

RADIANT CHURCH

PRAYER

GUIDE



STARTING POINT FOR PRAYER

Daily Prayer is essential to the Christian life, but it can often be difficult to know how to begin or even what to pray for. The guide and helps listed below are meant to give you a

starting point in your prayer life. You may use this guide exactly as written or you may want to modify it to meet your needs. Be on guard to not use this tool as a "formula" that is blindly followed out of a sense of duty. This is merely a starting point to ignite your passion for prayer. Prayer is ultimately communicating with your Father God out of a deep, meaningful, and vibrant relationship.

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THIS FORMAT IS AN EASY WAY TO
REMEMBER KEY ELEMENTS OF PRAYER.
IT'S SIMPLY PRAYER IN FOUR PARTS:

ADORATION – "Praise be to God!" -Psalms 68:35

Tell God how much you appreciate Him. Express your love for Him. Praise His power and majesty. This is a great way to begin your prayer time. This is a time to focus on who God is. You should never run out of praise. "How awesome are your deeds!" -Psalms 66:3

CONFESSION – "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." -1 John 1:9

Tell Him where you have fallen short. Be specific. I thank Him for the forgiveness I have in Christ, and ask for help and strength to turn away from future temptations.

THANKSGIVING – Always "glorify him with thanksgiving" -Psalms 69:30

You have plenty of reasons to be thankful. Thank God for His love, His faithfulness, His patience and a million other things. Express gratitude for what He's doing in your life. Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for you. Thank the Holy Spirit for indwelling you, and never leaving. Thank Him for being your conscience, your counselor and that "still small voice." Use this time to thank God for all he's done and doing in your life.

SUPPLICATION – "Make your requests known to God." -Philippians 4:6

Tell God what you want, no matter how small it seems to you. Do you really think any of your requests are too big to God the Creator? You're encouraged to humbly bring any request no matter how big or small to God during this time. A request that we should make daily is wisdom and guidance for the day.

WEEKLY

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MONDAY: PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY

Take time to pray for each member of your family. Include extended family members. Entrust each one to the Lord. Wherever they are in their relationship with God, pray that He draws them "ever one step closer." Be as specific as you can as you pray that He will meet them at their point of need.

TUESDAY: PRAY FOR GOD'S FAMILY

Pray for the church, starting with your local church. Pray for your pastor(s), ministry leaders (e.g., elders, deacons, missionaries, teachers, nursery workers) and their families. Who else in the church needs prayer? Now think of the church around the world. Pray that the Gospel would be preached "as of first importance"
(1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

WEDNESDAY: PRAY FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Think about the groups where you are an "insider" and pray for the people you see regularly – those you live near, work with, bump into at school or the store, and so forth. How have they asked you to pray for them? Pray that the Lord will meet each one at his or her point of need, both physically and spiritually, according to His will.

THURSDAY: PRAY FOR THE NATION

Pray for the revival of God's people, and that we'll be "Jesus in jeans" as we truly love and serve those around us. Pray for those in authority. Ask God to bring to mind local and national spiritual and political leaders, and pray for each. Pray about national issues and challenges, such as the economy and its impact on everyday families.

FRIDAY: PRAY FOR THE WORLD

Pray that God will use His people to help others "to know Christ and to make Him known." Pray that revived Christ followers would respond with Jesus' love, grace, compassion and wisdom to social struggles – add to your prayer list specific needs you are aware of. Pray for the persecuted church. Finally, pray for the advance of the Gospel everywhere, toward Matthew 24:14.

SATURDAY: PRAY FOR THE HELPLESS, HOPELESS, HURTING AND LOST

As part of a regular Pray Every Day strategy, on Saturdays take time to pray for the down-and-out. Start with the world, draw closer to your nation, closer to your state, and closer still to your own community. List the names of and pray for the physically and spiritually afflicted. Pray specifically for ministries that are reaching out to the helpless, hopeless, hurting and lost.

SUNDAY: PRAY FOR PERSONAL GUIDANCE

Finally, take time to pray for your own personal needs. Sometimes we pray for everything and everyone else but forget to pray for ourselves. On Sundays, pull away and pray for yourself. Walk with God through every aspect of your life – your personal, family, work, community, and church aspects of your life. Say, "Speak whatever to me, Lord, I'm listening!"

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DEVOTED TO THE BIBLE.
DEVOTED TO FELLOWSHIP.
DEVOTED TO PRAYER.
DEVOTED TO GENEROSITY.

OUR VISION

Radiant church prays for, works for, and sees a day where every man, woman, and child in North Charleston has multiple opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ without coming or going anywhere.

OUR MISSION

Radiant Church exists to see people transformed by the Gospel for the good of the city.

OUR CORE COMMITMENTS

We are God's Family on Mission. This is more than a statement, it describes the core commitments (values in action) of Radiant Church.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO GOD

We are committed to the rulership and authority of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Our commitment to God is displayed in finding our satisfaction, Joy, and purpose only in God who was revealed to us through the person and work of Jesus Christ. (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37; John 14:8-9)

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE MISSION

God gave the church a corporate mission, and each individual believer a vital part of that mission. And although evangelism and discipleship in all its various forms is the primary aim and activity of the church, the mission of God includes working to see all of human life brought under the lordship of Jesus Christ. This includes doing good works on behalf of those who reject salvation. (Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 5:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; Ephesians 2:10)

The Bible puts an eternal weight on our natural familial bonds, making those who don't care for their family even worse than an unbeliever.

(1 Timothy 5:8) As such we are committed to loving, serving, and enduring with our natural family when at all possible.

(Romans 12:18) Furthermore, salvation is not just a reprieve from punishment but an adoption into a heavenly, eternal, and spiritual family with rights and responsibilities to one another. We commit to and love, forgive, and bear with our spiritual family for the Glory of God and the building up of His Church. (John 10:16; Ephesians 1:5; Mark 3:33-35; Romans 8:14; Romans 8:29; Romans 9:25-26, Hebrews 2:11)

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