counseling practice to offer counseling to any who need it. Pray that God will strengthen and guide John Shuler as he provides counseling to individuals and families.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Thursday, August 28

- Pastor David: Prayer – Ephesians 6:18

- Salem & Self: Psalm 90:12
- Pray for the Good News Club training this weekend, that God will bless this time of preparation and strengthening for the volunteers and that He will give clarity and courage.
- Baptist Children's Homes has established an Alternative Family Living program as a new way of providing care for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. In this in-home program, an individual or family opens up their home as a safe, stable living environment for an intellectually/developmentally disabled adult. Pray for God to guide those He is calling to be in-home providers, and that this will be a way that His love is demonstrated through His people. Pray also for the residents as they adapt to a new home and the family who welcome them into their home.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

Friday, August 29

- Amanda Trump: To live fully – John 10:10
- Salem & Self: Psalm 90:14
- Scot and Carol Musser, supported missionaries in Spain: Please pray for God's wisdom and provision as they continue to decide next steps for expansion into a new building. Also, several incoming teachers are still in the process of raising funds, scheduling Visa appointments, and securing housing. Please pray that God would open every door in His perfect timing so that each one arrives and settles smoothly before the school year begins, and that He will call and equip the right individuals for key positions that are still open.
- Pray fervently for those who are lost in our community, that God will prepare their hearts to hear and receive Him, and that each of us will be faithful as a witness and let the light of Christ shine through our lives and conversations.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.



Saturday, August 30

- Pastor David: Spiritual flourishing – Psalm 52:8
- Salem & Self: Psalm 90:16-17
- Pray for our nursery workers as they show the love of God to the youngest among us, that these little children will know from the very beginning that they are loved, cared for, and seen by the Lord.
- Persecuted believers in Cuba: Power outages and long lines for basic food rations are a daily reality. Believers endure constant surveillance and risk of interrogation and imprisonment from the Communist government. Bibles are difficult to obtain and costly. "You have to choose between buying food and buying a Bible." Even with the scarcity, censorship, and surveillance, the church endures and strengthens its resolve. Without microphones, lights, or even ventilation, believers gather to praise God with joy and a faith that surpasses all hope. Pray for God's protection, strength, and joy, and that His presence will bring them hope and courage as they stand firm in faith.
- Pray for Israel, our nation, and for Christ's return.

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Sunday, August 31

- Pastor David: Strength – Psalm 121:1-2
- Salem & Self: Psalm 57:9-11
- Pray that God will strengthen the faith of His people and His Spirit will produce hearts of rejoicing as we obey Him with love and fullness of joy.
- 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://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/>