

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

January 18-23, 2020

DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

Pray that God would provide opportunities for the Gospel to penetrate unreached people groups and also Gospel-aware, but disinterested people in our city.

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ. — Col. 4:3

MONDAY: Barry & Carolyn:

- Pray for our oldest daughter Anna in Louisville. She is looking for new place to live, in nursing school, working a stressful job, and all of it is causing health issues. Pray God would draw her close to Him as a result of all her trials. Pray that she would have peace and listen to wise counsel.
- Pray for our daughter, Abby. She, too, is in transition. She is moving from Franklin to southern Indiana to live with Barry's brother and family. She will be working and preparing for college in the fall. Pray she can find Christian friends and a Christ-centered church.
- Pray for doors to open up here in the Caucasus Region during this continued lockdown due to Covid. We are looking at some opportunities to reach out to Iranian people online.
- Pray for our family here. Pray that our children will not be fearful due to the events back in the states.
- Pray that we will remain faithful to God's calling and for wisdom as we build relationships here.

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Pray for the counselors at the Center for Biblical Counseling. Pray they would trust in God and rely on Him to provide them with wisdom to speak to the people that they counsel instead of relying on their own words and understanding. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." **Proverbs 3:5**

Pray for the hearts of clients and their families in the Center for Pregnancy to be open to the gospel, "that they may turn from the darkness to light and from the power of satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" **Acts 26:17b-18**

WEDNESDAY: Continued Revival in Living Hope

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Pray: Father, You have commanded in Your Word that we must not grieve the Holy Spirit. Yet, I confess that we have grieved Your Holy Spirit. He is grieved because of our sin and unwillingness to deal with that sin. I plead that You would grant revival so that we would deal with our sin as never before in our relationship to You. Do this so that Your Holy Spirit will no longer be grieved. Do this so that Your Holy Spirit will be pleased to release His power into our midst.

THURSDAY: A need in our city, nation, or world

Pray for peace, justice, and liberty in our nation.

- Pray for those who are responsible to lead the nation to lead with integrity and honor.
- Pray for justice to be served and for there to be trust and credibility restored in government systems at every level and in every branch of government.
- Pray for there to be a restored trust in news outlets through a restoration of their honesty and integrity and for purposefully or foolishly false sources of information to be removed and discounted.
- Pray for the USA to remain a nation built on laws that establish freedoms that promote personal responsibility. Pray for God to make us a nation of capable people who happily serve one another and other nations.
- Pray for the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of the country. There is so much sickness from COVID and other issues, anger, and mistrust.

FRIDAY: Pray Living Hope (LH) will impact our homes, our neighbors, and every generation with the hope of Jesus.

Bless men and women of the church to get into groups of 3-4 to care for each other.

- Pray that the men's and women's events on January 28 and 29 will inspire and encourage us to be faithful in our walk with Christ.
- Pray for LH members to look beyond their comfort to their needs and the needs of others for spiritual friendships and accountability.
- Pray for LH to be a place of heartfelt faith. Use us to make disciples who impact our homes, our neighbors, and every generation with the hope of Jesus.
- Pray that LH will live as a family of faith with each member engaged in strong, edifying friendships.

SATURDAY: Pray for our worship gatherings

Current series is: **Thriving, During Difficult Days**

Title: Thriving During Difficult Days Requires Prayer | Text: Nehemiah 1:5-11

Main Thrust: Prayer is a lifeline to a disciple of Jesus. Nehemiah's prayer begins like Daniel's (9:4) and gives us a model for how to thrive with prayer during difficult days.

- Challenge people to pray to the God of the Bible. To speak with Him is to come confidently humble in content obedience with hope in His power (v.5)
- Encourage people to deal with the sin issue in their heart (v.6-7) before talking with God about the life issue in their circumstance. *Make this a point of conversation with your Fight Club or Flourishing Group.*
- Teach people how to pray God's Word as Nehemiah did (v.8-9),
- Help people to pray specifically (v.10) in light of their position and placement in life.

Next Week's Text: Nehemiah 2:1-8