

Day of Prayer



The **Power** of
Prayer

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Skyline Church of Christ
Loving God, Loving People
to the Praise of His Glorious Grace!

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Thanks for coming to our Day of Prayer. *Living on the Rock* is our 2003 theme at Skyline. Throughout the year we are focusing on Spiritual Formation through the Sermon on the Mount. Most of our time today will be spent praying through the prayers of Jesus and the teachings of Jesus regarding prayer.

Here are a few hints on how this Day of Prayer and the Day of Prayer workbook works.

1. Please maintain silence in the lobby and auditorium.
2. Please turn your cell phone to silent.
3. When you get into your seat in the auditorium, please begin working your way through the Day of Prayer workbook. The workbook is shorter this time, by design.
4. Please do not rush (“Be still and know. . .”).
5. As you read the pages of the workbook, you will notice passages, devotional thoughts, prayer suggestions, or prayer requests on nearly every page. Please prayerfully read this material. Please take time to pray as you read. Stop as often as you like and pour out your heart to God. The whole idea is to pray through the workbook.
6. Of course, you may think of many things to pray about which are not written in the workbook.
7. You may wish to grab some friends while you are in the lobby and get them to go to a classroom with you where you can pray aloud together as a group.
8. Please return the workbook to the table in the lobby when you have finished.
9. In having a Day of Prayer program like this, one of the hardest things is to get people to be quiet. So again, I ask you to be quiet. Whispers only in the lobby, absolute silence in the auditorium.

Thanks again for coming to the Day of Prayer. I have already prayed for you this week that God will prepare your heart.

To God be the Glory!

Bob Clark

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2



Today I encourage you to “fix your eyes on Jesus” by praying through the prayers of Jesus and Jesus’ teachings on prayer. Jesus disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Today, we ask Jesus to teach us to pray.

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.' "

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!



“But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. . . .”

Matthew 5:44

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Mark 11:24-25

“ . . .bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:28

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:34

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray for our enemies!

Pray for anyone against whom you are holding a grudge or by whom you have been deeply wounded —

a parent

an employee

a sibling

a neighbor

a spouse

a group of people

a family member

a church

an ex-spouse

an abuser

a teacher

Someone who has hurt you

a church leader

Someone who has mistreated you

a co-worker

Someone who has taken advantage of you

an employer

Someone who has slandered you

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!



"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Matthew 6:5-6

"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. . . ."

Matthew 14:23

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 1:35

"After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray."

Mark 6:46

"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

Luke 5:16

"One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God."

Luke 6:12

"Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?'"

Luke 9:18

"About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray."

Luke 9:28

"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'"

Luke 11:1

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to be alone in your presence!

How beautiful to be alone in the presence of God! Take time right now to be with your heavenly Father. Allow Him to love you and bless you. Are there trust issues you need to discuss with God — anything you are having trouble letting go and giving to Him? Trust Him! Take a few moments to just sit quietly in His presence.

***"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act.
Don't worry about evil people who prosper. . . ." Psalm 37:7***

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.”

Matthew 6:7

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. . . .'"

Matthew 6:9

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

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Luke 11:5-13

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to be children of God!

“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”

Romans 8:15

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

1 John 3:1

Praise God for being our Heavenly Father. Give thanks to God for loving us like His children (that is what we are!). Thank God for the sacrifices he has made for us. Thank God for teaching us how to live and die like a Father teaches his children. Thank God for blessing us as His children. Thank God for providing stability, meaning, and joy to our lives through His spiritual family, the church. Praise God for His complete knowledge of our lives — our thoughts, our words, our actions, our motives, and our future. Perhaps this is a good time to express repentance and ask for God’s forgiveness for the times you have tried to run your own life instead of trusting Him.

“Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms.” Psalm 68:19



Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

“Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

Matthew 19:13-15

“People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’”

Luke 18:15-17



Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray for children!

At Skyline we have 155 children from 0—5th grade. Pray for our children to —

Grow through their trials, pain and suffering

Avoid the lure of materialism

Distinguish between lust and love when teens

Develop a godly view of sexuality as children

Hunger for God’s Word

Rejoice in the Lord

Thirst for righteousness

Enjoy physical, mental and emotional health

Overcome urges to tear others down with ridicule

Build others up with their words

Reach out to those who are different

Discern essentials and non-essentials in church

Respect older people

Seek wisdom

Differentiate between truth and error

Accept children who are physically unattractive

Demonstrate both humility and a bold witness for God

Count blessings and thereby be more aware of what they have than what they don’t have

Become generous

Forgive those who hurt them

Commit to telling the truth

Value friends and family

Share their faith

Stand firm during temptation

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

Matthew 21:13

And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: " 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

Mark 11:17

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

Luke 19:46

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, help us avoid a selfish view of church!

Some in Jesus' day viewed God's house in very selfish terms. It was not a matter of, what can I give to God and others; but, what can I get out of this. And so they went to God's house not to offer sacrifices to God, not to learn from teachers, not to give themselves to others in service, but to seek their own good by taking advantage of others. They sought to hijack God's House, taking control from God, and turning it from a house of prayer *for the nations* to a den of robbers *for the chosen few*. Jesus did not see God's house as being a place approach with a "what can I get out of this" mentality. Jesus did not view God's House as being a gated community. Jesus saw it as a house of prayer for all nations.

As we pray, ask God to change our view of church from self-focused to God-focused. Ask God to change our focus from self-focused to others-focused. Are we more concerned about our comfort or God's praise? Are we more concerned about our needs or the needs of the lost and weak?

Perhaps this is a time for repentance from selfish attitudes — perhaps if we are honest we can admit there have been times we have wanted to hijack the church for our own purposes. Perhaps if we open our hearts to God we can confess a critical spirit or a controlling spirit toward "God's house," the church.

Express repentance toward God. Ask Him to fill your heart with an appreciation for the faith community. Ask God to remove pride and fill your heart with humility, considering others better than yourself.

Ask God to look deeply into your heart do that you might discover any selfishness. Ask God to turn it into a Christ-like selflessness.

Pray that our church family at Skyline will be a house of prayer with open doors rather than a self-centered gated-community of faith.



Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!



Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Matthew 26:36-46 (see also Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 22:39-46)

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray in submission to God!

Satan tempts us just like he tempted Jesus — to look for short-cuts to pleasing God. Would Jesus submit His will to that of the Father even though it would cost him? Would He do what was easier for Himself? Will we submit to God in everything? Will we hold back one or two areas of our life and try to justify in our minds that God will understand?

Will we submit to God —

Whether or not we like the consequences?

In times of sorrow?

And put doing His will first, rather than giving Him the leftovers?

When doing right costs us our personal comfort?

Understanding that being a part of the Lord's church means carrying a cross, not dictating to Him our desires?

Even if obedience means we are made to look vulnerable? Foolish?

Giving Him our heart, soul, mind, strength?

By controlling our tongues and stopping gossip, slander, filthy language, grumbling and complaining?

Allowing Him control over our time and resources?

Although God's way doesn't make sense to us? Trusting the judgment of others to Him?

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

Mark 9:14-29

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray for things only You can do!

There are numerous lessons we can draw from this passage. Jesus is more interested in reaching out to people in need than He is in engaging in religious arguments (and we should be). Jesus is ready to help us, no matter what problem we bring to Him (even something that has been troubling us our entire life). Jesus reaches out even to those whose faith is not what they know it ought to be, helping them overcome their disbelief. Some things can be accomplished only by God, therefore, we need to pray.

Often we pray about things that we can accomplish ourselves if we just worked hard at whatever the task. When is the last time you prayed, asking God to do something that could only be done by His power?

An obvious way to pray in this way is to ask God to take away some sinful behavior that has been plaguing you for a considerable period of time. You can't do it by yourself. If you are going to change, God is going to have to change you. Ask God to do something not humanly possible.



Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' "

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:1-8

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray without giving up!

Yes, God knows what we want before we even ask, so we should not keep on babbling, thinking that we will be heard for our many words. Jesus doesn't mean, however, that we should not be persistent in prayer. Jesus prayed three times in the garden (actually the term is a Hebraism for repeated prayer, not necessarily exactly three times).

Have you ever told someone 'I'll be praying for you,' using the words as a cliché rather than a promise you will keep? If so, this teaching from Jesus is for you!

Have you ever prayed about something you felt strongly about for a day or two and then just lost interest and stopped praying about it? If so, this teaching from Jesus is for you!

Have you ever prayed about some sin in your life but when the change didn't happen immediately you quit? If so, this teaching from Jesus is for you!

Have you ever prayed for someone to come to know Jesus day after day, year after year, until God answered your prayer? If so, this teaching from Jesus is for you! He has taught you how to pray!

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving — Jesus is teaching you how to pray!

Pray a prayer of confession — if you have ever promised to pray for someone knowing you didn't mean it!

Pray a prayer of repentance — expressing to God your sorrow for not walking in prayer with Him consistently and asking Him to turn this around.

Pray a prayer of petition — asking God to give you the assurance of His presence.



Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray with humility!

Have you ever had a "conversation" with someone who would not stop talking about himself? She didn't speak in sentences but in paragraphs? He did not have any interest in you, in fact, you really weren't necessary for the conversation to take place, he could have been talking to himself! Sounds like the Pharisee's prayer life. All he wanted to talk about was himself and his holiness. The only time he mentioned others in his prayer was to point out their shortcomings to God.

Perhaps this is a good time for confession of sin — confessing to God that we are sometimes very impressed with our righteousness, our pedigree, our resume, our victories, our superiority. Have you ever thought that you were better than others? Have you ever acted as though you were better than others? Do you think you have ever left the impression with others that you thought you were their superior? May God forgive us for trying to impress Him with what we think is our righteousness but is in reality nothing more than our "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

Perhaps we need to confess a preoccupation with the sins of others. We think about the sins of others and talk about the sins of others, and sometimes even pray about the sins of others (not intercessory prayer asking for God to pour out His forgiveness but prayer designed to inform God of the sins of others, as if He did not know). May God forgive us.

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner." the words are so simple, yet so powerful. We have the privilege of coming before the throne of God not because of our righteousness but because we are "clothed with Christ." Our righteousness comes from Him alone. In and of ourselves we are sinners, nothing more. Only by the grace of God and the atoning sacrifice of Jesus can we come into the throne room of The Almighty God.

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:14-16



Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Luke 22:31-34

Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:60-62

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

John 21:15-19

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray for the spiritual well-being of others — for strength in temptation and for repentance in sin!

So many of our prayers are about matters of temporal importance. How much more should we be praying about matters of eternal importance!

Let us learn from Jesus the importance of praying for the spiritual well-being of others. Jesus did not pray that Peter would not be tempted or that the disciples would be taken out of the world (John 17:15), but he would strengthen his brothers when he turned back and that they be protected (not removed) from the world.

Pray for protection (not removal) from the world. Pray for repentance to lead to ministry to others. May God help us be open about our temptations and sin so that we may minister to others who are struggling. Sometimes we are so concerned about how we look that we will not share with others what we have been through. May God forgive us for such selfishness! May God give us a heart for ministry!



Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20-21



Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray for unity!

Jesus' prayer for unity tells us how much he valued His people being united. The setting for His prayer (just before His death) underscores the value Jesus placed on unity.

So, pray for unity —

In husband-wife relationships

As parents and children relate to one another

Anywhere there has been division pitting brother (or sister) against brother (or sister)

When sin has divided people

To overcome racial strife

And the breaking down of denominational walls

At Skyline in spite of diversity on matters of opinion

Between friends who have become alienated from one another

Even when workplace conditions are less than ideal

Understanding that unity may not be possible without self-denial and self-restraint

Trusting God to sort out who goes to heaven and hell

Knowing that Satan wants to divide and conquer

To bring glory to God

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1-3

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus!



"This, then, is how you should pray:

" Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 6:9-13

Lord, as we fix our eyes on you, teach us to pray Your way!

If left to our own wisdom and devices, there is no telling what we would spend our time praying about. But Jesus has left us an example of how He prayed. Jesus has taught us to pray. Jesus left us a model prayer that can serve as a beautiful prayer on its own and can serve as a wonderful outline for our prayers.

So let us pray —

Acknowledging God as Father

Worshipping His Holy Name

Praying for the spread of His kingdom

Petitioning for strength to do His will

Asking for Him to provide our daily needs

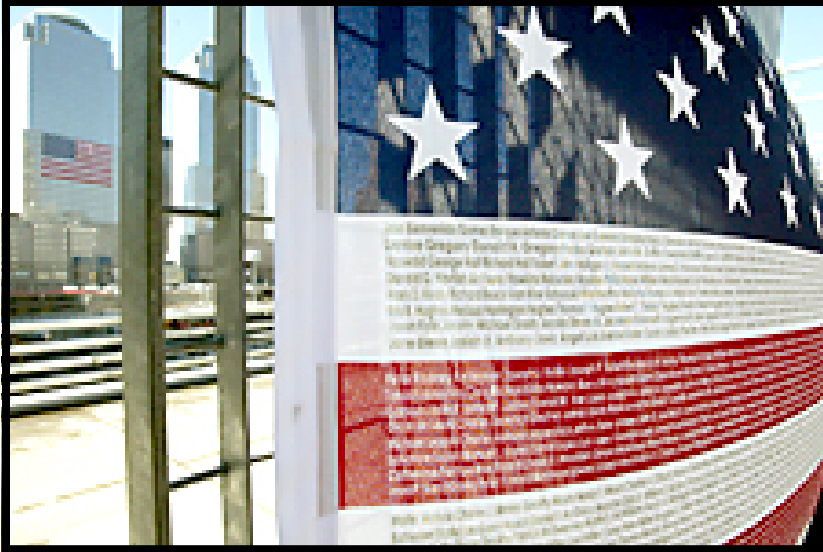
Expressing to Him that we forgive others as we ask Him to forgive us

Seeking His guidance in the right paths

Desiring His deliverance from Satan

Interceding for those who have wronged us

Thanking Him for His provisions



Remembering 9/11/2001

2,792 names, all victims at the world Trade Center, are printed on this memorial flag.

As the rock band U-2 performed in a memorial concert, a huge banner with the names of all the victims of 9/11/2001 was displayed behind the stage. In memorial services all over our nation on 9/11 names were read. 2,972 victims in the World trade Center alone. 3,016 victims total were lost on 9/11/2001.

As we fix our eyes on Jesus, we realize that His is the only name we need to call out. Jesus is the one and only Son of God. So as we gather for prayer, let us call out the one name we need to remember to be saved — the name of Jesus!

*"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will
be saved."*
Romans 10:13

Twin beams of light are clearly seen in the area where the World Trade Center stood before 9/11/2001. The memorial lights shine each year as a reminder of the tragic attack.



Pray for Our Elders and Ministers

Give thanks for our elders and intercede for them as they shepherd the flock at Skyline!

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17).

Pray for our ministers, that God will use them to build the kingdom!

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should” (Colossians 4:2-4).



Doug Daniel
Elder



Bob Smith
Elder



Tommy McDonald
Elder



Danny Walker
Elder



Bob Osborne
Elder



Bob Clark
Preaching Minister



Carl Rudd
Elder

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Youth Minister



Mike Short
Elder



Sam Wylie
*Media Outreach
Minister*

Pray for our Panamanian Preachers



Jose Berrugate
in Bayamon



Udinio Cabrera
in Puerto Pina



Jesus Cedeno
in Cucunati



Aurelio Douiaza
in Sambu



Aristedes Otero
in El Real



Natalio Rivera
in Sambu



Felix Perea
in LaPalma

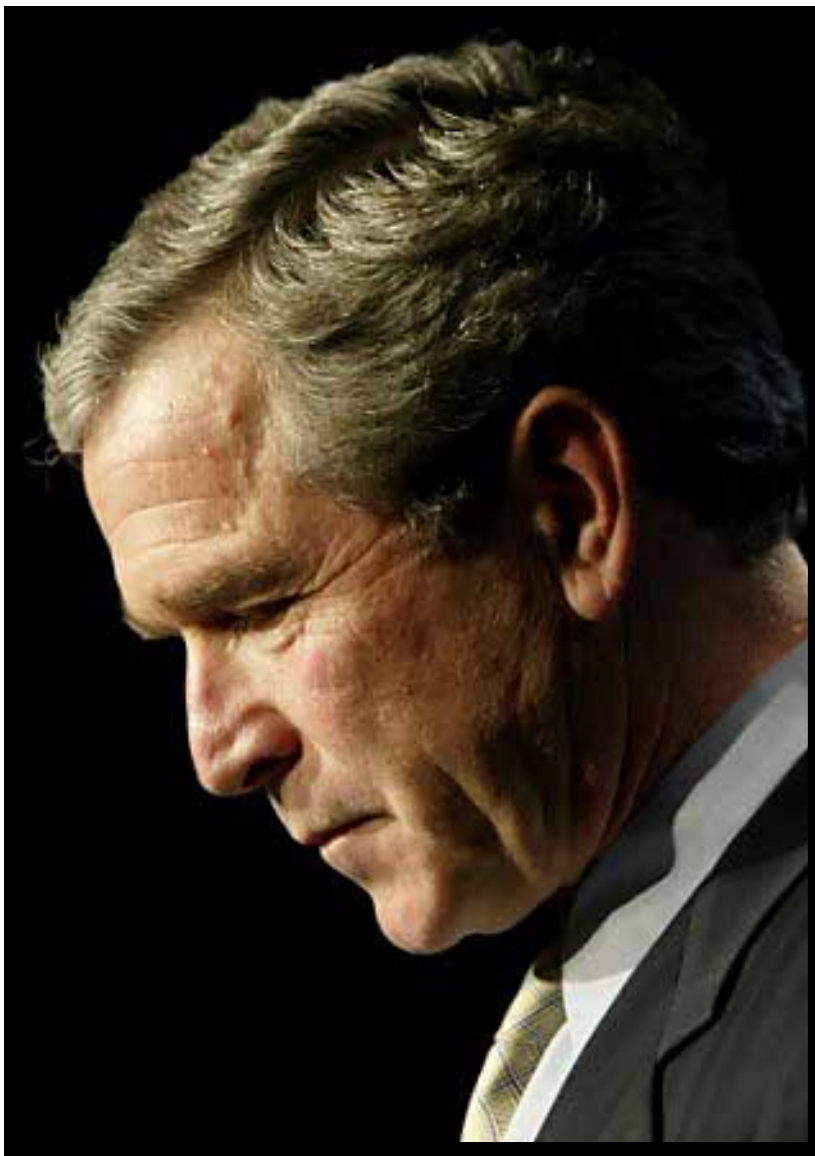


Melchor Romero
in LaPalma



Iver Valencia
in Jaque

Pray for World Leaders



George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God’s mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. And I have been chosen—this is the absolute truth—as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles about faith and truth” (1 Timothy 2:1-7).



Dick Cheney
US Vice President



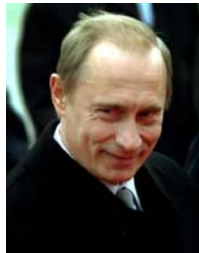
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Spain



Hamid Karzai
Afghanistan



Condoleezza Rice
US National Security Advisor



Vladimir Putin
Russia



Gerhard Schroder
Germany



Colin Powell
US Secretary of State



Jacques Chirac
France



Mireya Moscoso
Panama



Donald Rumsfeld
US Secretary of Defense



J. M. Barroso
Portugal



Jean Chretien
Canada



Tony Blair
United Kingdom



Ariel Sharon
Israel



Vicente Fox
Mexico



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Iraq



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Palestine



Jiang Zemin
China

Prayer Requests

Please pray for **Rush Lansdell**, who injured his finger last night (Thursday) and had to have stitches in order to keep the finger intact. Pray for healing and that his pain will be minimal.

Pray for **God's work in Panama**, specifically —

Melchor has a new baby girl born August 27, 2003 named

Stefanne. . . Pray for **Felix's** continued maturity as a preacher and church leader. . . Pray for the church in **Jaque** as they continue to grapple with Columbian refugees and our inability to return there. Pray that God will continue to open doors there. . . Pray for the upcoming trip to Uala (Walla). The planning stages are underway and seem to be quite difficult. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance. . . Pray for the church in CuCunati. Jesus' is doing a great job and we look forward to our return.

Tharon Newbill is recovering. He remains in ICU at JMCGH room 619, but in Isinell's words "he's far from out of the woods." We are thankful to report there was an arrest made today (Friday) concerning Tharon's case. *Please pray for the person who did this to Tharon!*

Stefanie Wylie is doing well after oral surgery.

Willie Bradford fell again today (Friday). Thankfully, his injury does not appear to be serious this time.

Larry Pritchard is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. He hopes to go home tomorrow (Saturday). He is in JMCGH, room #439.

Hoyt Patterson, Flo Rudd's father, was hoping to be released from the hospital today (Friday). He will continue to undergo tests. Flo remains in Texas with her father and mother.

Pray for our **Youth Minister Interview Weekend**. The elders will meet with **Todd Miller** Saturday afternoon and Todd will meet with Parents of Teens Saturday at 6 PM and the teens at 7:30.

Richard Rogers was able to go home from the hospital Thursday.

Walker Whittle (Jim & Kitty Willis' son's father-in-law) had a heart cath today (Friday). He is in room 268 at JMCGH.

The Shorts ask us to pray for **David Eckler** a young man who will have serious spinal surgery Tuesday. He may have cancer. His parents, Dale & Cathy Eckler are good friends of Lynn Bogle.

Laura Clark asks us to pray for her friend, **Justin Aaron and his parents** who are adopting a 7 year old girl and a 9 year old boy.

Laura Clark ask us to pray for two ACU students, **Lee Ann and Jeremy** were in a car wreck being hit by an elderly man. Jeremy is in ICU and the elderly man is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

Brad Osborne writes: My prayer request is a prayer of thanksgiving. My sister-in-law **Teresa Hampton** has MS and has been at a clinic in Reno, Nevada since August 13, 2003. She has made some progress with the MS and is improving some everyday. She will be at the clinic for another week. Please also pray for her safe return home.

Pray for **Sam Engles** to come back to church.

Pat Ragland, friend of Glen & Debbie Pendergrass, has health problems.

Sarah Smith will begin treatments on the 16th.

Please pray for all **our children**, that they will be know the joy of the Lord as their strength. That our marriages will be strong and that **our Skyline family** may be bonded together as one, as the Father and the Spirit and the Son.

Pray for **the Mosher family** to make smooth adjustments to job changes, for God's continued blessings on David in school, and for protection and guidance.

Kyle Nichols, son of Mark and Sandra Nichols, is a 15 year old who is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital with an unknown diagnosis. He came home yesterday and went to sleep and they were unable to arouse him this morning. Sandra Meek Nichols is a close friend of Kaye Owens Stroud's from Freed-Hardeman. They live in Nolensville close to Nashville. They would appreciate our prayers.

See You at The Pole is this week. Pray for believers all over the country who will gather at the flag pole for prayer — many of them gathering in spite of persecution.

A friend of one of our teens is questioning their Christian roots and exploring another world religion.

I would like for both **my Mom and my Dad** be added to the prayer request with their declining health; especially my Mom and the procedures that she is having to go through monthly. Pray for and all of **our kids that are away at college** (God's protection from the evil one and people influenced by him, wisdom, knowledge, discernment, success in academics and especially to nurture their relationship with God and their walk with Christ). Pray for **Skyline** to draw closer to God and seek His will and not our will in all aspects of our life. Our **marriages** and our families. Thanks,
Tommy McDonald

We received word our papers are in **the final stages of adoption**. The final stages means another 2-3 months at least but sooner than we had expected. I (we) need prayers for being parents of three and for the adjustment and shock for all involved--us, the girls and of course the baby. Also acceptance by my family especially mother. She doesn't accept things like this very well. **Sherry Raines**

I would like to request prayer for several in my family. We are approaching one year from the date that my uncle and grandfather passed away and also that my mother was beginning her chemotherapy and the hard struggle against the cancer that she eventually succumbed to.. Please remember the entire Mallett and Pierce families as it seems like this past week has been a very rough week for all of us. I guess it is just the changing of the seasons, etc. Pray for strength and comfort for all of

us as we go through this time. Pray especially for Bill Pierce, my father, Susan Southern, Tom Pierce and myself; also, Goldie Mallett, Betty Mallett, and Anita Rainey. Thank you so much for all the prayers that have been offered up on our behalf over the past year. **Margaret Morrison**

Please ask that everyone keep praying for **our children of Skyline**. The world has become a horrible place to raise kids. They are tempted at every turn to go against what we have tried to teach them. Even in the best I have seen the struggle in their hearts. Ask God to remind them that His way is the only way to live a good life. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guard their minds and hearts and help them resist evil. Pray for maturity as they leave home and learn to be responsible adults.

Raphael Walker - pray for continued strength as he copes with chronic leukemia. **Lee Taylor Walker**- pray that his senior year at Univ. of Memphis will be a good one and that the Lord will guide him as he prepares for his vocation following college. **Matt and Amelia Walker** - bless their marriage and their involvement in their church family in Memphis. All the couples that will be taking the **His Needs/Her Needs** class this fall - may their marriages be strengthened and their relationship with Christ be closer.

We would appreciate including **Ceci Mullins** in the Day of Prayer. She is having numbness in her arm. The doctor's were afraid her cancer had returned, but all of her tests came back good. Praise God! But she will be seeing a neurologist soon to figure out what's going on.

Glenda Bass has lupus and a bladder disease. Kath Hollomon has cancer. Sherry Wiggins has cancer. These are public school teachers.

I would like for you to put **Brandon Pritchard's** name on the list. He will be leaving for basic training in the Army on Oct 23rd. Pray, that GOD will keep him safe, while he is away from us.

Terry Brisentine (Nona Adam's cousin) has returned to Fort Campbell Ky. from his tour of service in Iraq. We appreciate the prayers on his behalf , and give praises to God for his safe return home.

Please pray for **my children** that they will walk daily with Christ, handle their anger in an appropriate way, find their self-esteem through Christ, and know that their parents really do love them.

David and Pat Russell are mourning loss of their daughter, **Hillary**. Pray for God to heal their hearts and comfort them with the assurance of a reunion in heaven.

Janine Dunlap has upcoming doctoral competency exams be taking the written portion on Sept. 18-19 and the oral portion on October 10. Please pray for my memory during this time and for peace about the outcome. This is very stressful for me as well as my family as you can well imagine! Also pray for Shannon and I as we will fly to Virginia Beach on October 9; he is extremely afraid of flying but is going to support me. Pray for peace for him as well.

Pray for the health of Emily Lansdell and new baby, who is due Sept. 29. Also, pray for entire family as they transition to a life with two children during a very busy time for Charlie (football season).

And finally, from the latest edition of the church bulletin —

Bryce Garner was able to go home from the hospital.

Richard Rogers is recovering from some minor surgery.

Michael and Amy Allen are beginning their marriage.

Barbara Higgs has finished her chemotherapy!

Evertt Huffard is undergoing chemotherapy. Pray for his wife, **Elsie**, as she ministers to him.

Ellen Agee (the Clarks' friend) has completed her first round of chemo. She will receive more chemo in three weeks.

David Campbell is in the Madison County Jail 515 S. Liberty, Jackson, TN 38301.

Continue to lift up **David, Jody, Wes, Drew and Abby Crossett** in prayer.

Rachel Harper (friend of Richard Rogers) is seriously ill.

Mabel Stegall (R. C.'s mother) is hospitalized in Parsons.

Sarah Smith will begin treatment soon.

Diann Robinson is undergoing tests.

Nell Googe has a broken foot and is staying with Janeen.

Kathy King (wife of R. Long's coworker) has health concerns.

Charlie Rahm is awaiting treatment.

Nelda Beckner (Susan Saunders' grandmother) suffered injuries in a fall.

Gary Buchanan (Danny Jackson's friend) is undergoing tests. Please pray for him and his family.

Bob Smith (School Board) and **Charles Rahm** (City Council) and all our elected officials need prayer as they lead.

Janie Daniels (Jerry Crowe's friend) has cancer and is responding well to treatments.

Vernon Alley (T. Pinckley's father) awaits a transplant.

Clyde Ellis (Liz Parkey's father) has eye problems.

Geneva McDonald (Tommy McDonald's mother) continues to undergo medical procedures.

Elizabeth Richardson (Norma Taylor's mother), **Ceci Mullins** (Todd's mother), **Sherry Cook** (The Chambers' relative), **Wayne Wright**, **Linda Corley** (C. Forsythe's mother), **Linda Wood and Lisa Waller** (friends of Libby Thornton), & **Doug Daniel** are undergoing treatment.

Lamaricus Davidson is in West TN State Prison. **Virgil Reynolds** is in the prison at Mason, TN.

Nursing home residents: *Northbrooke*: **Louis Hardcastle** (room 203); *Forest Cove*: **Myrtle Insko** (Pat Snider's aunt - room 128); *Maplewood*: **Forest Hester** (Lee Birl's grandmother - room 300-A), *Crockett County*: **Bertha Summar** (room 40-A); *Dickson, TN*: **Cooper Taylor**.

Preparing for marriage: **Keith Clark & Mindy Mahaffey** (December 20, 2003), **Michael Davis & Catherine Best** (April 17, 2004).

Expectant parents: **Charlie & Emily Lansdell**, **David & Sherry Raines** (adopting a boy from Guatemala), **Brad & Jennifer Tyson**, and **Tim & Angie Williams**.

Our college students — *ACU*: **Keith Clark, Laura Clark, & Lauren Self**; *ASU* **Jay Pendergrass**; *DLU*: **Kristen Chambers, Julie McDonald & Ashley Warren**; *FHU*: **Brandon & Nichole Karnes, Brittney Morrison, Tyler Osborne, Brooke Perkins, & Stefanie Wylie**; *HU*: **Grant Jackson, Seth Rudd & Adam Simon**; *JSCC*: **Jeremiah Eddleman, Josh Evans, Russ McKelvey, Celeste Richardson, Jay Walker & Joseph Welch**; *Lambuth*: **Brian Pearson**; *Mount San Jacinto*: **Ashley Bonner**; *MTSU*: **Abby Crossett, Justin Darby, Lauren Mallard, & Adam Warren**; *Pellissippi State*: **Drew Crossett**; *U of M*: **Susie Ray, Meredith Simon, Stephan Spencer, & Lee Taylor Walker**; *U of MS*: **Lindsay Mehr & Ashley Reed**; *U of MS Law School*: **Morton Smith**; *UT Knoxville*: **John Anderson, Ken Johnson & Ryan Parsons**; *UTHSC*: **Nick Powers, Brian Short, & Clark Short**.