

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

January 12-17

Monthly Memorization

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

O God, revive Your church so that we may exercise a righteous influence in the world. Cause Your presence and power to be displayed in this church so that believers and unbelievers will be in awe of You. Do this, O God, for the sake of Your Son, who bought and established the church with His own blood!

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. Acts 20:28

MONDAY: Global Impact - Barry and Carolyn Corder serving in The Republic of Georgia

- Pray for an opportunity to serve as an interim pastor at an international Baptist church here. Please pray for God's leading with our deciding about this opportunity.
- Pray for another opportunity to speak regularly to a group of university students from India each Sunday night. Again, please pray for God's clear leading as to whether to take on this responsibility.
- Continue to pray that more Iranians would join our new group we are trying to start. As of now we have 6 consistently coming.
- Pray for our Iranian friends, Ebi and Mozhi, they have a court hearing on the 22nd of this month to decide if they can stay in Georgia.
- Pray for the LHBC team coming in January.
- Pray for our Iranian friend, Diako. He received a visa to Canada. Hopefully soon he will move there from Iran and be reunited with his Ukrainian wife.
- We were able to share the gospel with about 15 Georgians in a village near the Turkish border.
- I will be traveling back to Batumi to teach in mid-January. Pray for more opportunities to share with the man at the mosque there.

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Pray for those who come into The Centers for Hope who are grieving, hurting from life circumstances, and entangled in sin. Pray they will be free from the troubles of their hearts, the anguish that afflicts them, and the loneliness that encompasses them. *"Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish."* **Psalms 25:16-17**
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WEDNESDAY: 10:2 Focus

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. Luke 10:2

Pray for God to bless Living Hope as we begin the first series of LH50 – *The Heart of Living Hope Saves!*

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

Ask God to bless WKU students as they make their way back for the second semester of school.

- Pray for them to return with hope and renewed focus.
- Pray for them to return with a recommitment to their calling.
- Pray for them to engage in the life of the church.
- Pray for them and their families to adjust to them being back in school.

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

Continue to ask God to bless LH50, the yearlong celebration of *The Heart of Living Hope – The Gospel* and remember 50 Years of God's Faithfulness to Living Hope.

- Pray that many will hear the Good News and be saved.
- Pray that many will hear the Good News and be restored to a faithful walk with Christ.
- Pray that many will be renewed in their commitment to Christ and the church.
- Pray that the church will be strengthened through each season of the year.

SATURDAY: Pray as we continue our first series of the year: The Heart of Living Hope Saves!

Title: The Dutiful and Cold-hearted | Text: Luke 15:25-30

Main Thrust: We are often tempted to think too highly of ourselves and too little of God. Like the older brother in Jesus' parable, the dutiful, cold-hearted rule keeper can begin to believe that God owes a reward for outward obedience done for personal gain. But the Father lovingly invites us out of the cold and into the warmth of His house where *The Heart of Living Hope* offers new life filled with hope, joy, and peace.

- **Challenge people** to recognize that all we have that is good in our life is by grace. We deserved death, but through common grace God gives life and opportunity, and through saving grace He gives Himself and eternal life.
- **Encourage people** to identify where pride, entitlement, or cold-heartedness may be growing so they can flee to the Father and be renewed by the Heart of Living Hope.
- **Teach people** how to overcome the temptation that causes us to think that God owes us something. We have earned judgment, but through the Gospel, we get grace.
- **Help people** see that when we serve God for our glory rather than the Father's, we become dutiful, cold-hearted rule keepers who serve to get from God rather than give to God. True obedience flows from love, not leverage.

Next Week's Text: Luke 15:25-30