

Welcome to Atascadero First Assembly of God 24-7 Intercessory Prayer

In watchful waiting for the return of our beloved Christ, this is your God-ordained moment in time to make an eternal difference in the life of your local body of Christ – for the presence of God to be continually before us; for the Holy Spirit’s power to manifest through us every fruit and every gift; for the wisdom and success in the decisions of our church’s leadership; for the tremendous needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ to be met; for the souls dwelling in the communities of San Luis Obispo’s North County; for the government of our nation; for our missionaries around the globe; for the suffering church. How are you going to make a difference? **Through PRAYER.** We’ve all learned about it, thought about prayer, talked about it. NOW is (always) the time to make it a priority through this church-community effort!

Your spiritual leadership at Atascadero First Assembly is grateful and encouraged that you are answering a call to join in **“24-7 Intercessory Prayer.”** You will be committing to pray sometime within a selected **one-hour period EACH week; to be alone with our God on behalf of your local church, fully devoted to Him by the guidance of the Holy Spirit with attentive listening, in the Word, and with your voice of intercession, thanksgiving, and praise.**

For example, someone will select to pray every Thursday evening sometime during 8-9 p.m.; someone else will choose every Monday morning from 4-5 a.m.; another will be praying every Friday afternoon sometime between 2-3 p.m., and so forth. Our goal is ultimately for every hour to be immersed in intercessory prayer, worship, thanksgiving, the Word and devotional listening, by one of our saints in a secret place as a representative before God on behalf of our church. Signups through the church office are welcome. It is not a problem if more than one person occupies a particular hour. Whatever works for you will benefit us all.

Your prayer time will occur in a place of your choosing. You are not expected to be physically at the church.

Your Bible will always be the foundation of your prayer life. However, a variety of prayer guides on various topics will be available on the church website at www.atascaderofirst.com under the “adult ministries” and “prayer” tabs. Topics include praying for those in authority, revival, our local church body, salvation of the lost & lost ones to return, sanctification of families, strong & loving marriages, the next generation, wellness, financial health, our military, persecuted Christians worldwide (monthly Open Doors bulletin), our sponsored missionaries, etc.

You are also encouraged to keep a journal or write down anything you believe the Holy Spirit is revealing to you during prayer and ask the Lord if this is something to share with pastoral staff or an elder.

This ministry is not intended to replace prayer in response to requests received by the pastors or office staff throughout the week. These requests will continue to be received and provided to the pastors and elders, as well as confidential prayer partners of the HEAP Ministry (His Extended Alter Prayer).

Thank you for partnering in unrelenting prayer before our God. We encourage you to meditate on the Scriptures on the “Scriptural Meditations” page and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart about the value of tenacious, prayerful watching. God bless you in your prayerful endeavors!