

## **PRAYER GUIDE**

### **Prayer Help**

If you are willing to be still before God long enough and often enough for Him to search your heart, and you experience genuine repentance and revival, you can be the ONE God uses to bring spiritual awakening in our day. One person can make a difference.

Read 2 Chronicles 16:9. God is looking for one whose heart is completely His. Will you be the one?

Following are some suggestions to get you started as you seek to repent and be clean and useable by God for His glory.

### **Personal Repentance**

- Ask the Lord to search your heart for unknown and unconfessed sin (Psalm 19:12; 139:23-24)
- Ask God to bring you to a point of genuine repentance (Psalm 51; Isaiah 1:15-19; Matthew 4:17)
- Ask God to give you clean hands and a pure heart. (Psalm 24:3-4; 51:10, 12; Jeremiah 17:7-8, 29:12-13; 1 John 1:8-9)

### **Personal Revival**

- Pray for the Lord to restore His joy in your heart through personal renewal and revival (Psalm 1:1-3, 5:3, 8, 11:7, 15, 32:1-2, 51:12-13; Matthew 6:33)
- Pray that through personal repentance you will be revived and refreshed in God's Holy presence and that you will be equipped for every good work. (Acts 3:19; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-24; Hebrews 4:14-16)
- Pray for God to breathe a fresh breath of His Spirit into your life and witness (Ezekiel 37:11-14; Acts 1:8, 2:46-47; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17)

### **National Spiritual Awakening**

- Pray for God's people to answer His call to pray for National Spiritual Awakening (2 Chronicles 7:14; 16:9; Jeremiah 29:7; Ezekiel 22:30; John 15:5,7-8,16)
- Ask God to open wide the doors for the gospel to spread swiftly across the nation (Acts 8:1,4; Colossians 1:13-14, 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Titus 2:11-14; I Peter 3:15)
- Ask God to draw the multitudes of lost people to seek Him so they may find Him (Isaiah 55:6-9; Acts 2:37-41, 46-47; John 3:14-16,4:29-30,39)

### **How to Pray for Health Care Workers:**

- Pray for them to have discernment for correct diagnosis and to look to God for His wisdom. (See Jer. 33:3; Jas. 1:5.)
- Pray for compassionate hearts toward the hurting and for patience in dealing with the never ending needs of people. (See Luke 7:13, 10:33.)

- Pray for a strong work ethic to do their best as unto the Lord. (See Col. 3:23-24.)
- Pray for rest and relaxation from their work so they can stay fresh and alert when on duty. (See Mark 6:30-31.)

### **How to Pray for Missionaries**

The man or woman at home who prays, often has as much to do with the effectiveness of the missionary on the field, and consequently with the results of his or her labors, as the missionary. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11.

- Pray that more people will be obedient to go as missionaries. (See Matt. 9:37-38; 28:19-20.)
- Pray for the missionary's relationship with God, that he or she will continue to grow spiritually and be nourished by the Word. (See Eph. 1:15-23; Phil. 1:9-11.)
- Pray for personal needs: health, safety, family relationships, victory over discouragement and loneliness. (See Ps. 91:1-4, 11.)
- Pray for clear communication of the gospel and boldness in witnessing. (See Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:4.)
- Pray for the lost to hear the gospel, to repent, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. (See Rom. 10:9-10, 13; 2 Pet. 3:9.)
- Pray for acceptance by coworkers and unity in the body of Christ. (See John 17:21; Rom. 15:31.)
- Pray for extension of his or her ministry and fruitfulness in spiritual endeavors. (See Col. 4:2-3; 2 Thess. 3:1.)

### **How to Pray For Missionaries During a Crisis**

- Pray for him or her to have a firm grip on the Father's hand and to be undistracted in his or her devotion to the Lord (see Prov. 4:23; 1 Cor. 7:35; 2 Tim. 1:13-14, 2:15, 3:15-16).
- Pray for him or her to study the Word and to share Christ continually. Pray for many to come to know Christ (see Acts 26:18; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Col. 1:13-14; 2 Tim. 4:1-2).
- Pray for missionaries and chaplains to disciple the people in their ministry (see Acts 1:14, 2:42, 17:11; Eph. 4:1-3, 11-12, 15-16, 23, 32).
- Pray for them to remember the deeds of the Lord in the past and praise Him (see Pss. 20:7, 105:1-5, 118:17; Luke 10:23; Acts 14:27, 15:8).
- Pray for protection from the evil one and for them to remember that the battle belongs to the Lord (see Ex. 15:2-3; 2 Chron. 20:15; Zech. 9:14-15; Matt. 10:19-20; John 17:15).
- Pray for boldness and that they would be more interested in pleasing God than in pleasing man (see Isa. 51:7; Matt. 5:11-12, 10:28; Acts 5:41-42).
- As you pray, be aware of the times; use the news as a prayer guide (see 1 Chron. 12:32; Matt. 16:3; 2 Cor. 1:8-10).

### **How to Pray for Public Servants, Police, and Firefighters**

- Pray for safety on the job and for wisdom in handling the demands of their jobs. (See Ps. 91; Jer. 33:3.)
- Pray for the families of public servants to have peace that God is in control and will protect them and their public servant spouse or parent. (See Ps. 37.)
- Pray for public servants to continue to grow in their faith in God through Jesus. (See Eph. 1:16-19; Phil. 1:6.)
- Pray for Christian public servants to be salt and light to those in their precincts and fire stations that do not know Jesus. (See Matt. 5:13-16.)

### **How To Pray For The Lost**

- Only God can save a soul and each person must decide individually if he or she will believe in Jesus and accept the free gift of salvation. Prayer is an important part of the process. Here are a few suggested ways to pray.
- Claim the person you are praying for as God's purchased possession in the name of Jesus and on the basis of His shed blood. "In Him we have redemption through His blood" (Eph. 1:7, NASB).
- Ask God to tear down the works of Satan, like false doctrine, unbelief, or other teaching that the enemy may have built up in a person's life. Pray for his thoughts to be taken "captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5, NASB).
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict him of his sin and his need for a Savior. "The kindness of God leads you to repentance" (Rom. 2:4, NASB).
- Pray that the person will hear, receive, or read God's Word and that God's will and purposes may be accomplished through Scripture. "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire" (Isa. 55:11, NASB).
- Pray that the person's eyes will be opened and ears unstopped so that the truth is heard. "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:3-4, NASB).
- Pray with consistency and perseverance, not to persuade God but because of the resistance of the enemy. Read Daniel 10:12-13. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58, NASB).

- Thank God for making us more than conquerors. "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37, NASB). "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57, NASB).
- The HEART acrostic is taken from *Praying Your Friends to Christ*.
- The key is for the lost person's heart to be changed by the saving power of Christ. The acrostic **HEART** will help one remember what to pray.

A. Pray for receptive HEARTS (see Luke 8:5,12).

B. Pray for their spiritual EYES to be open (see Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4).

C. Pray for God's ATTITUDE toward sin (see John 16:8).

D. Pray the person to be RELEASED to believe (see 2 Cor. 10:3-4; 2 Tim. 2:25-26).

E. Pray for a TRANSFORMING life (see Rom. 12:1-2).

### **How to Pray For the President and Government Leaders**

- Pray for the president, vice-president, and other top officials to receive their wisdom from God (see Ps. 111:10; Jer. 33:3; Col. 1:9; James 1:5).
- Pray for personal safety for our president and other government leaders (see Prov. 18:10; Isa. 12:2; 2 Thess. 3:3).
- Pray for the name of Jesus to be glorified in the president and other leaders (see Ps. 11:7; John 14:6; 2 Thess. 1:12).
- Pray for effectiveness in office and justice to those who practice evil (see Luke 18:8; Rom. 13:4; Heb. 13:18).

### **How to Pray for Your Children**

- Thank God for the children that He has given to you. (See Pss. 127:3-5, 128:1-6.)
- Ask God for wisdom to know the direction that your child should go. (See Prov. 22:6.)
- Pray for your children to love God and to obey Him from an early age. (See Prov. 20:11.)
- Pray for your children to guard their hearts, to be careful what they hear, read, and see. Encourage them to memorize Scripture to help them obey God. (See Ps. 119:11; Prov. 4:23.)
- Pray for your children to trust in God and to not be afraid. (See Ps. 56:3-4.)

### **How to Pray for Your Family**

- Pray for your family to keep Christ as the head of your household. (See Eph. 4:14-16.)
- Pray for your family to make prayer a natural part of the day: as you arise, as you eat, as you work, and as you lie down to sleep. (See Deut. 6:6-7.)
- Pray and ask God to direct you as you "order your prayer" and prepare for your prayer times with the family. (See Ps. 5:3.)

### **How to Pray for Your Husband**

- Pray for your husband to be strong against any opposition. (See 2 Tim. 4:7-8.)
- Pray that your husband will be determined today to accomplish God's goals for him.
- Pray that his words will bring healing and be acceptable in God's sight. Ask God to give your husband the right words today as he encounters each task of his day. (See Ps. 19:14.)
- Thank God for a husband who trusts in God. Pray for him to rest in God's omnipotent hands, knowing that God is in control. (See Heb. 11:1-3, 6.)
- Pray for your husband to be all that God called him to be. (See 2 Thess. 1:11-12.)
- Ask God to help you be the wife your husband needs and to respect him. (See Eph. 5:22-24, 33.)

### **How to Pray for Your Wife**

- Thank God for your wife and ask Him to help you be the husband she needs. (See Prov. 18:22.)
- Pray for your wife to be all that God called her to be. (See Prov. 31:10-31.)
- Pray for your wife to be content with her calling as your wife and mother of your children. (See Phil. 4:10-13.)
- Pray for your wife to know how much you love her and how very special she is to God. (See Jer. 31:3; Eph. 5:25-30.)

### **How to Pray For Your Pastor and Ministerial Staff**

- Pray for holy leaders who know God and love His Word; for consecrated visionaries. (See John 17:17, 20.)
- Pray for prayerful leaders with loving, obedient hearts. (See Luke 22:46; 1 John 4:11.)
- Pray for leaders with wisdom, understanding, and faith. (See James 1:5-6.)
- Pray for leaders to be protected from evil. (See John 17:15.)
- Pray for leaders to be united in love. (See John 17:11, 23.)

### **Quick Tips for a Quiet Time**

We get to know God better by praising Him, so begin your prayer time with praise. As you seek to pattern your prayer according to His plan, pray the Scriptures such as Ephesians 3:14-21. Personalize His promises to your family and church as a whole and to individual members. Romans 15:5-6 (NASB) says, "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Continue your prayer time with a time of confession. Psalm 51:2 (NASB) says, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin." Allow the Spirit to cleanse you of all unrighteousness and receive His forgiveness (read 1 John 1:8-9). Conclude your prayer time with asking for your needs to be met and intercession for others. Relax and enjoy your

conversation with your Father who loves you. "The prayer of the upright is His delight" (Prov. 15:8, NASB).

### **How to Pray for the Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association**

#### Churches Without Pastors

Twin Rivers

Williams Chapel

Hoboken

Mt. Calvary

Jamestown

Hephzibah

#### Missions & Ministries

##### Local

*YOUR* church Missions and Ministries

POBA Missions & Ministries

Mary Street Mission

Spiritual Awakening Emphasis

Georgia Baptist Convention

Georgia Baptist State Missions

##### National

West Virginia Vision Trip September 2012

North American Mission Board

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Southern Baptist Convention

##### International

Ecuador Partnership

Brazil Vision Trip January 2013 (Specifically **ABE**, **AMY**, **TE UUPG's**)

International Mission Board

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**6.8** Million Lost in Georgia

**573** Unreached People Groups (UPG's) in the USA & Canada

**3,167** Unengaged, Unreached People Groups (UUPG's)