



Ten Simple Strategies of Prayer
By Chuck Lawless

I know very few people who don't struggle with prayer. We know we should pray, but doing so consistently and fervently is not easy. Most of our praying is reactionary – that is, in response to a problem – rather than proactive, lifestyle praying.

Sometimes we try to fix this problem by seeking to become a prayer warrior overnight. That approach seldom works, and we get discouraged. A better approach is to build your prayer life one step at a time. Here are some simple strategies for increasing your prayer:

- 1. Establish some prayer "triggers."** Associate prayer with some daily activities, and then develop prayer patterns. For example, you might pray before you turn the ignition on your car. Pray as you cook a meal, clean a room, or walk on the treadmill. Let the "trigger" do what it's intended to do: direct you toward prayer.
- 2. Use the church bulletin or calendar as a prayer guide.** Find the list of scheduled events for the week, and pray for each day's activities. If the young people are meeting on Tuesday night, pray for them. If the praise team practices on Monday, intercede for them on Monday. Let the bulletin or calendar information guide your daily praying.
- 3. Develop a "Focus on the Family" prayer strategy.** Each week, focus on a different family in the church. Find out what prayer needs they have, and pray for them. Your small group might use this strategy to make certain every family receives prayer throughout the year. If so, be sure to pray for inactive families as well – only through prayer might they return.
- 4. Follow the ACTS paradigm.** This strategy was the first one I learned decades ago, and it is still an effective one. Build a prayer list based on Adoration (praising God for who He is), Confession (admitting sin), Thanksgiving (expressing gratitude) and Supplication (praying for others). The intentionality of this strategy will help you stay focused during prayer.
- 5. Use a "Focused ACTS" strategy for one week.** Use ACTS on Monday, but then focus daily on only one component during the rest of the week. On Tuesday, adore God throughout the day. On Wednesday, ask God to bring to light all of your sin so you might confess it. Thursday is for thanksgiving, and Friday is for praying for others.
- 6. Do "drive by" praying.** Use your time in the car to pray. Watch for church buildings, and pray for the pastors of those congregations. Intercede for children and teachers as you drive past a school. If you pass a "For Sale" sign in your neighborhood, pray for that family. Pray for your coworkers as you park each morning.
- 7. Set some "prayer power points."** A prayer power point is a set time each day when you stop to pray. I find it best to set the alarm on my watch, and that reminder calls me away from my desk to pray. Just a few minutes set aside for prayer help me to re-focus for the rest of the day.
- 8. Pray the "Model Prayer" of Matthew 6:9-13 daily.** I would not want this strategy to become routine and repetitious, but Jesus taught us to pray this prayer. Start each day with this prayer. Pause long enough to meditate on each phrase. Let the words become a genuine conversation with God.
- 9. Pray as you read the news.** Whether you read the newspaper or read online, use the news to direct your praying. Intercede for countries in war. Pray for families affected by crime or natural disasters. Ask God to guide government leaders. Pray for missionaries in each country in the news.
- 10. Send an email prayer to someone each day.** Take ten minutes, pray for someone else, and send a written prayer to that person. This strategy doesn't take long, and just a few sentences of prayer will encourage somebody unexpectedly.

Remember, you won't become a prayer warrior overnight . . . but start somewhere. Becoming a furnace of prayer begins with just a spark.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

Morning Worship Service

581 We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

Welcome & Prayer

206 Blessed Be the Name

Lord, You Know My Heart - Choir

10,000 Reasons & All My Hope

DR. ROBERT ROBERTS - Interim Pastor

273 Freely, Freely

Evening Worship Service

522 When the Morning Comes

Welcome & Prayer

29 How Majestic Is Your Name

483 Footsteps of Jesus

Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

550 I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

DR. ROBERT ROBERTS - Interim Pastor

315 Room at the Cross

PASSION Conference 2019
12th grade-age 25

If you're interested in attending the conference please see Missy or Corey Zeigler or Kendall Robertson.



We need
CANDY!

Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy by Sunday, Oct 21st



A COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL Presented By The Hardee County Ministerial Association

FALL FESTIVAL Oct 27 4-7pm
Rain Date Nov 3



FBC County-wide Brotherhood

October 9, 2017
6:00 PM
First Baptist Church Wauchula Fellowship Hall

Food and drinks provided.

Bring your sons!!

MISSION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28TH

11:00am Mitch Marsh
5:00pm Supper
6:00pm OCC Packing Party

Church Family



THANK YOU

I am touched beyond words at your show of love for me last Sunday. It has been an honor teaching all these years.

Love, Pauline

Happy Anniversary!

October 12th

Mixon & Courtney Trammell



Happy Birthday!

October 8
Steve Smith

October 9
Susan Robertson

October 13
Corey Crider

Wednesday Services.

Adult Bible Study.....	14
Students.....	9
GA/RA (elementary).....	16
Mission Friends (pre-s).....	6
Nursery.....	4
Women's Study.....	10
Leaders.....	16
Total.....	75

Giving Record

Budget Needs/Week	\$7,923.04
Tithes & Offering.....	\$6,173.00
Difference.....	\$1,750.04
Designated.....	\$833.00

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Weekly Worship Guide

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Operation Christmas Child silent AUCTION & DINNER October 7th	8 7pm Deacon's Meeting		10	11 Meal Delivery: Shirley Knight & Mary Bower	12	13
14 Candy is due NEXT SUNDAY 	15 6pm Stewardship Meeting	16	17 Business Meeting 6:30p	18 Meal Delivery: Sue Mannery	19	20 GET CANDY
21	22	23	24	25 Meal Delivery: Susan Dick	26	A COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL
MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 TH 11:00am Mitch Marsh 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm OCC Packing Party	29	30	31	1 Meal Delivery: MaryAnn Wilson	2	
	5 7pm Deacon's Meeting	6 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	7	8 Meal Delivery: Alma Durrance	9	10

COUNTING COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 2018
 Talmadge Albritton, Sheena Benbow, Alecia Hughes

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open

9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary

Kids' Church K-5

6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study

6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)

G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.

Women's Bible Study

Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK

Bud Wilson
 Johnny Trammell
 Jonathan Benbow
 Bobby Calves

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Oct 7-13
 Kord Robertson 781-5383

Oct 14-20
 Johnny Trammell 781-0444



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

We're so glad you're here!

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

October 28th

Supper @ 5:00

Packing @ 6:00

OCC Fill-a-Bottle Fundraiser

GRAB A BOTTLE (from the foyer)

FILL IT UP (with quarters)

BRING IT BACK (to church)

DROP IT (in the offering plate)

(Don't worry, the ushers have been weight training.)

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Sunday morning worship service and Wednesday night

Please see Julie or Missy to sign up.

VOLUNTEER

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Wednesday Night Supper Crew needs volunteers. See Donna Klein or Michelle Graham