



PRAYER GUIDE: May 2017

Beholding Your Power and Glory

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You;
my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.
Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise You.
So I will bless You as long as I live;
in Your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips,
when I remember You upon my bed,
and meditate on You in the watches of the night;
for You have been my help,
and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
My soul clings to You;
Your right hand upholds me.
But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by Him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

– Psalm 63 ESV

AS YOU PRAY

Pray for yourself

that God would transform you into His Son's likeness and bless you so that you might serve Him.

Pray for your family

that God would transform your family in ways that bring Him glory and give them protection.

Pray for your church

that the Holy Spirit's presence would be evident and God's love might abound to all.

Pray for your world

that the nations would hear and respond to the Good News and that believers would be one.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for those who are dealing with emotional and spiritual challenges. • Pray for struggling marriages and children in rebellion. • Pray for those who are seeking jobs or facing business setbacks. • Pray for those who are mourning the loss of family members and close friends. • Pray for those who are suffering from chronic pain. • Pray for those who are ill. • Pray for those in harm's way. • Pray for our military.

Each day, pray for the **staff**, *Deacon(s)*, **Elder(s)**, and *mission/ministry* listed.
Pray for a pure heart, a shepherd's heart, a heart that loves and adores Christ.

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Monday, May 1 • Revelation 7:12 • Dr. Mike Ross, Julie Allison, Joe Adams, Dick Givens, Larry Kirkman, *Short-Term Mission Trips*

Pray... for a deeper devotion to Christ; for children to be Spirit-filled; for our homes to be known for Christian hospitality. Pray for Syria.

Tuesday, May 2 • Matthew 26:64 • Mark Davis, Artie Van Sciver, David Britton, Wade Byrum, 18/22 Generation, *Shepherdess Ministry*

Pray...for a growing hunger to pray; for your family to pray for one another; for confidence in Christ; for the Holy Spirit to inhabit our worship whenever we gather. Pray for revival throughout the PCA.

Wednesday, May 3 • Mark 5:30 • Mike Miller, Mindy Thornton, Michael Epifanio, Jim Sutton, Harvey Harrelson, *CDS Board of Trustees*

Pray... for members of our church family connected to public schools – students, parents, and teachers; for the opportunity to share the Gospel and build relationships.

Thursday, May 4 • Mark 9:1 • Drew Gustavson, Darlene Richardson, Michael Hutchinson, Biff Bracy, *Children's Ministry, East Charlotte Plant*

Pray... that loving Christ would be your highest priority; that our commitment to giving will reflect our commitment to serve Christ and our confidence in His promises. Pray for the power of the Spirit in our worship; for more church plants in North America.

Friday, May 5 • Mark 13:25-26 • Bruce Creswell, Brock Nevitt, Fred Kinney, Steve Onxley, Elders Emeriti, *Home School Families*

Pray...that you would trust that God is in control; for those from our congregation whom God calls to full-time Christian service and short-term teams; for God to make Himself known to a needy world, starting with our nation. Pray for Haiti.

Saturday, May 6 • Mark 14:62 • **Susan Shepherd, Lindey Duncklee, Kurt Thompson, Sabbatical Deacons, Jody Billiard, Youth Ministries**

Pray...that you would relinquish deep hurts to God; for the salvation of our children; for our nation to depend on prayer for wisdom; for those in military service in high-risk areas; for those who risk their lives in service to our communities and our nation. Pray for China.

Sunday, May 7 • Luke 4:36 • **Sandy Spitz, Brett Hodge, Kim Tapp, Tom Van Beek, Michael Johnson, Sabbatical Elders, Pastoral Care**

Pray...that you would be approachable and undistracted; for families that are strong; that we would love our children by teaching and caring for them. Pray for South Africa.

Monday, May 8 • Luke 9:1 • **Rick Ely, Stewart Neely, Lisa Burkhart, Mark Lomas, Bob Goudzwaard, Outreach & Missions, Men's Ministry**

Pray...that God will draw close to our families and our community this year as we love like Christ. Pray that we will learn more about Him and be hungry to grow in faith and in love for our neighbors.

Tuesday, May 9 • Luke 21:27 • **Michelle Robinson, Kelsey Cawthorn, Dale Yurkovich, Larry Crouch, Joe Spencer, Dr. Ross' Media Ministry**

Pray...for a clear understanding of God's love for His children; for adult children who have taken on the care of parents; for gentleness with one another; for patience and love given by God.

Wednesday, May 10 • Revelation 5:12 • **John Haines, Liz McNulty, Tracy Blackmon, Jason Shannon, Hospital Visitations**

Pray... that you would bow to God's sovereign control; for a new generation of believers; for the power of the Spirit in our worship; for more international church plants. Pray for our nation.

Thursday, May 11 • Acts 1:8 • **Jennifer Dean, Marilyn Frucella, Danny Church, Jeff Clayton, Women's Bible Studies, RTS Charlotte**

Pray... for our volunteers; for parents who need wisdom and patience with rebellious children; for boldness for missionaries working in hostile areas; for God's favor to be evident on our campus.

Friday, May 12 • Acts 4:33 • **Roberta Hill, Karen Chambers, Ryan Fuderer, Brent Andersen, Young Professionals Ministry**

Pray...for personal brokenness that leads to revival; for grace to die to self; for emotional health for all children; for children touched by our ministries to them. Pray for North Korea.

Saturday, May 13 • Acts 10:38 • **Mark Helmer, Ray Zaffarese, Patrick Keaton, Scott Young, Christian Education Dept.**

Pray...to be open and teachable; for brothers and sisters to demonstrate love toward one another; for Christians in restricted areas; for generous giving for our missionaries; for those who are homeless and without hope; for our U.S. leaders.

Sunday, May 14 • Romans 1:4 • **Andrew Holbrook, Mike Booker, Jerry Lindsey, Chris Williams, Caleb Ministries**

Pray... for the ministry of new believers; for our children to share Christ's love with their friends; for revival across every part of America, including our own city. Praise God for His goodness to our church and our families.

Monday, May 15 • Romans 1:20 • **Ed Adelman, Peggy Wekall, Josh Skipper, Jim Stoudenmier, American Heritage Girls**

Pray...that you would see what God is doing in your life; for times of joy and rest together as a family; for our nation's leaders; for wisdom in seeing God's priorities. Pray for women leaders.

Tuesday, May 16 • Romans 15:13 • **Kim Westbrook, Peter Eck, Don Harding, Garry Rice, Adult SBS, Covenant Day School**

Pray...for fresh faith; for the lonely to know that they are not alone; for devotion to prayer by all of God's children; that Christ's love would touch someone because of you; for young marriages.

Wednesday, May 17 • 1 Corinthians 1:17-18 • **Becky Valkenburg, David Lapp, Jason Poston, Roger Paules, Women's Ministries**

Pray...that joy would flood you because of Christ; that your family would know your love; for the Gospel to be proclaimed through everything we do; for God to guide our government officials.

Thursday, May 18 • 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 • **Esther Mfonyam, Worship Staff, Neil Westbrook, Jay Lynch, Senior Adults Ministry**

Pray...that you would learn to listen; for gentleness with wounded and tender hearts; for wisdom in leaders; for true faith to rule in our hearts, families, church, and nation. Pray for faithful leaders.

Friday, May 19 • 2 Corinthians 4:7 • **Bernie Lawrence, Cyndi Allen, Ken Bodwell, Jack Sielaff, Set Free Ministry, Prison Ministry**

Pray...that Christ's love would influence every word; that you would encourage your family; for a zeal to share the Gospel on your street; for those in prisons and those who minister there. Pray for Sudan.

Saturday, May 20 • 2 Corinthians 10:4 • **Jan Adams, Kelly Keesling, Ken Compton, Curt Johnson, Men's Bible Studies**

Pray...for love for your enemies; for our children's emotional, physical and spiritual safety; for God-pleasing worship; for fuller trust in God's miraculous providence; for parents to love their children well. Pray for the lonely.

Sunday, May 21 • 2 Corinthians 12:9 • **Kristina King, David Henry, Douglas Graham, Russ Eppley, Campus Outreach**

Pray...that you would not try to hide from God; that Christ would enrich family relationships; for families to trust one another fully; for God's power to overtake our leaders. Pray for our nation to turn to Christ. Pray for Iran.

Monday, May 22 • Ephesians 1:19-21 • **Steffen Mueller, Andy Jones, Deacons Emeriti, Ross Wilson, Student Families Ministry**

Pray...that you will believe all of God's promises; that your family will trust in God alone; that our church would be a testimony to God's provision; that we would continue to reach out to our city.

Tuesday, May 23 • Philippians: 3:10 • **Rudy Barlow, Esther Feather, Chris Baker, Ed Kroger, Rob Veerman, Welcome Ministry**

Pray...that your faith would flourish; for families to make worship a priority; for confidence in God's provision for the work He calls us to and His care for His children day by day. Pray for government leaders who will stand for biblical principles.

Wednesday, May 24 • Philippians 5:21 • **Andy Schuster, Jason Klohr, Nye Allen, Mark Palardy, David Krausse, Our Church Plants**

Pray...for our ministry to young adults and their leaders; for our families to be strong; for a unity in purpose and an openness to ministry to all those God puts on our hearts; for our nation to turn to God and honor Him.

Thursday, May 25 • Colossians 1:11 • Joel Uecker, Steven Estrada, Greg Mason, James Ormond, Marriage Ministries

Pray...that God would use you for His glory; for strength to do all He asks; for a heart for the lost; for kindness to all for the faith to believe and attempt the impossible; for those who mourn; wisdom for leaders. Pray for South Asia.

Friday, May 26 • Colossians 2:12 • Will Parman, Gatha Schleicher, John Johnston, Ken Dabbs, Pastoral Interns, Grief Ministry

Pray...that you would cling to Jesus today; for deeper love within your family; for community to flourish; for more committed small group leaders. Pray for God's intervention to restore and promote peace in our city.

Saturday, May 27 • 2 Thessalonians 1:11 • Rose Hiscott, Missy Evans, Lee Brady, Chad Slack, Gary Corwin, Our Presbytery Churches

Pray...that you would be generous with your time; that Christ will be lifted up in every time of worship and in every congregation in our nation; for small groups. Pray for all those in military action zones.

Sunday, May 28 • 2 Timothy 1:7-8 • Dave Baxter, Mary Jo Culver, Operations Staff, Adam Long, Granville Broome, Trail Life

Pray...that you would worship every day; for those who are grieving this month; for revival, personal and congregational; for our toddlers; for our community Elders. Pray for our continuing care for others. Pray for those without jobs.

Monday, May 29 • Hebrews 1:3 • Brian Peterson, Patti McMillan, Rudy Doejaaren, Timothy Roberts, Kendal Ministry

Pray...that we would love our neighbors; for kindness toward the needy; for God's hand on the life of our congregation; for believers in Muslim countries.

Tuesday, May 30 • Revelation 11:17 • Teresa Caldwell, Amy Wallace, Keith Hudson, Fritz Menchinger, Ray Gillis, Gospel Church – Munich

Pray... for our small groups to grow spiritually and deepen in care for each member; for our nation to know God. Pray for honest leaders. Pray for Kenya and the spread of Christianity there.

Wednesday, May 31 • Revelation 19:1 • Jill Joyner, Patty Parman, Carey Clarke, Brendan Kelly, Jim Rea, Mercy Ministries

Pray... for hearts that are filled with love and gratitude; for Spirit-led prayer and communion. Pray for a new generation of believers; for lasting impact of short-term missions.

PRAY FOR OUR U.S. MISSIONARIES & OUR RETIRED MISSIONARIES

- May 7** Gary & Dotsie Corwin (SIM USA)
Bruce & Mary Johnson (SIM USA)
- May 14** David & Estelle Abernathy (JAARS, Waxhaw)
- May 21** Jerry & Lynn Jones (OneHundredFold)
- May 28** Dot Driver, Retired (JAARS)
Jan King, Retired (Wycliffe Bible Translators)
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Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little and they always fail. All giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence to be with them.

Since the days of Pentecost, has the whole church ever put aside every other work and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit's power might be manifested? We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources, and too little to the source of power. – Hudson Taylor

PERSONAL PRAYER NOTES

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