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A 30 DAY PRAYER JOURNEY

First Baptist Church Family,

I'm inviting you to join me on a journey... not necessarily the type of journey you are thinking of, we aren't traveling anywhere, but a journey nonetheless that has the power to transform your life and the ministry of our church! As part of this Pray 30 journey, we will be providing a daily scripture thought as well as prayer guide. These are specific topics for both you as a child of God and for our church to pray through and for. We would ask that you pray for the things listed on the prayer sheet each day.

God's power is always preceded by people who pray. We are asking God to allow our church to become a praying church and for Him to unleash His Holy Spirit power on our church. The journey is just beginning!

Praying Alongside,

Pastor Rich

## **Day 1**

### **Believing God**

Scripture for today: Read Isaiah 43:10

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God that He has chosen us for this prayer journey. Praise God and thank Him that His desire is for us to know Him and believe Him.

Confess: Any unbelief you may have in God's ability to hear and answer our prayers. Confess any gods you may have that shifted your focus off God and spending time with Him in prayer.

Ask: God to help everyone on this prayer journey be consistent the next 30 days of prayer. Pierce hearts to join us and bring to mind those you want me to invite to pray. (Pray through First Baptist Church care and prayer list).

Prayer: Father, we know that without faith it is impossible to please You and when we come to You we must believe. (Hebrews 11:6) Grow us in unity and commitment to believe You God. We believe You are who You say You are. We believe You can do what You say You can do. We ask You to help us in our unbelief. (Matthew 9:24) Reveal any unbelief as we commit ourselves to pray for the next 30 days.

## **Day 2**

### **Applauding God**

Scripture for today: Psalm 47

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for all He has done at First Baptist Church in the past year.

Confess: Our focus on needs more than appreciation of all He is and what He has done.

Ask: God to transform us into a body of believers at First Baptist Church that applauds and focuses on what God is doing in and through His people and community. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

David applauded God, he continually wrote songs of prayer and praise. So go ahead and applaud God. Make a list like David of all the things God has done for us!

Prayer: God, we thank you for blessing us as a church, a community and nation. We are thankful for Your protection and Your unfailing love. You reign, You are seated on Your throne, You are high and lifted up. You God are in control of our nation, of our church and of our lives. We exalt You, we thank You, we love You!

## **Day 3**

### **Unity in Christ**

Scripture for today: Ephesians 4:1-6

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the peace through Christ He gave us to know when we are unified with Him; living in His Spirit and operating His power.

Confess: Where we lack peace. Confess where our hearts may not be unified in Christ and God to reveal what “effort” needs to be made to be unified in His Spirit.

Ask: To unify First Baptist Church through humility, gentleness, patience with one another in love. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

God desires unity, so much He sent Jesus to die for all our sins. In the same way we need the grace God gives us today, let us give grace to others for the sake of unity.

Prayer: God, You have called us in Christ to be unified. We pray all believers at FBC lay down any differences for the sake of peace, unity and knowing it honors and pleases You. Unite First Baptist Church in Christ.

## **Day 4**

### **Devoted to Prayer**

Scripture for today: Romans 15:30; Colossians 4:2-6

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God for sending Pastor Rich to First Baptist Church and for speaking through him. Confess: Any lack of devotion to pray or any conversation lacking in grace towards those God has chosen to lead First Baptist Church.

Ask: God how can you pray for Pastor Rich and his family right now. (Pray for the FBC prayer list)

Like Paul in his letter to the Romans, Pastor Rich knows he needs prayer and is asking First Baptist Church to pray for him. God hears and honors our prayers. How can you make praying for our pastors a habit?

Prayer: Father we pray Pastor Rich's speech and preaching is in demonstration of the Spirit and power. 1 Cor 2:4 Reveal to Pastor Rich the deeper things of You, by Your Spirit. 1 Cor 2:10 We pray that no weapons formed against him will prosper, and every tongue rising against them shall be shown to be in the wrong (Isa 54:17) Father, let the gifts and anointing on Pastor Rich's life come forth. Cor 12:11 Birth the things that You have spoken to Pastor Rich in his heart, Luke 1:45 as he continually gives himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word Acts 6:4.

## **Day 5**

### **What Do You Want?**

Scripture for today: Matthew 20:29-34

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God He is merciful. Shout loud how awesome our God is. Thank God, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

Confess: Our unbelief in God’s supernatural power reigning on the earth and Jesus’ willingness and ability to perform miracles today. Confess not inviting Jesus into your circumstances.

Ask: The same question back to Jesus right now. ‘What do YOU want Jesus?’ Be still and listen for God to answer. Pray for help to be obedient. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Like the blind man we have needs. Jesus knows, but He still asks. Is it your marriage, your finances, one of your children? What are the greatest needs of the ministry you serve at First Baptist Church?

Prayer: Jesus, I lift up my personal requests now... I pray First Baptist Church becomes a church unified in prayer. I pray we are obedient in giving; that our church giving exceeds our needs. God give us all the servants we need to do what you’ve called us to do!

## **Day 6**

### **Grace Made Perfect**

Scripture for today: Read 2 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 17:19-23

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God for His grace, God's unmerited favor, for His power made perfect in our weakness.

Confess: Where you are weak or lack of faith in your situation. Maybe it's trusting God with your tithing, believing God in your marriage, a relationship, or moving forward with God.

Ask: God what is standing in the way of victory in this situation. Is it pride, fear, or unbelief? Is it you? Ask God to move that mountain! (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

We think we have to be "spiritually fit" to pray boldly, but Jesus said, 'faith the size of a mustard seed.' God does his best work when we are the weakest. Jesus closes his lesson for us (vs 22-23) with a glimpse of Jesus in Gethsemane; face to the ground. Jesus arrested, his death and resurrection. Mountain of sin be removed forever! Grace; God's greatest victory for mankind!

Prayer: God, I thank you that You do not require me to be strong and have a faith walk history like the apostle Paul, to do Your best work in me and in our circumstances at FBC. Thank you for Your grace, Thank you for Your favor. My hope, God, is in Your strength and in Your power.



## **Day 7**

### **A Family that Loves**

Scripture for today: Ephesians 3:14-21

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise the God of heaven and earth who loves and His love allows us to call Him Father. Thank God for our First Baptist Church family.

Confess: Any challenges you have right now to receive and give God's unconditional love.

Ask: God to forgive you. Ask God how you can pray for and/or serve in love the people that most challenge you. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

We are members in a very large family! Our Father desires us to operate at First Baptist Church like a close knit family; celebrating our differences and loving unconditionally. Pray Eph 3:14-21 for our FBC family. Write it down in your prayer journal or an index card and pray it regularly. Our very large family journeys to follow Jesus in smaller intimate groups called Community Groups.

Prayer: Father, Jesus formed the first group of 12 and the church family grew. We pray for every FBC member to participate in a Community Group to grow in Truth and love, to serve You, one another and the community, and to share You Jesus and invite them into our FBC family.

## **Day 8**

### **Walking Towards Light**

Scripture for the day: Psalms 56:12-13

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God today that He is Lord and that you are His.

Confess: Any sin in your life.

Ask: God to keep you from sin and guide you in walking in His light. Light and darkness are polar opposites. Today walk towards the Light, our Lord, Jesus Christ. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for the very salvation of my soul. When I ponder on those words I realize the enormity of them. You have saved “a wretch like me...” Thank you, my precious Heavenly Father.

## **Day 9**

### **Blessings**

Scripture for the day: Psalms 57:7-8

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the blessings in your life.

Confess: Any ungratefulness for blessings received.

Ask: For the Lord to focus your eyes on the many blessings he has bestowed upon you. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Even in the midst of turmoil in his life, David found time to thank the Lord and sing His praises. Today, sing praises to the Lord for the blessings in your life, despite any turmoil.

Prayer: Dear Lord, today I am thankful. I look at the story of my life and see provision, protection and blessings all around. Help me not to lose sight of gifts You have given so generously.

## **Day 10**

### **Willing Heart**

Scripture for the day: Matthew 1:20

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for sending Jesus in a miraculous way to save those who believe in Him from their sins.

Confess: The sin in your life

Ask: For your Savior to help you repent and overcome your sins. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Mary was a sinner and yet God chose her to deliver the Savior of the world. God can use anyone who is His and is willing. Humble yourself before the Lord and tell Him, "Lord, I'm here and I'm willing. Use me in whatever way You choose to further Your Kingdom."

Prayer: Thank you God, for sending Jesus to live as an example for me to follow. Please help me to be more like Jesus each and every day.

## **Day 11**

### **Unfailing Love**

Scripture for the day: Psalms 143:8

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God that His love is unfailing and that you can trust Him.

Confess: Any area in your life that you have not fully trusted Him with and today, give it to Him.

Ask: God to increase your faith in Him as He proves Himself trustworthy in your life. He will not let you down.  
(Pray through the FBC prayer list)

In today's scripture David is crying out to the Lord for His love, protection and mercy. The key word in this scripture is "unfailing." We can have complete confidence in Christ, our Savior, because His Word and love are "unfailing."

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that I know I can trust You with every aspect and every intricate detail of my life. Today, I give You the area of my life that I have been withholding from You.

## **Day 12**

### **Praise and Glory**

Scripture for the day: Psalms 57:9-11

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank the Lord for His love and faithfulness.

Confess: Any ingratitude in your life for blessings received.

Ask: The Lord to hear your songs of praise, words of gratitude and acknowledgement of His blessings. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Today, be reminded that Jesus deserves to be praised and worshipped. Give Him the glory He so richly deserves.

Prayer: Lord, to You be the Glory for all that You do and have done and are doing in my life, as well as in the world. You hold the universe in Your hands, how humbling it is to be able to speak words of praise to You, my Creator.

## **Day 13**

### **Forgiveness**

Scripture for the day: 1 John 1:8-10

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for His forgiveness.

Confess: The sin in your life.

Ask: Christ to forgive you and to help you have a repentant heart. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

To repent means “to turn away from.” Ask the Lord to help you turn away from any sin in your life and run the other direction as fast and as far as you can. He will enable you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I confess my sins and ask You to empower me to go and sin no more.

## **Day 14**

### **Power of Prayer**

Scripture for the day: Psalm 54:1-2

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank the Lord for the privilege of prayer.

Confess: Your neglect to take everything to Him in prayer first.

Ask: God to remind you to lean on His power and not on your own weakness. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

When the Ziphites went to Saul, who wanted to harm David, and told him that David was hiding among them the first thing David did was go to the Lord with his needs. What a great example for us to follow.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for the power of prayer. Please help me to remember to come to You first and not leave You as a last resort.



## **Day 15**

### **A Gift – Thank You!**

Scripture for today: 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for all He is doing at FBC in prayer! Thank God that He calls us and gives us the gift of prayer. Thank God that He hears, He sees and He speaks!

Confess: Any pride that is keeping you from bending your knee to what God is asking. Confess anything that is keeping you from an open dialogue and powerful prayer life with God.

Ask: God's help to keep prayer, an important part of your journey. (Pray through FBC prayer list)

In verse 14 God asks us; humble ourselves, pray, seek God and turn away from sin. God in return will; hear us, forgive us, and heal our land. His eyes will see; His ears attentive; His heart bent towards us.

Prayer: God, we thank you for choosing and consecrating us! Thank You, Jesus You dwell in us forever, Your heart is always there. Nothing we do makes us deserving to come into Your throne room and have our prayers heard. Jesus, You did it all, thank you! Thank you for the gift of prayer.

## **Day 16**

### **Crave Spiritual Blessings**

Scripture for today: Ephesians 1:3-6

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank our Father that He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. Praise Jesus we are made blameless in God's sight! Praise His glorious grace!

Confess: Our need, our yearning, our desire for God to bless our lives.

Ask: God to speak blessings over you, your family, marriage and current challenges. (Pray through the FBC prayer list.)

In love, God adopted us into His family; we are heirs to His blessing. Without God's blessing, without His hand over everything we believe God has called us to do, we are nothing, we are incapable and many times unqualified in the natural realm.

Prayer: God, when You created the universe You spoke and it was. Your spoken Word is power. I lift up my life to You God; my marriage, my children, my walk with Jesus. I pray; 'Bless it Father! Bless it! Your voice moves the heavenlies. My heart's desire is for my life to bless Your Name Jesus.

## **Day 17**

### **God Bless it! God Bless It!**

Scripture for today: Zechariah 4:6-9

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God that we no longer have to depend on prophets to hear from God. Praise God for the Holy Spirit in which God dwells and speaks to each one of us personally.

Confess: Our desperate need to hear and operate in His Spirit. Confess by faith, through obedience, in the power of the Holy Spirit, that God will accomplish and God will complete His work at His church, First Baptist.

Ask: Jesus' help to be obedient to His Word and small still voice. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Zerubbabel heard from God, spoke to his mountain of obstacles, held up the finishing capstone in faith for the completion of God's work, and acknowledged God's grace, blessings, favor!

Prayer: Jesus, You are the Cornerstone of FBC, You are the finishing stone of FBC and prayer is our foundation; By the power of Your name our mountain of obstacles will be leveled and it is You who will accomplish God's purposes for FBC through us. God Bless, God Bless FBC! Grace, grace to it!

## **Day 18**

### **Praise the Name of the Lord!**

Scripture for today: Psalm 113

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise the Name of the Lord! Praise our God who is omnipotent, the Maker of heaven and earth. Praise the Mighty Warrior, the compassionate Father, the Way the Truth and the Life! Praise the King enthroned and exalted on high forever! Praise the Name of the Lord!

Confess: Our need to devote time with God every day to come to know Him more intimately.

Ask: God to reveal the Name to call on, praise and know in a more intimate way. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

The apostle Paul said, "For my determined purpose is that I may know Him" (Phil 3:10AMP). How does God want to reveal Himself to you today; as your Rock? Your Provider? Your Counselor? Your Comforter? His right hand of power and strength?

Prayer: God, I thank you that You remind me to call on Your Name and to praise Your name. I desire to know You more intimately as my (make it personal i.e. The Joy of my Salvation, My Hope of Glory, My One and Only etc.). For my determined purpose is that I may know You! I praise Your Name!

## **Day 19**

### **It Is Not About Me**

Scripture for today: Isaiah 58:6-12

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for His grace and provisions for our church and this country.

Confess: Our need to grow in concern for those who need to hear the gospel around the world. Confess the need for His provisions with our partners around the world. Confess any change of heart necessary in serving and giving to missions.

Ask: God to give you a global perspective and a heart for the lost. Ask God, to widen FBC territory of influence. Ask for His hand to be in everything that we do and protect us from the evil one. Pray that God will bless and protect our missionaries and their families across the U.S. and around the world. (Pray the FBC prayer list)

God tells us in His Word that if we care for the poor; He will take care of us, our light will shine; He will heal us, guide and strengthen us and when we pray; He will hear our cries for help.

Prayer: Father it is so hard to trust Your Word that says if we spend ourselves on the poor, naked and hungry, You will hear our cries and take care of us. We have so many needs as a church family. We will choose to trust You, walk in obedience and faith.

## **Day 20**

### **Dedication to Seeking Him**

Scripture for the day: Matthew 2:1-2

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the example of the wise men traveling from distant lands to worship their Savior.

Confess: Any lack you may have in your desire to persevere the Lord with all of your might in all circumstances.

Ask: Jesus to teach you how to seek Him in everything you do with the enthusiasm and perseverance of the wise men. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

In most manger scenes Jesus is a newborn baby and the wise men are worshipping Him, but did you know that it took the wise men approximately three years to find Jesus? May we all seek Him with such dedication.

Prayer: Lord, please help me to seek You with all of my might, my strength and my time in all things that I ever put my hands to.

## **Day 21**

### **The Gift of Jesus**

Scripture for the day: Matthew 2:11

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the many gifts you have already received in life, most of these will not be material ones, but those of good health, your parents, children, siblings, protection, provision, just to name a few.

Confess: Any areas in your life where you may not be giving as much as you should.

Ask: Jesus to help you give yourself to Him this year as a gift and to give to others generously. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, please show me how to give to every area of my life. Father, thank you for giving me Jesus!

## **Day 22**

### **Love the Unlovable**

Scripture for the day: Matthew 5:43-45

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for opportunities to show love to those we see as unlovable.

Confess: Any sinful feelings you may have against your “enemy.”

Ask: God to help you to love your enemy. (Pray through the FBC prayer list.)

Time after time in the Bible Jesus sets an example of loving others that we may consider unlovable. Some examples are tax collectors, adulterers and murderers. Is there anyone you consider unlovable in your life? Today, pray for them and ask the Lord to help you do as He commands in Matthew 5:43.

Prayer: Dear Lord, please forgive me for the sinful thoughts and feelings I have had towards those whom I consider to be my enemies. Please show me how to love them.



## **Day 23**

### **Submit and Follow**

Scripture for the day: Hebrews 13:17

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you Lord for our deacons and staff, those You have placed in leadership.

Confess: Any attitude or words that have gone negatively against our church leadership or anything you may have done to make their service “less than joyful”.

Ask: Jesus to help you to trust, love and follow the leadership He has ordained for our church. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to pray daily for our deacons and staff and to be an encourager. Help me to honor and make their service a joyful experience.

## **Day 24**

### **Courage**

Scripture for the day: Luke 1:35 & 38

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you, Lord, for the example of courage that Mary set for us in the Bible.

Confess: Any fear you may have in serving the Lord.

Ask: The Lord to give you the courage to respond to any calling He has in your life just as Mary did. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Sometimes we are afraid of getting too close to the Lord for fear that He may send us to a third world country or ask us to do something that we are afraid of. Imagine the impact Christ followers could have if we all boldly responded like Mary did to the Lord's call. Today, choose to willingly do whatever the Lord calls you to do. He will direct your path as long as you are willing.

Prayer: Dear Lord, even though I have some hesitation, today I submit myself to You. I am Your willing servant, please lead the way and I will follow.

## **Day 25**

### **Honor and Glory**

Scripture for the day: Luke 1:46-47

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you Lord for loving me.

Confess: Any complaints you may harbor in your thoughts.

Ask: God to be glorified in your life through praise and thanksgiving. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Prayer: Lord, help me to serve You humbly, recognize my total need for You and to be careful to give You the glory for all that You choose to do in my life. In everything I want to give thanks to You and recognize that You deserve to be glorified.

## **Day 26**

### **Our Healer**

Scripture for the day: Matthew 23-24

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God that He alone has the power to heal.

Confess: Any faith that you may lack in His infinite ability to heal.

Ask: God to strengthen your faith and remind you that He is able. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

Do you limit the Creator of the world with your lack of faith in His ability? Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that Jesus has the infinite ability to heal any illness, any suffering, and any pain. Will He heal you or the one you love? That is for Him to reveal in His time, but can He? Absolutely.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, today I am reminded that You are more powerful than any disease or suffering. Thank you for reminding me that You are able.

## **Day 27**

### **Never Unforgiveable**

Scripture for the day: Matthew 6:14-15

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for dying on the cross to save you from your sins. Be grateful for the forgiveness you have been given.

Confess: Any unforgiving feelings you are harboring.

Ask: Jesus to show you how to forgive. (Pray through the FBC prayer list)

According to the Bible, which sins are unforgivable? That's right, none. Jesus didn't limit His forgiveness to only those who have not murdered or only to those who have never lied. If He can forgive all sin, how much more should we?

Prayer: Dear Lord, please help me to forgive those in my life who have sinned against me. In the Bible, You command me to do so. Even though it isn't easy, I know that I can through You. I'm asking You to show me how.

## **Day 28**

### **Fight for Your Family**

Scripture for today: Nehemiah 4:14-15

Praise and Thanksgiving: God we praise You! You are a great God! You are our awesome God!

Confess: Any fear or unbelief that God will be victorious in the salvation of a spouse, child or family members.

Confess any lack of prayer for your spouse and family.

Ask: God to frustrate the enemy's plot against your loved ones. Ask God for perseverance and faith to fight for your family members and home. (Pray through the FBC prayer listings)

The enemy wants you to believe that your loved ones will never be saved or turn back to God. It is your faith that pleases God, so fight for your family, fight the good fight of faith. Bring their names to the throne of God regularly in prayer, trust in God's timing and Way. (John 14:6)

Prayer: God I lift up to You, (lift up specific names). I pray for their salvation. It is Your desire that none shall perish. Help me be faithful in prayer to fight for my family members that are lost or those who have turned from You.

## **Day 29**

### **Boast that You Know Me!**

Scripture for today Jeremiah 9:23-24, John 17:3

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise our Eternal God, Elohim that desires us to know Him!

Confess: Any lack of passion to know God more and to boast (lay claim to, enjoy, and brag) about your relationship with God and Jesus with others.

Ask: God to reveal someone to share your relationship with Jesus with this week. Ask for courage and boldness to invite them to our service. (Pray through the prayer listings)

In John 17:3 Jesus defines eternal life as an opportunity to personally know God and His son Jesus. God tells us to not boast of wisdom, strength or prosperity, but boast that you know God.

Prayer: Thank you God, that You desire for me to know You. You tell me to boast and tell others about my relationship with You. I am sorry I fear what others think more than sharing. Help me this week to share You and invite others to our First Baptist Church service so they too may know You.

## **Day 30**

### **Our Father's Will**

Scripture for today: John 6:35-40

Praise and Thanksgiving: We praise You Jesus, our Bread of life; You alone satisfy all hunger and thirst forever! All glory and thanks be to You Father for our eternal life in Christ Jesus!

Confess: Our need for Jesus daily to thrive spiritually as much as we need bread and water to sustain our natural life.

Ask: God to work in every heart who receives food from our Food Pantry Ministry, that all in need will receive the greatest gift offered – Jesus Christ. (Pray through FBC prayer listings)

Jesus is our Bread of Life the only one that can sustain us in this world. As much as we hunger and thirst for food and water we need to hunger and thirst for Jesus the Word and His Spirit to fill us and guide us.

Prayer: It is our Father's will that no one perish and all receive eternal life through You, Jesus.