

# Prayer Guide

October 10, 2021

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

I had the privilege of growing up in church and experienced all kinds of church events. I attended every student camp possible as a teenager. When I was a freshman in high school, we went to a camp in Missouri, and during a time when we were supposed to spread out throughout the campus and have quiet times, me and my friends were hiding out amongst the trees throwing rocks at each other. We were completely unaware of how distracting we are being to the people around us who were trying to meet with Jesus. My youth pastor approached us and began to address our behavior. He talked about how we were disrupting people around us, and how he didn't want us to miss out on what God wanted to do in our lives that week. Then, he said, "there is something else you need to know. Your dad has been watching you the whole time." As he was saying this, my eyes began to focus in on the cabin directly behind him to the silhouette of my dad standing in the window. My heart sank. I had no idea that we were being watched by my father.

I can't help but think about how often the same kind of scenario has taken place when it comes to my relationship with God. How many times in my life I have lived as though I did not realize that my heavenly father was watching me. We know that he sees us, but do we live as though we truly believe that? The truth is, He never stops watching us, and not only does he watch, but he truly sees us in the most correct sense of that word. Psalm 139:2-4 says this about God;

*"You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether."*

God sees and knows the motivation of our hearts. He knows our thoughts from afar. He fully sees us, yet fully loves us. So, as we pray today, may we become more aware of the fact that we are seen by God. May we live as though we know that we are not only being watched, but we are seen and loved by our heavenly Father.

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**PRAY THAT CHRISTIANS WILL “PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,” AND CHURCHES WILL LIVE IN THE REALITY THAT “APART FROM HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING.”**

*“These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7 NIV).*

**PRAY FOR CHURCHES TO MINISTER FAITHFULLY.**

Pray for Bellevue, other churches you are familiar with, and churches in Memphis and the Mid-South.

*“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:42-47).*

- Pray pastors will lead wisely.
  - To have pure motives
  - To not give place to a spirit of fear or discouragement
  - To live and walk in faith, setting a Christlike example for the flock
- Pray congregations will live righteously.
  - To volunteer to meet the needs of the “new normal” we are encountering
  - To maintain a “*unity of spirit*” and be “*of one mind*”
- Pray Bible-believing, Christ-honoring churches will experience God’s blessing.
  - To be seen as a giving, serving people
  - To be noticed as a “glad and sincere” people
  - To have the “*favor of the Lord*” upon them and see God “*add to their number day by day*”

### **PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.**

*“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light”* (Romans 13:11-12 ESV).

- If there was ever a time to be spiritually alert, it is now! Rebellion, ungodliness, violence, sin of every kind is coming forth. NOW, TODAY is the day to wake up from the doldrums of complacency and apathy and get engaged in the spiritual battle.
- Pray against a spirit of slumber. *“According as it is written, God hath given them the **spirit of slumber**, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear.* (Romans 11:8 KJV). (A spirit of slumber is an evil spirit, one that God will allow to come upon those who are not alert and clothed in spiritual armor. This spirit causes people to be lethargic, immobilized, in a fog, or spiritually or mentally dull.)

### **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**

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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**

**PRAY FOR BARTLETT AND BEYOND**

**“You cannot afford to be too busy to pray.  
A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.”  
~Billy Graham**