

# Prayer Guide

November 10, 2021

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

I am sure you are familiar with Luke 11, when Jesus was teaching His disciples how to pray. In verse 3 He says, “give us this day our daily bread.” This makes me think of John 6 when Jesus said He is the Bread of Life. As God provided bread from heaven for his people who thought they would die in the dessert, God sent Jesus, the bread from heaven to give us life. God is a good father who provides for his children, but often we find ourselves struggling to trust him as our daily bread as we wrestle with desires of our flesh. This is pictured in Proverbs 30:7-9. When the writer says, “Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.” His concern is the name and renown of God on both ends of the spectrum. “Don’t make me wealthy. If You make me too wealthy, I’ll go, ‘Who’s God. I don’t need God.’ But don’t make me too poor, because if You make me too poor, I may be tempted to steal something.” His concern is the name and renown of God, not his circumstances. I love how honest he is about the condition of his heart. May we long to bring glory to God no matter what circumstance we find ourselves in, seeking to be faithful with what He has entrusted to us. As we pray for Bartlett today, may we see Him as our daily bread, bread we cannot live without. May we pray for those who do not know the bread of life and are still dying in the dessert. Let us remember the one we are praying to is the one we need more than anything.

## CHURCHES

*“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase” (Acts 9:31).*

- Pray for the Word of God to be proclaimed from every pulpit in Memphis with Holy Spirit power! *Pray by name for the pastors and churches that God brings to mind. The Spirit of God will guide you regarding what to pray.*
- Pray that Christians would not be satisfied with emotionalism, traditionalism, or dead orthodoxy, but would instead hunger for the Word of God and the living presence of God.
- Pray that churches would become *“a house of prayer for all nations”* (Isaiah 56:7).
- Pray for genuine revival to break forth in churches and that people would embrace the Holy Spirit moving in a fresh way.
- Pray that God will raise up men and women who will love God, love people, and make disciples. *“The church is not developing her recruits into disciplined soldiers. We are fighting the greatest battle of all time with the most untrained army on earth.”* (Vance Havner)

## LEADERSHIP IN MEMPHIS AND THE MID-SOUTH

*"It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, for a throne is established on righteousness" (Proverbs 16:12).*

- Pray that God will raise up righteous political leaders, men and women who lead out of a sense of personal responsibility to God and serve in a holy fear of God.
- Pray for your political leaders by name. Pray for their salvation if they are not saved. Pray that God will surround them with godly friends and associates. Pray that political power will not be an idol. Pray that God will bring political leaders to their knees in surrender and dependence to God.
- Pray that city and county leaders who are believers will pray with one another and will walk in a unity of Spirit.

## SCHOOLS

*"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge" (Prov. 18:15, ESV).*

- Pray that God will *"Restore (unto this city and these families) the years that the swarming locust has eaten"* (Joel 2:25, ESV) in regards to lost educational and economic opportunities.
- Pray that God will bless the staff and coaches of "Arise2Read" as they seek to bridge the educational gap and that more coaches would volunteer to meet the increased need due to COVID.
- Pray that families and churches will embrace the disciplines that surround the area of educational endeavors.

## PRAY FOR THE HARVEST

Pray for the lostness around us. There are many people who we walk by everyday who have yet to hear the Gospel. Pray that the Lord will raise up more workers who will go out into the harvest and make disciples. *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:36-38)

- Pray God raises up soul winners, disciple makers, and churches that will reach the lost.

## IN CLOSING

*"I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but **I found no one**" Ezekiel 22:30.*

As God searches Bartlett, Tennessee, may He say, "I have found them."

**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

“Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscles of omnipotence.”

~ Charles Spurgeon