

# **Daily Prayer Guide**



- Have you ever wondered how to pray without ceasing? (I Thess. 5:17)
- Is it a struggle to know how to pray for the church, your family, or the world?
- Did you know that the Bible is full of ideas for prayer?
   J.D. Grear says: "The Bible is our prayer book, so read through it and lay hold of the promises of God!"

### Join us this spring as we pray Scripture together!

- Read the daily Bible verse(s).
- Pray the prayers inspired by God's Word.
- Wait for and listen to the Lord.
- Repeat weekly and trust God to answer according to His will.

### Sunday

#### Pray that we can Reach Out with the Gospel.

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14)

- Thank God that He has brought us into His kingdom.
- Praise Him for rescuing us from darkness.
- Give us a passion to boldly share the Good News that our sins are paid for (redemption) and forgiven by Jesus, God's Son.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

• Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us to be witnesses for Jesus here in Wyoming, in Michigan, and to the ends of the earth.

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21-22)

- Thank God for the peace we have in Christ.
- Ask the Father for courage to boldly reach out with the Gospel, wherever He may send us.
- Praise God for the Holy Spirit.

## **Monday**

### Pray that God will use us to Renew our Community.

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil ... and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:19-22)

- Pray that we will be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
- Pray that God's righteousness will be demonstrated in our lives.
- Pray that God will rid us of moral filth and evil.
- Pray that we will humbly accept God's Word.
- Forgive us when we listen to the Word, but don't do what it says.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (Romans 12:12-13)

- Pray that we will be joyful in hope; patient in affliction; faithful in prayer.
- Teach us to share with His people in need.
- Pray that we will practice hospitality.

### Tuesday

### Pray that we will Grow Closer to Jesus Christ.

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed..." (Acts 17:11-12a)

- Pray that we will receive God's Word with great eagerness and examine the Scriptures daily.
- Pray that God's Word will be active and that His Holy Spirit will be working to bring more people to believe in Jesus.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (II Peter 3:18)

- Pray that we will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.
- Pray that all the glory will go to the Lord.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6-7)

- Pray that we will be rooted and built up in Him.
- Pray that our faith will be strengthened by God's Word.
- Give us hearts overflowing with thankfulness.

## Wednesday

#### Pray that we will be faithful and diligent in prayer.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

- Teach us to rejoice in the Lord.
- Help us to pray continually-when we wake up; when we care for our family and friends; when we work; when we play; when we lie down at night.
- Teach us to give thanks in all circumstances.
- Help us to follow God's will in Christ Jesus.

"Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." (Psalm 68:19)

- Thank you to the Lord, our God and Savior, for daily bearing our burdens.
- Teach us to bring to You our daily burdens.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

• Help us as a congregation to be devoted to the Bible, to fellowship with your people, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

### **Thursday**

#### Pray for church leaders.

"My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words.

Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;

for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.

Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.

Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:20-27)

- Pray that our leaders will keep God's Word in their hearts.
- Pray that God's Word will be their life and health.
- Pray that they will guard their hearts from temptation.
- Pray that they will keep their mouths free of perversity and that corrupt talk will be far from their lips.
- Pray that their eyes will be fixed on the Lord.
- Pray that they will be steadfast in all their ways.
- Pray that they will not turn to the right or the left and that God will keep their feet from evil.

# **Friday**

### Pray for the church universal.

"... always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:18c)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

- Pray for Classis Grandville and the Christian Reformed denomination.
- May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, as we are members of one body. Teach
  us thankfulness.

"You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word." (Psalm 119:114)

- Pray for other denominations and the worldwide church. Praise God for being a refuge for His people.
- May God's people put their hope in His Word.

"...for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." (Proverbs 2:8)

• Pray for the persecuted church, that God will guard their course and protect their way.

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord..." (Acts 3:19)

• Pray that the persecutors of God's church will repent and turn to God.

### Saturday

### Pray for God's leading.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2)

- Pray that we will not conform to the pattern of this world, but will be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
- Pray that we will be able to test and approve what God's will is. Thank God for His pleasing and perfect will.

"...We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." (2 Chronicles 20:12c)

 Pray that we will keep our eyes on the Lord and trust that He will guide us in all our ways.

"We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you." (Psalm 33:20-22)

- Pray that we will wait in hope for the Lord, our help and our shield.
- Pray that we will rejoice and trust in His holy name.
- Pray that all our hope will be in the Lord.