

## FRIDAY WISDOM AND DIRECTION

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."*  
James 1:5

- 1) Pray Paul's prayer recorded in Ephesians 3:14-21 as you adore God, confess sin, ask for His grace and rejoice in Jesus.
- 2) Pray for wisdom from God.
  - a. In your own life regarding upcoming decisions.
  - b. In your family regarding walking faithfully in the roles He has assigned to you.
  - c. For those you know who are facing important decisions.
- 3) Pray that in all things God would get the glory. That's why we pray in Jesus' name. The purpose of our prayers is to see His name made great in our lives and the whole world.



## WEEK OF PRAYER Saylorville Church

*"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."* John 16:24

We are so excited that you have committed to joining with the church family in this year's Week of Prayer! God uses prayer to bring about His sovereign will, while at the same time growing us by developing a deeper dependence on Him and deepening our relationship with Him. This journal is for you as you pray by yourself, with your family, friends and Cell Group. As a Cell Group, use the emphasis for that day during your group time. Below are some helps that can serve you throughout this week and throughout your life of prayer. Also, be watching your email and social media for daily reminders and encouragement each day this week.

### PRAY THE WORD OF GOD

God has spoken to us in His Word, as Proverbs 28:9 says, "If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination." Let your daily time in God's Word shape and influence your daily time of prayer. Use the pattern given to us in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), the wonderful words of the Psalms and the many prayers of the saints recorded in the Bible as a springboard for your own prayers.

### PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

We are instructed to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). This means to be constantly aware of the presence of God, the reflection of our dependence upon and communion with the Lord. However, a daily, regular time of extended prayer (preferably as you start your day) will provide the foundation for a healthy prayer life. This prayer journal is set up to encourage regular times of prayer by helping you to pray for certain types of requests on certain days of the week.

## THURSDAY THE LOST

*"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" Matthew 9:37-38*

- 1) Let the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) direct you as you adore God, confess sin, ask for His grace and rejoice in Jesus.
- 2) Pray for those people God has placed in your life who do not know God. (Colossians 4:3-6)
  - Ask for open doors to share the Gospel.
  - Ask for boldness to speak the Gospel.
  - Ask for clarity in expressing the Gospel.
- 3) Pray for those wandering from God. (James 5:19)
- 4) Rejoice in the salvation that is yours in Jesus Christ.

## WEDNESDAY FRIENDS AND FAMILY

*"To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."* 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

- 1) Let Paul's prayer recorded in Ephesians 1:15-23 direct you as you adore God, confess sin, ask for His grace and rejoice in Jesus.
  
- 2) Pray for those who are near and dear to you.
  - Friends
  - Family
  - Cell Group
  - Pastors/Staff
  - Church Family
  
- 3) Pray for God's grace as you seek to fulfill your God-given responsibilities to friends and family as father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, friend, co-worker, etc.

## PRAYING OUT LOUD

Counselor David Powlison observed, "I've known many people whose relationship with God was significantly transformed as they started to speak up with their Father. Previously, "prayer" fizzled out in the internal buzz of self-talk and distractions, worries and responsibilities. But, as they began to talk out loud to the God who is there, who is not silent, who listens, and who acts, they began to deal with Him person-to-person." When at all possible, speak out loud to the Lord who is listening.

## PRAY WITH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS MEDIATOR

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16) On our own merits, we have no right to approach a perfectly holy God. However, Jesus Christ has died for us and we can now draw near to God in prayer confidently, not because of our own righteousness or performance, but because of the perfection of Jesus Christ. Through His death for sin, Christ has opened the door of prayer. So, come boldly before the Lord filled with faith in Jesus.

## PRAY MORE AND MORE FERVENTLY

This week of prayer is designed to help you pray more and more fervently in several different ways:

- **Daily Prayer** – Using this prayer journal.
- **Cell Group** – Cell Groups will be devoted to prayer this week.
- **Fasting** – Take a day this week to refrain from eating for an allotted period of time. When you get hungry, take that time to pray over the prayer journal or something else the Lord has laid on your heart.

## MONDAY OUR NATION/WORLD

*"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions..."*

1 Timothy 2:1-2

- 1) Pray through the Psalms as you adore God, confess sin, ask for His grace and rejoice in Jesus. (Psalm 95:6-7, Psalm 139:23-24, Psalm 86:6, Psalm 13:5-6)

- 2) Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Pray for those who lead our nation – for wisdom, righteousness, justice, courage, discernment and encouragement.

- 3) Read Hebrews 13:1-2 and pray for the suffering and less fortunate around the world.

- 4) Read 1 Peter 4:16. Pray for those who are being persecuted around the world "for the sake of the Name."

## TUESDAY MISSIONS FOCUS

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations."* Psalm 67:1-2

- 1) Let the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13) direct you as you adore God, confess sin, ask for His grace and rejoice in Jesus.

- 2) Pray for the full-time missionaries supported by Saylorville. Ask God to encourage them and give them access and influence to unreached people.

*\*\*Send them a message and let them know you prayed for them!*

Lee & Violette Abuhl – Kara, Africa  
Cole & Debbie Albright – Peru  
Lucas & Teresa Bair – Brazil  
Sami & Firial Barham – Palestine  
Nathan & Maam Beckman – Thailand  
Tyler & Kat Betz – France  
Jonathan & Holly Boyd – Colombia  
Bill & Deb Edmondson – Boston  
Steve & Kelley Frerichs – Peru  
Henry & Molly John – India  
John & Bev Leonard – Brazil  
Ken & Sharon Loveall – Baptist Mid-Missions  
Russ & Cathy Matthews – Australia

Andy & Lindsey Messmer – Spain  
Jonathan & Alannah Michalski – Uganda  
Lavdim & Lydia Musliu – Kosovo  
Mark & Susan – ABWE  
Jon & Trista Pagel – Kansas  
Bill & Becky Petite – Japan  
Dr. Ben Randal – Togo, Africa  
Rich & Julia Rudolph – Germany  
Rachel Taylor – Portugal  
Nan Veach – Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Cal & Joyce Voelker – Portugal  
Kristi Walker – Germany

- 3) Pray for the Engage Network.

Saylorville – Pat Nemmers	High Pointe – Greg Pollak
Lakeside – Dave Heisterkamp	Redeemer – Jaysson Gurwell
Living Waters – Josh Daggett	New City – Adam Beecher
Future Church Plants	

- 4) Pray for the Word of God to work all throughout the world through those who faithfully speak the Gospel.

- 5) Pray God would make you willing to go.