

A Guideline for Prayer in Northern California for 2020

Our Burden

Our burden of prayer is not for any prayer movement, outward activity, or religious obligation, but a call to join all the saints in the Lord's recovery in cooperating with Christ's heavenly ministry with the prayer ministry of the church. May this period of time usher us into the life of prayer of the Lord Jesus and cause us to be men of prayer as the corporate God-man to consummate this age by our kingdom prayer. May we establish a personal habit and cultivate a prevailing atmosphere of prayer in the church life that "His kingdom come; His will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth" (Matt. 6:10).

Our Attitude and Prayer

- May the Spirit of grace and supplication be poured out upon us (Zech. 12:10)
- May the Lord fill us with an unquenchable burden for prayer
- May we linger at the incense altar to minister to Him (Acts 13:1-2a)
- May His victorious blood protect us and His cross operate to subdue our flesh
- May the prevailing prayers of the saints ascend to the heavens with the resurrected and ascended Christ as incense (Rev. 8:3)

Practical Fellowship

- Personal Consecration: Before we try to persevere in prayer, we should first make a vow to the Lord concerning our prayer life:
 1. Pray to Him in a definite way and say, "Lord, I mean business with You about this matter of prayer. I call heaven and earth to witness that from this time forth I will have a life of prayer. I will not be a prayerless person. Rather, I will be a praying person."
 2. If you do not have such a prayer to the Lord, you will not be able to persevere in prayer; we need to say to Him, "Lord, I am desperate about this. I offer myself to You so that I may have a prayer life. Lord, keep me in the spirit of prayer. If I forget this or neglect this, I know that You will not forget it. Remind me again and again about prayer."
 3. This kind of prayer may be regarded as a vow made to the Lord; we all need to make a vow to Him concerning our prayer life; we should tell the Lord, "Lord, I know that if I forget this vow, You will not forget it. From the very beginning, Lord, I want to clearly hand the responsibility over to You. Lord, don't let me go. Remind me to pray." (2012 Thanksgiving Conference, msg. 4, outline I. D)
- Definite Daily Prayer Time: at least 10-15 minutes each session
- Companion Prayer: twos and threes, husband and wife, family
- Church's Prayer Meeting: attend and pray at the prayer meeting
- Group Prayer: add 10-15 minutes of prayer for the group meeting: sisters' meeting, brothers' meeting, campus meeting

Suggested Areas of Prayer for the Week

Monday—Northern California

- Shepherding of the saints of all ages and those in need (John 21:16-17)
- Perfecting of the organic function of the saints (Eph. 4:11-16)
- The practice of the God-ordained way in the church life through the twos and threes, and the living, cherishing, and nourishing gatherings in the homes (Acts 2:46; Heb.10:25)
- The building up and strengthening of Godly families, Godly marriages, and Godly parents
- Blending and strengthening of the saints and churches in Northern California (Acts 9:31)
- Northern California Christian Conference Center (NCCCC) finance and usage (2 Cor. 8:1-14; Acts 28:30-31) for the blending of the churches and perfecting of the saints
- All the saints to be renewed in their heart toward mankind, to be laboring priests of the gospel, to personally, directly, regularly, and faithfully visit and contact people for their spiritual welfare, to bear remaining fruit, and to shepherd the Lord's sheep for the increase of the recovery and the building up of the Body (Rom 15:16; John 15:16; 21:15-17)
- Strengthen and supply the campus teams with more full-time workers and gain more increase from the campuses in Northern California

Tuesday—Lord's Move in USA

- GTCA (sign up for updates at gtca.us)
 1. Migration to and strengthening of the 10 target cities: (Rom. 16:3; 1 Cor. 16:19)
 - a) **Midwest:** Cincinnati, OH; Lexington, KY; Minneapolis, MN; St Louis, MO;
 - b) **Southeast:** Charlotte, NC; Columbia, SC; Memphis, TN; Orlando, FL
 - c) **Mid-Atlantic:** Pittsburgh, PA; Richmond, VA
- The people who are predestinated by God: (1) sinners to be saved and seeking believers to come to the full knowledge of the truth, (2) proper and useful ones to be gained for the Lord's recovery, and (3) a demographically proportionate number of local people to be added to the churches (1 Tim. 2:4; Acts 16:1; 1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10; 1 Thes. 1:8-9)
- The preservation of the society from moral degradation and corruption, especially in the United States, which is still the strategic and leading nation for God's move in His recovery on the earth today (1 Tim. 2:1-4)
- The hand of God to be upon the leaders in the highest levels of government to guide this country in the fear of God, in reverence for God's Word, and in respect for His principles, so that the church life can go on in peace

Wednesday—Lord's Move in Other Continents

- Lord's Move in Asia (lmasia.org)
 1. When people in the world are panicking and human agencies are unable to solve the problem, we need to stand in the breach (Psa. 106:23) to pray to the sovereign Lord of all "on behalf of kings and all who are in high position" and "on behalf of all men (1 Tim. 2:4)
 2. We need to take up the corporate priesthood to stop the pestilence by prayer (Num. 16:44-48)
 3. Pray particularly for the saints in China and around the globe that they will seize this opportunity to preach the gospel to their friends and relatives, realizing the white horse must run ahead of all the diseases and deaths, and will conquer and conquer (Rev. 6:2).

Thursday—Kingdom Prayers to Bind and Loose

- The forces of religious opposition to the Lord's recovery to be bound, the names of Watchman Nee, Witness Lee, and the local churches to be cleared from false accusations and blame, and the number of friends of the recovery among Christian leaders to grow (Acts 4:31; 9:29; 19:8)
- The services of and the serving saints at Living Stream Ministry, Defense and Confirmation Project, Bibles for America, Bibles for Canada, and Rhema Literature Distributors (Phil. 1:5-7)
- The binding of the power of darkness that is behind all kinds of opposition from all religions, all human organizations, and all worldly powers for the casting down of Satan and the ushering in of the kingdom of God (binding the power of darkness) (Matt. 18:18-19; Eph. 6:12)

Friday—The Ministry of the Word

- Blending coworkers: their health, families, services, and travels (Phil. 1:19; 4:18)
- Seven feasts: the release of the Lord's present speaking to the churches (Eph. 6:19-20; Rev. 1:2, 2:7)
- Propagation of the ministry of brother Watchman Nee and Witness Lee through various mediums to gain the seeking people to perfect the believers for the growth in life unto maturity to produce the one new man and to prepare the bride of Christ (Josh. 1:9; Col. 4:2-3; Rev. 3:7-8)

Saturday—The Raising Up of the Next Generation

- Gaining of proper and useful persons in the college campuses
- All ages of saints in the churches to function according to their capacity, especially in the raising up of the next generation—the children, young people, and college-age saints—for the Lord's testimony according to His economy (1 John 2:12-16)
- The growing ranks of young working saints (ages 20-40) in the churches, both the job-dropping and the job-keeping saints, including the graduates of the full-time training, to be strong in the spirit to overcome in order to live Christ for the church and to be normal functioning members in the service of the Body to bear the primary burden in the practical church life (Gen. 28:18, 22, 1 Kings 7, 2 Chron. 3:15-17, Rev. 3:12)
- The full-time training (FTTA, FTTA-XB, FTTAMx, FTTA-MA), including the trainees, the trainers, and the serving ones (2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Tim. 4:6, 1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10)
- The establishing and preservation of strong and spiritual marriages and healthy and sanctified families as solid foundational units for the building up of the local churches (Acts 2:46; Rom. 16:3; 1 Cor. 16:19)
- The raising up of the next generation of saints to overcome sin, the world, the flesh, and the self and to be constituted with the divine life and the divine truth, so that the move of God may continue on the earth for the accomplishment of His divine economy

Lord's Day—The New Revival

- The aspiration, realization and intensification of the new revival among all the saints in His recovery through the pursuit of the high peak truths, the practice of the God-man living and the universal shepherding of all the believers (Hab. 3:2)
- The vitalization of all the churches in the Lord's recovery through the exercise and practice of all aspects of the God-ordained way to become a living testimony of Jesus in all the localities to overcome any oldness and lukewarmness, and for an anti-testimony to the degradation around us

Helpful Check List

- **Personal Consecration/ Vow for a Prayer Life:**

Name: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

- **Definite Daily Prayer Time: 10-15 minutes each session**

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- **Companion Prayer: twos and threes, husband and wife, family**

Companion Names: _____

Days of Week: _____ Time: _____

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- **Church's Prayer Meeting**

Week 1 ___ attended ___ prayed

Week 2 ___ attended ___ prayed

Week 3 ___ attended ___ prayed

Week 4 ___ attended ___ prayed

- **Group Prayer: add 10-15 minutes of prayer for the group meeting: sisters' meeting, brothers' meeting, service coordination, campus meeting**

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