

Prayer Guide

Thank you for your commitment to pray for 30 minutes on the tenth day of the month!

This is our first prayer guide for our monthly “Day of Prayer and Fasting.” Each month you’ll be able to find the prayer guide on our website to help guide you through a specific time of prayer. On the 10th day of every month we will have people praying for 30 minutes at a time for the full 24-hour day. We have committed with other churches in our area to cover our city with prayer. Thank you for joining us!

God has called us, in the words of Eugene Peterson, to “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction.” Perhaps in no area is that more true than prayer.

Often times:

- I want to pray once and see the heavens opened.
- I want to pray once and see the person saved
- I want to pray once and see revival fall.

And what makes prayer challenging is—**sometimes it happens like that!** But the majority of the times it doesn’t. That’s why Jesus commanded us, “*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you*” (Matthew 7:7). All three commands to pray are present tense, implying on-going action. We are called to be persistent in prayer! This is not only true when we pray for personal things, but also when we pray for others.

Notice what Paul says to the Philippian believers: “*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*” (Philippians 1:8-9). Paul was consistently interceding for the Church at Philippi. Are we consistently interceding for other people always and in every prayer?

Part of our vision statement is “to love God supremely and love others sacrificially.” When we pray, we are expressing our love for God and others, and if we really love people, we will pray for them, and if we pray for them, we will find ourselves loving them more and more. People shouldn’t have to meet a certain criteria for us to be willing to pray for them. When the Lord prompts us to pray for someone, no matter who they are or what they have done, we should intercede for them.

May we walk in love. walk in prayer. Then, walk in love again. And when we do this, we will show how we are walking with Jesus, and that is a powerful thing.

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PRAY WE WILL BE A CATALYST FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN BARTLETT AND BEYOND.

Every battle we fight is a spiritual battle! Paul tells us, *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places”* (Ephesians 6:12). Our greatest need is to be the people of God experiencing the power of God flowing through us.

- Pray God will revive His people. *“Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?”* (Psalm 85:6).
- Pray God will revive current leaders and raise up new spiritual leaders, men and women who know that the living God is the only answer. *“Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself. Then we shall not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. O LORD God of hosts, restore us; Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved”* (Psalm 80:17–19).

PRAY SPIRITUAL STRONGHOLDS WILL BE BROKEN.

Strongholds are developed in lives, families, churches, and the culture where the truth of God is ignored or rebelled against, and sin is not forsaken. Ask God to bring specific people to mind who you can pray for. Ask the Father to expose strongholds and bring people to repentance and reliance on him to break the strongholds.

- Pray we will realize that the problems and the solutions to what we face are spiritual. The struggles we face today all have their root in rebelling against God. *“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds”* (2 Corinthians 10:4^{ESV}).
- Pray we will engage in spiritual warfare. Resist does not mean to ignore. Resist means to stand against. *“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded”* (James 4:7–8).
- Pray we will clothe ourselves with the armor of God. *“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”* (Ephesians 6:13–17).

PRAY GOD WILL GIVE WISDOM TO POLITICAL LEADERS.

- Pray the President, Governor, Mayors, and City and County Leaders will lead with clarity and discernment.
- Pray business leaders are able to lead in a way that addresses physical health as well as the financial health of families and businesses.
- Pray God will give political leaders the courage to do the right thing, not just the politically expedient thing.

Bartlett/ Shelby County Elected Officials

Mayor: **Keith McDonald**

Aldermen: **W.C. Bubba Pleasant, Emily Ellion, David Parsons, Bobby Simmons, Jack Young**

Police Chief: **Jeff Cox**

Fire Chief: **Terry Wiggins**

Shelby County Commissioners:

District 11:

Chairman Eddie Jones

District 13:

Pro Tempore Brandon Morrison

District 1:

Amber Mills

District 2:

David C. Bradford

District 3:

Mick Wright

District 4:

Mark Billingsley

District 5:

Michael Whaley

District 6:

Willie F. Brooks, Jr.

District 7:

Tami Sawyer

District 8:

Mickell M. Lowery

District 9:

Edmund Ford, Jr.

District 10:

Reginald Milton

District 12:

Van Turner

PRAY FOR BARTLETT AND BEYOND

“Prayer moves the hand which moves the world.” — J. A. Wallace

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