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Weekly Prayer Focus

March 29, 2020

God's Treasure Within

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" —Luke 11:13

Prayer is powerful, because God is powerful, and prayer lays hold of Him. Apparently Jesus' disciples recognized the connection between Jesus' power and His prayer life when they asked Him to teach them to pray. His response to their question includes a sample prayer (the "Lord's Prayer") and two parables. It addresses exactly what we, Jesus' disciples today, need in order to accomplish the work He called us to do.

Jesus' sample prayer (Luke 11:2-4) focuses first on honoring God the Father and serving His kingdom above all things. Then it expresses to our dependence on Him for all our physical and spiritual needs. Our most essential needs—our daily bread, forgiveness for sins, and deliverance from temptation—are supplied by God. Prayer reminds us of our greatest need—the need to realize our need of God. Dependence on Him is the foundation of spiritual power. It was true for Jesus, so it's certainly true for us.

Jesus' parable of the friend at midnight (11:5-8) illustrates this point. When a guest appeared at his door in the middle of the night, this man had nothing to give him. Knowing he had nothing to offer, he implored his neighbor to loan him some bread. In desperation, he refused to give up until he got what he came for.

When we pray, we admit we have nothing to offer. This fact cuts against the grain of our self-confidence and offends our natural pride. But Jesus frankly expressed our utter dependence on Him for everything. *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing* (John 15:5).

By its very nature, prayer is a confession of dependence on God. It's repentance from our essential sin of rebellious self-sufficiency. Prayer admits our need of God, turns from self-direction to submission, and allows God to be God in our lives. Because God alone is our Creator and Provider, prayer reestablishes us in a right relationship with Him. Prayer is about reconnecting before it's about receiving.

And since we have God's promise to provide, we can pray persistently, insistently, and expectantly. *And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened* (Luke 11:9-10).

But we don't pray to an annoyed neighbor who doesn't want to be bothered. God is a good Father, who gives His children *good gifts*. God never pulls a fast one and answers our prayers with something worthless or harmful (11:11-13). We can always trust Him to give what's best, even when it doesn't seem that way.

In fact, He's already given us the best possible gift. We just need to remember to make use of it. Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to live within His people. The Holy Spirit is God's life flowing through the spiritual veins of His people. He guarantees our salvation (2nd Corinthians 1:22). His presence in us assures us that we belong to Christ (2nd Timothy 2:19). He empowers our ministry (Acts 1:8), reveals the truth of God's Word to us (2nd Corinthians 2:12-13), gives us joy (1st Thessalonians 1:6), and bears righteous fruit in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23). And the Holy Spirit is always with us (John 14:18; Hebrews 13:5b).

Prayer is not about what we need. It's about all that God has to supply. It's not about lack. It's about abundance. It's about more than our inability. It's about God's infinite ability—right at our fingertips. So we can pursue the work of His kingdom with utter confidence and joy.

To the praise of His glory.

Prayer for the Week

Ask God to use the coronavirus to lead our nation to repentance. God has an eternal purpose in everything He allows to happen. We are a self-confident and rebellious people, who don't see our need of God. Ask God to change that attitude in our nation, starting with Christians. Ask God to give us faith, compassion, and boldness to share the Good News that Jesus saves wherever we can.

And ask God to ...

- give wisdom to our leaders to stop the spread of coronavirus
- heal the sick and comfort those affected by the virus
- provide for all the ways it will affect our society
- unite and strengthen His people for the work of His kingdom
- bring calm as societies grapple with uncertainty, fear, sickness, and sometimes death

Monday (Home and Sunday (Church)): Pray for Steve Dalgren, our worship leader to lead us to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Home and Family): Pray for your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint) to know and share the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge.

Tuesday (Job/School): Pray for your neighbors' needs and concerns that you are aware of. Ask God to help them with these concerns and reveal Himself to them.

Wednesday (Neighborhood and Community): Pray for Northpoint Church to thrive and be an influence for Christ in Corona. Ask God to send His Spirit to empower our witness.

Thursday (Our Nation): Pray for a renewed desire in the Church in America for holiness, purity, righteousness, love, and boldness in spreading the Gospel.

Friday (The World): Pray for strength and protection for Christians in the Muslim world. Ask God to enable them to keep the faith. Pray for the salvation of their persecutors.

Saturday (Praise and Rejoicing): Thank God for His creation and provision, and for bringing you the good news of salvation. God has loved you with an everlasting love.

Prayer for Our Leaders

Pray for wisdom for our church leaders, as they lead us through the demands of this time.

1. **Our Pastors and Directors:** Tony Chute, Taylor Mendoza, Terilyn Brown, and Marti Wiegman.
2. **Our Lay Elders:** Tim East, Steve Flood, Mark Kiker, Vinoj Zechariah, and new elders who will soon come onto the board.
3. **Our Church Staff:** Michelle Balga, Bob Brown, Carolee Jefferson, Amber McEwen, Tamene Menna, Mark Norland, Corie Saunders, Karen Sherwood, and Dani Tiqui.

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

And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. –Luke 12:29-31

... because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. —John 16:25-25

- God uses the fruit produced through Biblical prayer to bring glory to Himself. *If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.* —John 15:7-8

The miracle of prayer is that it enables us to receive what God has for us. As we seek and find God and His will for us in prayer, the things of earth—worldly ambitions, desires, goals—begin to fade as God and things eternal take their place—and we're transformed. That's resurrection power at work in our lives.

Prayer is a precious privilege and a powerful weapon. Informed by God's Word and empowered by prayer, the Church of Jesus Christ has spread the Gospel of redemption and transformed the world. Always keep that in mind.

And keep on praying.

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(Year ONE) April 2020

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. ... Now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. —1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 20

Prayer Outcomes

Easter is coming. It was during this Season of Redemption that Jesus Christ purchased the privilege of coming to Him in prayer with His blood. Prayer is a significant act—a God-given opportunity to take part in the great work He is accomplishing in the world. On the night before He died, Jesus told us His purpose for giving us access to The Father.

- Jesus wants our prayer to produce much fruit in our lives and ministries. *You did not chose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give it to you.* —John 15:16
- In prayer, Christ desires to accomplish through us works greater than those He performed on earth. *He who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.* —John 14:11-14
- Through prayer, God reveals Himself to us, giving insight into His nature and ways. *An hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. In that day you will ask in My name,*

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Word of God is the story of the ages. Its setting is the heavens and the earth, and its plot centers on the relationship between God and Humanity—a relationship severed by our own choice but reestablished through the drama of redemption.

God's work is the center of the drama. His love drives the story. The story of Abraham is more than Abraham's story. It's the account of how God created a way to reach into our world to redeem it. It wasn't just Joseph's life that was endangered by his brothers. As he sat in prison, God's plan of redemption stood on a razor's edge. But what man meant for evil, God turned to good, "to preserve many people alive." Not just the Hebrew people but everyone who would be saved through them—everyone saved through Christ.

If you love history, the Bible is the Book for you. In its accounts, Israel rubs elbows with the great empires of the ancient world. Egypt of the pharaohs, the unparalleled Assyrian empire, Babylon the Great, Persia, Greece, Rome all find a place in the history of God's people.

While these vaunted civilizations impress the history buff, to God they are like a speck of dust on the scales. In the pages of Scripture, history shows the One Who "rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love." History reveals Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

As you read God's Word, look for Christ on every page.

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These Testify about Me.

The Bible is the Book of Books, but it's more than just a book. It's a testimony about God's work, which began before the world, shapes all of time, and leads to eternity. From cover to cover, the Bible tells about Jesus Christ: Creator, Redeemer, coming King.

Most would call the Bible a book of religion or philosophy—a claim to truth in the arena of ideas. Certainly, like other religious books, it contains moral values, principles to follow, prescribed rituals and sacrifices.

But God's Word doesn't stop with rituals and prescriptions for righteous behavior. It relentlessly reveals an awful truth we dare not face. It confronts the harsh, undeniable reality of sin—our utter inability, even refusal, to live by what God defines as right.

As it reveals the heartbreak of humanity, Scripture also unfolds a story of hope. A hope that God put there. It's the hope of a Redeemer, who is the Truth. He performed all the rituals, followed all the principles, and embodied God's perfect righteousness.

But Jesus was more than a perfect example. He became the perfect sacrifice. The truth is that there is nothing God expects of us that He is not willing to do Himself. He proved this when His Son died for sin. The Bible testifies to Christ's triumph over our sin, as He surrendered His will—and His life—to obey His Father.

You will never find a better work of literature than the Bible. Its verbal artistry is beyond compare. But its beauty doesn't account for why no book in history has sold more copies. The

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Sickness and death were not meant to be. The God of life filled the world with life then gave up His life for that world. But He wasn't meant to stay dead. Jesus came back to life and conquered death, to make things right—like they ought to be. Easter celebrates the essence of our faith. The King of Creation purchased us from slavery to sin with His blood. Then He broke the chains of death to destroy the devil on his own turf. Jesus Christ is King by creation, King by purchase, and King by conquest. That's what we celebrate at Easter.

Palm fronds fanned the April breeze. A crowd gathered along the road, eyes wide with anticipation. People stood tiptoe trying to see a man riding humbly on the back of a donkey, without pretense or grandeur. The beast of burden stepped hesitantly across coats and articles of clothing, an impromptu red carpet in honor of Jesus. He was worthy of their cry: *Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

And that praise goes on, from Jesus' resurrection and ascension, through the Church Age, up until now. Join the chorus of praise to your Creator, Redeemer, and King. He is worthy to have all people in all the earth sing His praise for all eternity. So start *now*. THIS is how things are meant to be.

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How Things Were Meant to Be

Waves caressing the shore. The breeze brushing my face. The rocks of the jetty glistening in the sun and bristling with fishermen. With all of the week's work done, I was on vacation, so I was free to watch boats cruise by and listen to the children shriek with joy on the beach. We were celebrating my daughter's birthday, surrounded by family and friends. THAT's how things are meant to be! But that was then—Not now.

We have so much to praise God for! Our good God made a good world then created us to enjoy Him and the world. *"Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. ... Know that the Lord Himself is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves"* (Psalm 100:1-3). There are moments, when we're so surrounded by His goodness we just have to rejoice. I wish it were always that way.

But it's Not always that way. Yes, we have seasons that remind us God's goodness and why He deserves our praise. Times like we're having now remind us that the world is broken, and God uses things like pandemics to jolt us into awareness. Try as we might to deny it, the world is precarious and life ends in death. It's God's grace that reminds us of that fact and nudges us—and sometimes pushes us—up against the ugly realities that sin brings. His grace is even in COVID 19.

Soon we'll be celebrating another staggering reality. Reasons only God understands, reasons hidden in the depths of His incomprehensible love, led Jesus—God incarnate—to give up

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<p><i>I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. –Galatians 2:20</i></p>			<p>1) Read: John 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> Northpoint Church to thrive and be an influence for Christ in Corona. Ask God to send His Spirit to empower our witness.</p>	<p>2) Read: John 20 <i>Pray for ...</i> Renewed desire in the Church in America for holiness, purity, righteousness, love & boldness in spreading the Gospel.</p>	<p>3) Read: John 21 <i>Pray for ...</i> Strength and protection for Christians in the Muslim world. Ask God to enable them to keep the faith. Pray for the salvation of their persecutors.</p>	<p>4) Read: Philippians 1-2 <i>Thank God ...</i> For His creation and provision, and for bringing you the good news of salvation. God has loved you with an everlasting love.</p>
<p>5) Read: Philippians 3-4 <i>Pray for ...</i> Michele Balga: Ministry Support, Administration. Pray for her to be the "face of Christ" to those she serves in ministry, revealing His truth, grace, and love to each person.</p>	<p>6) Read: Ezra 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your in-laws or families of your friends to love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, & strength & their neighbor as themselves.</p>	<p>7) Read: Ezra 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christ to use you to reveal Himself to your friends and colleagues. Ask for opportunities and boldness for sharing.</p>	<p>8) Read: Ezra 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christ to be exalted in Home Gardens. May many people come to know and worship Him in that area of our city.</p>	<p>9) Read: Ezra 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to restore marriage in our land and lead us to reject laws and practices that undermine marriage and the family.</p>	<p>10) Read: Ezra 5 <i>Pray that ...</i> God will raise up a new generation of missionaries to lift up Jesus as Savior & Lord to the ends of the earth, so everyone will know He died on the cross for all sin.</p>	<p>11) Read: Ezra 6 <i>Give thanks!</i> Jesus Christ suffered death for us, so we can have life in Him. His time in the grave freed us from the penalty of death for our sins.</p>
<p>12) Read: 1 Ezra 7 <i>Christ is risen indeed!</i> Praise God! Glorify His name. He has conquered sin and death. <i>"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself</i> (John 12:32).</p>	<p>13) Read: Ezra 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to lead future generations of your family to Himself.</p>	<p>14) Read: Ezra 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> The colleague or friend you work most closely with or whom God has put on your heart. Ask God to meet their spiritual and personal needs.</p>	<p>15) Read: Ezra 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> The neighbors to your left and right. Ask God to use you in their lives.</p>	<p>16) Read: Colossians 1-2 <i>Pray for ...</i> Jesus, the Lamb of God to be exalted and embraced in our land, so we worship Him as revealed in Scripture, not as we imagine Him to be.</p>	<p>17) Read: Colossians 3-4 <i>Pray for ...</i> Spiritual transformation and physical healing for those suffering in the AIDS epidemics threatening many nations.</p>	<p>18) Read: Nehemiah 1 <i>Rejoice!</i> The tomb is empty. Jesus Christ is alive, and by God's grace, your name is written in the book of life.</p>
<p>19) Read: Nehemiah 2 God will continue to move among our leaders to make prayer a priority at Northpoint, so that our ministry is clearly driven by the wisdom & power of God and not man.</p>	<p>20) Read: Nehemiah 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christian character to develop in everyone in your home (Galatians 5:22-23)</p>	<p>21) Read: Nehemiah 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> The colleague at work you have the most difficulty with. May they see the love of Christ in you and hear of His love from you.</p>	<p>22) Read: Nehemiah 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to reveal His love to the families of our community, especially those who are broken and dysfunctional (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).</p>	<p>23) Read: Nehemiah 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to give His people faith & unity in prayer, <i>So that with one mind and one voice [we] may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> Pray for revival & renewal.</p>	<p>24) Read: Nehemiah 7 <i>Pray for ...</i> Protection for those undergoing persecution for their faith. Pray for strength to remain faithful. Pray for Christ-like love for their persecutors.</p>	<p>25) Read: Nehemiah 8 <i>Praise God!</i> The King of Creation came to be with us. Our rejection did not stop Him and death could not defeat Him. Jesus Christ is Lord!</p>
<p>26) Read: Nehemiah 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Corie Saunders, Administrator & Finance:</i> Ask God to use the management of His money to enhance the work of Christ & magnify His name.</p>	<p>27) Read: Nehemiah 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your spouse and children or your closest friends: Seek the Holy Spirit's filling for Christ-like character and bold witness.</p>	<p>28) Read: Nehemiah 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Leaders, coworkers and friends at work. Pray that they will know Christ & His love. Ask for opportunities to show it to them.</p>	<p>29) Read: Nehemiah 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our church so we can reach the lost of our community. Pray that our neighbors will be on our hearts.</p>	<p>30) Read: Nehemiah 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> Godly influences in the businesses of America. May integrity and Christian truth dominate their motives, methods, and actions.</p>		