



# prayer *life!*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

February 11, 2018

### Pray for Peace

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

*Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock. –Isaiah 26:3-4*

*Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*

*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. –Psalm 46:10*

Christians don't just pray. We spend time in prayer. Time in prayer is a time to learn—a time to focus and stay focused on God. A heart focused on God sees Him involved in the things of earth. Divine power operates on earth through prayer, and prayer brings divine peace. As we learn to see God working in everything that happens, we come to rest in the certain expectation of His *good and acceptable and perfect* will (Romans 12:2). This expectation is the foundation for heavenly peace on earth.

- Peace comes, not from the absence of conflict, but from the presence of God, because God is in control. He uses the world's conflict to contain sin and ultimately to judge it. *A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. –Psalm 91:7-8*
- Feeling threatened? God will protect you. You have His promise. *For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge –Psalm 91:3-4a*
- Are you in trouble? Trust in God. He's teaching you to walk by faith, making Himself your hope and peace and the object of your desire. *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." –Psalm 91:1-2*
- When troubles come, be at peace. Our Lord protects His children from harm, no matter what evils surround us. *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. –Psalm 46:1-3*
- When the world is in chaos, look to Him. He rules the world, and He will bring it to the end that He's determined for it—when His work of redemption is complete, His righteousness is perfected, and His glory is on display for all the world to see. *Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. –Psalm 46:8-9*
- Through all of life, and as death draws near, rest in Him. He has conquered death and made it the gateway to glory forever. He cares for His children and watches over each one. *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. –Psalm 116:15-16*

*Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. –Psalm 73:23-25*

Prayer is a duty, but it's also a resource. Cultivate the habit of spending time with God. Respond to the quiet call of His Spirit. Put your faith in the power of His Word. Put His promises to the test and watch how He works for your good and *to the praise of His glory.*

## Prayer for the Week

- Sunday (Church):** Pray for Tim East and Steve Flood. Ask God to make the truth of His Word clear to them and to strengthen their faith as they walk with Him each day. Pray for divine wisdom to lead our church in a way that honor's Him.
- Monday (Home and Family):** Pray for your grandparents and brothers and sisters. Thank God for them, and ask Him to keep them in His care and lead them in His will.
- Tuesday (Job/School):** Pray for The quality and effectiveness of your work to exhibit excellence and exalt Jesus Christ.
- Wednesday (Neighborhood and Community):** Pray for the city where you live. Ask God burden your heart to reach the lost of your neighborhood and community.
- Thursday (Our Nation):** Pray for our nation's judges, to humbly seek Christ in their judgments.
- Friday (The World):** Pray for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in China and Japan. Ask God to turn those ancient cultures to Himself.
- Saturday (Praise and Rejoicing):** Give God thanks that the truth of Jesus Christ has spread across the world and into your life. Great is the power of the cross!

### Faith Is ...

Seeing God in everything that happens, watching how he works in good and bad circumstances, and learning to recognize His goodness in all of the different ways He delivers it.

## Prayer Record

Record specific prayers you have below. Note when and how God answers your prayers. It will help you to see that He really is paying attention.

Date	Request	Date	Answer

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