

# Prayer Guide

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

## KISS THE WAVE

Life is hard, very hard. We face all kinds of difficulties in life. Some challenges we see coming, and some seem to come out of nowhere. It can feel like the waves of the ocean coming and knocking us down. And often times it seems like once we are finally able to lift our heads above the water, another wave comes and knocks us down. Like a powerful, uncontrollable, relentless ocean wave, life often feels like you are being tossed about and are being driven downward. And sometimes we experience seasons where it seems like the waves just don't stop coming. Have you ever had a season of life when it felt like everything was falling apart and couldn't see an end in sight?

Often times I think about a year that my family and I walked through while we were serving overseas. It was a year full of heartache and sorrow. There were times I found myself thinking; "when is it going to stop?" One evening I stumbled across this quote from Charles Spurgeon:

***"I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages."***

I do not believe this is an arrogant "stick it to the waves!" statement but one of humility and childlike faith in a God who works all things out for our good (Romans 8:28). Kissing the wave doesn't mean we will not be tossed about in the boat or we won't get seasick. The storms of life are real! We can't ignore them or pretend they are not there. However, learning to kiss the wave is learning to trust God in the storm and believing that even the most difficult of circumstances can bring us closer to Jesus as we lean into Him.

We can kiss the wave because God is supreme over all things yet near to us at the same time. As the Psalmist says, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). When we believe that nothing can separate us from His love, then the waves of trials can throw us onto the Rock of Ages, and there we can find rest for our souls.

**KISS THE WAVES THAT BRING YOU TO JESUS—THEN KNEEL BEFORE HIM IN PRAYER!**

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*Pastor for Discipleship*

## PRAY FOR REVIVAL/RENEWAL IN OUR CHURCHES

*“Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?” (Psalm 85:6).*

- Pray God will fill both His people and His Worship Centers with His presence.
- Pray pastors and worship leaders will be spiritually “on fire.” *“He makes...His ministers a flame of fire” (Hebrews 1:7).*
- Pray for God’s people to be hungry, longing to meet with God.
- Pray God will pour out on His people a spirit of repentance (Zechariah 12:10).

## PRAY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE TO LIVE IN HOLINESS

- *“Job was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.... ‘Have You not made a **hedge about him** and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land’” (Job 1:1, 10)*
- *As believers we are to be growing in holiness as we follow Jesus. “But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15-16).*

## PRAY GOD WILL COMPLETELY ERADICATE THE WORK OF SEX-TRAFFICKING

*“Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked” (Psalm 82:4).*

- Pause to thank God that He has ignited a passion in His people and the secular world to battle this evil.
- Pray God will give wisdom to parents, churches, schools, and children to guard against predators.
- Pray for the protection of our children against abusive, violent, dishonest, and opportunistic adults and peers who would take advantage of them.
- Pray God will anoint counselors who are ministering to those who have been abused and will give the healing that He alone can ultimately bring.

## PRAY GOD’S PEOPLE WILL BE A PEOPLE OF PRAYER

*“My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations” (Isaiah 56:7).*

- *“O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually. Take no rest, all you who pray to the LORD. Give the LORD no rest until he completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth” (Isaiah 62:6–7).*
- *“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).*
- *“Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22).*
- Save The Date—National Day Of Prayer, May 6, 2021

## PRAY FOR BARTLETT

### **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**

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### 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**

“The purpose of prayer is not for the disciple to give information to God. The purpose of prayer is intimacy with God.” — **David Platt**

