

## 10 Weeks of Prayer

**Why:** Because prayer is our greatest work.

**When:** 9:37 AM (Set an alarm. If you can't pray at 9:37, choose another time to pray).

Each Sunday, we will highlight the topic, Scripture, and prayer for the week. You are invited to daily pray these prayers together with others of FBC because prayer is our greatest work.

### Week 1: Pray for Laborers

*Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV) - The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*

1. Pray that we would acknowledge that there are many who need to hear and respond to the gospel.
2. Pray that we would accept the responsibility, which Jesus gave the church, to work tirelessly to spread the Good News of Christ.

Lord, remind us of our depraved nature without you. Remind us of the rich and glorious grace you offer us, that which we could never achieve on our own. Put that same grace and compassion on our hearts for others, so that we would urgently and radically accept the joyous responsibility of spreading the gospel. Lord, raise up laborers, who will work diligently, in all grace and truth, to proclaim Jesus to those around them. Transform our evangelical efforts to effectively reach the lost, and multiply those who are participating in this gospel work.

### Week 2: Pray for a Filling of the Holy Spirit

*Ephesians 5:18 (ESV) - ...be filled with the Spirit,*

1. Pray that God would protect us from being filled with and led by the philosophies, presuppositions, and desires of this world.
2. Pray that God would fill us—in every moment—with the Spirit.
3. Pray that the Spirit would convict, lead, guide, protect, comfort, and impart wisdom to us.

Gracious Father, grant us your Spirit so that we may be convicted of our sin, protected from the enemy's attacks, and led to faith in who you are. Keep us from the fleeting ways of the world, which have been infected with sin. Spirit of God, fill us—in every waking and sleeping moment of our lives. Sustain us by grace. Guide us into all truth,

helping us live wisely among the confusing ways of the world. Lead us to glorify you in all things, while enjoying you and your ever comforting presence forever.

### **Week 3: Pray for Awe**

*Psalm 145:3 (ESV) - Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

1. Pray that God would reveal his greatness and glory in all things, that we would see Christ.
2. Pray that we would praise God in every moment of our lives, through our thoughts, words, and actions.
3. Pray for others to experience the captivating awe of God.

Almighty, sovereign God, show us your greatness. Fill us with awe, for you are unsearchable. May your praises be forever on our lips because your glory never fades, and your vast goodness proves beyond us. Supply our minds with a constant awareness of your enduring presence, sustaining works, and ceaseless power. In every daily moment, may we see the hope of glory in the mundane, the weights, and the hardships, which stand before us. Capture our hearts, as well as those around us, by your extravagant love, which lasts forever and ever.

### **Week 4: Pray for Repentance**

*Psalm 51:3-4, 10-12 (ESV) - For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

1. Pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
2. Pray that we would recognize and acknowledge our sin(s).
3. Pray that we would find grace in Jesus.
4. Pray that we would experience the secure hope of restoration in Christ.

Lord, you have given us all that we need and have called us to follow your path, stepping in the footsteps of your way; yet, we have chosen to make our own ways. We have squandered your gifts, trampled your commands and promises, and blasphemed your name. We have thought more highly of ourselves than we ought, giving into the temptation of claiming that which is not ours. We allow 'self' to sit upon the throne of our

lives, while denying the truth that every knee will one day bow to you, the sovereign creator of everyone and everything. We seek to wear a crown of glory upon our own heads, yet Christ bore a crown of thorns for us. As king David's heart drew close to you through the conviction of his sin, draw our hearts near to you, recognizing your saving power to redeem and restore.

Do this in us today, O Lord: Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

### **Week 5: Pray for Word-Centered Transformation**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV) - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

1. Pray that we would be certain that the Bible is God's holy and sovereign Word, the lasting authority for our lives.
2. Pray that we would be unshakably centered on God's Word.
3. Pray that we would trust God's Word to transform us—sanctifying us to maturity in Christ.

Holy Father, your thoughts, ways, and plans are perfect, blameless, and always right. As a result of your glorious grace, you have given us your Word—the Bible—so that we would learn, experience the conviction of sin, align with you and your ways by grace through faith, and grow up to maturity in Christ. Arrest us with your truth so that you would discipline our ever wandering hearts to discover enduring delight in your Word. We confess that we need your good and sovereign instruction to become the people you have called us to be. Do your transformative work in our lives.

### **Week 6: Pray for Enduring Joy**

*1 Peter 1:8 (ESV) - Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

1. Pray that as we experience Christ's love for us, our love for Him would increase.
2. Pray that we would be unswervingly convinced that Christ is our true and only source of everlasting joy.
3. Pray that we would rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

Jesus, your sacrifice proves your love for us. Increase our understanding of your love—that we would know the width, length, depth, and height of your never-ending love. Although we don't see you, may our certainty in your grace move us to the enduring joy of one who has been finally and forever freed from that which once enslaved and condemned. Fill us with lasting joy in Christ, that we would enjoy you in each and every moment, for all of our days, whether we live, suffer, or die. May our greatest delight and pleasure be in you.

### **Week 7: Pray for the Next Generation**

*Psalm 78:4-7 (ESV) - We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the words of God but keep his commandments.*

1. Pray for kids, teens, college students, and young adults to hear the gospel and respond to Jesus.
2. Pray for parents to accept their responsibility to be intentional and diligent about informing their children with a biblical worldview and introducing their children to Christ-centered habits.
3. Pray for our church to equip parents and the next generation with a biblical worldview and the truths of the gospel.
4. Pray for our church to count the cost to effectively reach and introduce the next generation to Jesus.

Good and gracious Father, your Word consistently points to the importance of passing along knowledge of who you are to the next generation. Would you change our hearts so that we would be more devoted to introducing the next generation to Jesus? Remove the distractions and stumbling blocks. Prepare the hearts of kids, teens, college students, and young adults to receive Christ. Burden us with the good, sacrificial labor and eternal joy of reaching the next generation with the only true hope--the gospel.

### **Week 8: Pray for the Lost**

*Luke 19:10 (ESV) - For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

*Luke 23:34 (ESV) - And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind those in our world who have not yet trusted in Christ.
2. Pray for those who are without true hope because they don't know Jesus.
3. Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the lost to be ready to respond to the gospel.
4. Pray that we would be intentional about inviting those who haven't yet trusted Christ to do so.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for being our saving grace. Now that we have placed our trust in you, our hope is secure and our presence makes sense. Holy Spirit, guide our minds to think often of those who have not yet trusted in Christ. Place the burden upon our hearts to pray for them and share the truth about Jesus with them. May our lives--in all we think, say, and do--be protected from being a stumbling block to those who don't yet know the truth. Use us, as your people who have already tasted your amazing grace, to invite others into an everlasting relationship of grace with you.

### **Week 9: Pray for the Church to Take God-Glorifying Risks**

*Matthew 10:28 (ESV) - And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

1. Pray that we would obtain biblical and Spirit-guided wisdom about risk.
2. As we all take risks throughout our lives in this world, pray that we primarily take those risks that glorify God most.
3. Pray that God keeps us from the fear of man and the loss of this world.
4. Pray that we would trust God to do big things for his glory.

Strong and all-powerful God, keep our eyes fixed upon your Son. We confess that we often cling too tightly to this world and the things within it. We ask that you would protect us from the fear of man and the loss of this world. May we live with a true and sure eternal perspective, constantly trusting in the enduring promises and inheritance, which is ours because of Christ. Our desire is to live with purpose, as you have called us to be ambassadors for Christ in this world, which is not our home. Supply us with bold faith and radical confidence to live in such a way we are willing to take any risk that pleases you, in order to worship you with our whole lives. Give us faith like Abraham, who willingly set his son upon the sacrificial altar for your glory.

### **Week 10: Pray for Eternal Hope**

*Revelation 22:20 (ESV) - He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

1. Pray that we would live our lives in light of the hope of Jesus coming again for his people.
2. Pray that we would, now, prepare ourselves to see the Lord because we don't know when he will come.
3. Pray that we would experience God's calming peace, whether during the trials of the day or the dark, stillness of the night.

Holy Spirit, thank you for being our helper, our guide, and the guarantee of our inheritance in Christ. Heavenly Father, the promises of your future grace are rich and great; thank you! Prepare us for the coming of your Son so that we would be ready. Keep us tightly knit together with your body, the church. Keep your Word within us. Remind us to pray constantly, without ceasing, for the joy that is set before us. Renew our hearts in your grace as we look forward to eternity with you. Come Lord Jesus!