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“If you wait to pray when all else fails, then that is why all else failed. Because you waited to pray.” -Kris Valloton

“Prayer is not something done for or because of convenience. Nothing about the Gospel is meant for convenience. It was and is every bit intentional. It requires an effort on our part as it did upon His.”
-Matt Davenport

Key Words For This Curriculum

These key words do not have an explanation to them. They are meant for you to ponder upon and see how they apply to “Prayer By Design”:

Intentional	Path	Community	Relationship
Connection	Compassion	Growth	Thankful
Giving	Purpose	Honor	Revival
Influence	Peace	Love	Broken

Prayer

Prayer, at the most basic level, is communicating with God. It is generally (but not always) a “supplication”. Meaning it is a request for His help. Scripture is full of different types of prayers and communications with God. In fact you will see in this curriculum that prayer and other words like “communication” will be used exchangeable from time to time.

Because of prayer we can remain calm in our most dire moments. Scripture tells us to live this way: “Be anxious for nothing but in all things by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God;” (Philippians 4:6)

The word “pray” (or some form of it) is in the Bible around 550 times. This shows us that “pray” is a consistent theme in Scripture.

The “Tool” of Prayer

It is always a good idea to understand the tools with which you are going to use in order to accomplish a job. For instance, if you are a surgeon, the scalpel, the forceps, the different clamps, retractors, needle drivers, and others are all part of the tools/instruments you will have to become very familiar with. A carpenter does not approach a new project having used a hammer one time. A race car driver should, at the very least, be a fairly decent mechanic himself before getting behind the wheel. It is no different for a Christian preparing to take down the enemy within their own city.

God remains sovereign and works in capacities we will never fully comprehend. He can, indeed, pour out a mesmerizing blessing the moment a person seeks Him for the first time. But it is not a typical move of the Spirit to do such a thing. God works under the motivation of relationship. That is His call to us. It is why prayer is such an important thing. Prayer is the greatest tool that builds relationship with God.

It is also one of the key parts of Revival. No Revival ever began without those God uses in a catalytic fashion having a powerful prayer life already in place. Simply put, you cannot pray enough. Communication with God is also the mortar in the foundation of His and our relationship.

Communication is a vital aspect of nearly every single part of our life. In family. In your job. You cannot pay your bills, order dinner, have car repairs made, find answers on the internet, or anything of value without communication. It is such an important part of

marriage that if a person communicated with their spouse less than multiple times daily, there would be a guaranteed divorce in the future.

One of the greatest principles of life will always be the need to communicate with each other. How much more so to communicate with the God of Creation?

Prayer & The Bible

We are told to Pray:

“Rejoice always, PRAY without ceasing, in everything GIVE THANKS; for this is the will of God.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, *NKJV*). Praying without stopping seems kind of ridiculous. After all, life is not a series of prayer meetings we have where we are knelt next to the bed. But in fact, to pray without ceasing is to begin each day with Him in mind. Stay as intentional with Him as you can. Spend your life not only seeking Him at every moment possible, but being open to Him speaking to you constantly. That mindset comes from a life that takes time to be in communication with God as often as possible.

Christ Prayed:

We are told to that we are meant to be “conformed to the image of His Son” in Romans 8:29. In Ephesians 5:1-2, we are told to be like God and essentially sacrificing our wants and desires to be what Jesus was to God and the Kingdom. And there are many other passages that tell us to become like Christ. One of the key things Jesus did that we should be imitating is the time He spent in prayer – Matthew 14, Matthew 26, Mark 1, Mark 6, Luke 5, Luke 9, Luke 22, John 17.

To gain Revelation:

Jeremiah 33:3 “CALL to Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things that you do not know.”

To remain calm in a Violent world:

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by PRAYER and SUPPLICATION, with THANKSGIVING, let your requests be made know to God; and the peace which passes understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

For the Miraculous:

“So Abraham PRAYED to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore children.” Genesis 20:17

For our Maturity:

Colossians 1:9 “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled all the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

To gain a Hunger for the things of God:

Psalm 63:1 “O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

For Relationship:

1 Peter 4:8 “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins”.

To avoid Sin:

Matthew 26:41 “Watch and PRAY, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.”

For Salvation:

Acts 2:21 “And it shall come to pass that whoever CALLS on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

For your Enemies:

Luke 6:27-28 “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and PRAY for those who spitefully use you.”

For Understanding:

Romans 8:26 “Likewise, the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should PRAY for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.”

Relief:

Psalm 4:1 “Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me and hear my PRAYER.”

Heals the Land:

2 Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves, PRAY and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

The foregoing list is not, by any stretch, exhaustive. Search, search, search the scriptures daily to see the things God has promised His children if we but come to Him and ask. Greatly, we often have not (revival) for we ask not..

Prayer By Design

So as you dig into this workbook, the most important lesson we can teach on is the need for prayer. The following is the way that Nancy and I pray daily. It is only a suggestion, but we hope it might be a model by which you can use to add more “God-Time” into your day. One of the things that happened in our lives was a slow but very important beginning. Slow in that it wasn’t very involved at first. Important in that we were serious and committed to keep it in our lives. Regardless of how you start, make certain that you do! And don’t let the enemy take it from you. In fact, as you feel tempted to skip it or stop, do the opposite by increasing your time with God. Or, like we did, add more elements to it. Again, this is a basic pattern. Some of the details you may not have access to. However, you may find alternatives or elements that are just yours.

Morning Prayer

- We begin our day with a prayer walk that includes a joyful time together, bragging to God about His nature, being thankful for the place we live, the bounty of the garden, the animals we tend to, and so on. Creation is an amazing place to walk in God’s presence. (Depending on the circumstances, we are not always able to walk, so we may just spend our prayer time at the breakfast table – nothing else is different)
- We thank God for His Holy Spirit and ask for more of His Spirit in us, filling us up constantly.
- We thank God for His provision and seek for His continued supply.
- We thank God for each other and spend a few minutes bragging to God about one another. True community begins at home with God and one another. We then pray for God to bless each other and heal up the issues we are dealing with.
- We call out our children (verbally, as Job mentioned), one by one and pray over them. Including our grandchildren and other relatives. We call for His blessings on them and speak goodness and God’s presence in their lives. We pray for future husbands, future wives, and future children that God will place in our children’s lives, praying that they are men and women of God.
- We then pray over the People Group (PG) for that day. This is the major part of what this workbook will discuss as you continue.

- We take Communion every Monday morning together. You can pick whatever day of the week you wish to do this on. In fact, if you feel led to, do it daily. When we take Communion, we take the time to thank God for what it is that Communion represents (Christ's great sacrifice), then use the moment to dedicate our forthcoming week to God, and (as Bill Johnson suggested) take it for the sake of one we love that is unsaved.

Daily Bible Study:

After we are done with this part of our prayer time (and breakfast) we ready ourselves for Bible Study. Of which, of course, is also one of the key parts of Communication with God. His Word. In fact, this is a part of our prayer life where God often speaks to us in His clearest voice. Again, this is an example of what you can take and apply to your walk with God. A rough-out of sorts to lead you and inspire you to take what you can and use it.

However, this is one of the two greatest parts of our walk with Jesus. Whatever we do as a Christian, Prayer and Bible time will always be the two most important foundations of our life as a child of God. A regular daily occurrence of both will be a requirement if a plan to do more than be just a Sunday morning Believer.

Our Bible Study began around our kitchen table and has progressed to where we now lead an online study every morning, Monday through Friday at 8am (Weekends, we do our own personal studies). We have a number of people who join us through Facebook Live from across the globe. It is not massive. Generally no more than five or six. But as many as 12-15. Often we find out later from people how they got something good from that time, and we were not even aware they were on the study. We try very hard to call out a welcome to people as they join. This has grown from just studying God's Word. We've also added a significant time of prayer near the end of the hour or so that we generally take. Through this time, we have seen a multitude of miraculous works by God's hand. We also pray (a second time) for the day's PG.

Much of what goes on in our prayer time is what I call "incidental side effects". Meaning that we are seeking to know God better. Which leads to a number of other things in our lives. Like community with those that attend, overall growth, maturity, greater understanding, stronger faith, endurance in the spirit, and so on. We've also learned to contend for needs and lives in prayer.

The Holy Spirit, literally, has lead our study. We do not spend time “pre-studying” so that in the midst of it, God is the One Who gets the honor for anything profound or powerful that happens.

A side to the Bible Study online, is a chat group put in place to let others know when our study time is beginning. That group has subsequently become a great source of prayer for immediate needs. Including several of God’s miracles taking place in the time it has existed.

Some Dos:

Do your prayer and Bible Study intentionally. Do your prayer and Bible Study with a “relaxed” process. Do allow interruptions and see them as potential extensions of what you are already doing. Do let the Holy Spirit speak to you and through you. Do it in the midst of the crazy. Do it because you need time with God.

One Do Not:

Do not allow the enemy to stop you.

Evening Prayers:

Before bedtime, Nancy and I come together to close our day with God. This has become a priority that is not only a great way to finish the day, but seriously amazing things happen. Sometimes it’s right before bed and sometimes a little earlier.

Thanksgiving 365

We begin our prayers in praise by taking turns to thank God for three (3) things each that has happened on that particular day. Again, it’s important to know that you can customize these suggestions as you see fit. But the “thankfuls” might be one of the greatest things you will ever do for your relationship with God.

A struggle we all endure in life is need. But, in fact, much of what we “need”, we actually “want”. We need a house, food, a job, a car, and health. Nearly every need we’ll ever have (in America) will be some derivative of those five. And if a person has most of those five, they will always have something, every day, to be thankful for. In my experience, those with less are often the most grateful people. Why? Because they have recognized the difference between need and want. This teaches us to be grateful.

A thankful lifestyle will bring that aspect of your thinking into a place of recognition. In so doing, we find ourselves in a joyful existence. Why does that happen? You see, every

thankful is a testimony and the Word of God has something to say about testimony: “And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their Testimony, and they did not love their lives unto death.” (Revelation 12:11) That means, literally, that our lives are in the hands of God and that because of our relationship with Him (made possible by the shed blood of the Lamb/Jesus) our testimonies repeated into the atmosphere (which the devil lives in, the “prince of the air” – Ephesians 2:2) literally overcomes him and his works.

We have the blood of the Lamb in us already, so every time we speak the testimonies of God, the devil is whipped by it. And something begins to happen in our life as this continues to be repeated. Every night, he is put in his place. Every night, he is reminded that we walk in greater authority. Every night, he hears and feels the power of God working in our home. Every night, he is defeated. He is under our feet!

So Nancy and I take turns. I say something I am thankful for from that day. Then she does something different. Then my turn again. Then hers. Then mine once more. And she adds her last. Then we each do a “thankful in advance”. Literally, calling out something we have no way to make certain will happen. (Romans 4:17) Some as big as speaking a positive for a new job. Some as simple as being, “Thankful in advance for getting the grass mowed tomorrow.” God is interested in relationship, not perfect theology. It’s okay to speak forth the simple. The relationship that God wants to have with us demands connection on the small topics as well as the big ones. He is our Groom. My spouse is interested in knowing things like when I want to mow the grass. So does my spiritual “Spouse”.

What does this have to do with Prayer? Well, part of it is that our testimonies/thankfuls preceded our prayer time before bed. It sets the stage. And, in simplest form, it can be a lot of fun. But it pushes the enemy out and opens the Heavens as we go before God in prayer

Joined Prayer

Again I wish to point out that this is a framework that you can use to help your prayer life. If you are not married, obviously praying with your spouse is not possible. For you, take this all as a single person. It is no less valuable and pertinent to your own prayer time. My wife and I were already praying together before we were married. Sometimes in person as I was dropping her off at her home. Sometimes through phone calls. Even a few times through text. Use the suggestions to fit the place you are in.

I begin praying by thanking God for the many things he does. The Lord's Prayer offers many examples for this moment. We will explore it momentarily. I thank God for all that He has done, all that I know He is doing and all He will do in the future. Not an exhaustive list, of course, but a few minutes on it. As God leads. I thank Him for the Holy Spirit and ask, again, for more. Then I thank Him for and pray over my wife. Then my family (most times not mentioning them each by name as we do in the morning – but sometimes for particular reasons), then our church and church leaders in our community. Then we pray for those who have special needs for the day. People we know who are dealing with something.

Next I pray for those who are part of our Bible Study. This has, indeed, become a very special "Family" to us. Then I bring up our business and ministry. Concluding in thanks for the day and a prayer for a good night's sleep. You do NOT NEED to use the elements in my own prayer time in yours. These are, as I have emphasized, just examples God has led myself and my wife into.

Nancy takes her turn. Which is generally similar to my own.

The Lord's Prayer

Then we pray the Lord's prayer together.

*"Our Father, Who is in Heaven,
Hallowed is your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this days, our daily bread.
And forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen"*
Matthew 6:9-13

There are some very important elements in this prayer:

"Our Father"

– Who we are talking to (yes, that is important). Do you realize the privilege we have to have a conversation like this? Jesus literally told us that we can talk to GOD! But

in this, He didn't just say we could talk to Him but that when we address Him, we are talking to *our* Father. The original word used there (in the Greek) is "Pater" meaning the "one who imparts life". You could go so far as to say "Dad". So, you see, our model prayer teaches us to address our Father. This alone should show us that our prayers are meant to be a sincere connection with the Creator. Talking to our Parent. That is why in our prayer time, it shouldn't become this "super holy" moment but, indeed, a peaceful and joyous conversation filled with confidence in the One to whom we are speaking that we are not "bothering" Him or that He hasn't the time for us.

"Who is in Heaven"

– His place of authority. Can you imagine speaking to a carved idol? What authority would a piece of random firewood have? None. From Heaven comes all power and goodness. He is very aware of where He is. This part is not a reminder of where God lives for the sake of God, it's a reminder for us. To make certain we know that our "Dad" is not an ordinary Dad. He is, in fact, the Key Resident of Heaven. Which adds to the wonder and beauty of the first part.

"Hallowed be your name"

– "God, you are so incredible, that even your name changes the world. May it ever be so!" Hallowed means to be holy. Part of our acknowledgement is to speak holiness to God. There is no other "GOD"! There is only this One! The rest are fakes.

"Your Kingdom come"

– Literally, we are asking that God's Kingdom come here to Earth. Now Jesus (God) is telling us to ask for the Kingdom of God to come here. So it is very interesting that God (Jesus) is suggesting that we ask for His Kingdom to come here. What is God's Kingdom? It is power to heal. It is peace. It is joy. It is purity. It is everything that reflects the King. It is His dominion. The "King" "Dominion". So we are asking for the King to come and make our world His world. Interestingly, this might not just apply to the world around us. This might be meant for us individually as it is for the land we live in. As we say this prayer to God, perhaps we should see it as asking God to take dominion over us and the "lands" that are part of us – our heart, mind and spirit.

“Your will be done”

– Someone once said that God is big enough to have His will be done, whether we like it or not. Whether or not that is true, we, as His children, need to learn to make our will His will. We tend to say this as part of the prayer, but it demands that we seek to be more like Him in this action. Before He can do His “will” over others around us, we need to seek ways for His will to be done in us. Scripture teaches many things that are clear examples of His will. The Ten Commandments, multiple Proverbs, what Jesus taught, and tons more. We learn His will by seeking Him. He doesn’t demand we know everything and do everything. But if there is one place we can glean His will defined, it would be Matthew 10:8, “Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

“On Earth as it is in Heaven”

– What we do here on Earth has ramifications in Heaven. Take this part and place it with the last one, “Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven”. So we see it is His will to have on Earth as it is in Heaven. What is in Heaven? What is it up there that He wants to have down here? This lends to understanding His will much better. He wants Heaven on Earth. That appears to be a significant part of His will. What does that look like? Is there sickness up there? Is there sin? Is there death? Demonic? None of these. Again, see Matthew 10:8.

“Give us this day our daily bread”

– I don’t believe this is just a plea for food. In our effort to be fed, we should check both the physical part as well as the spiritual. Part of who we are in our connection to the “Kingdom” is needs fulfilled. God (the Father) taking care of us. Yes, our prayers should never be devoid of requests for physical needs. Jesus even said in Matthew 7:7, “Ask, and it will be given; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.” So it is right to ask God for supply. Both for body and spirit.

“And forgive us of our trespasses”

– It is a good daily reminder to walk in a place of forgiveness. We are no longer of this world, so we are no longer sinners; but every element of this prayer is vital. Jesus included this part for a reason. But why, if we are already saved of our sins? Trespass may not always be sin. Perhaps something was done in our day that might affect another on a level we do not realize. It could be, in that case, we ask God to forgive

“the action” and make the circumstances heal over. If we hurt unaware (trespass against without knowing) another person, then we can intentionally offer a way to resolve this with purpose through a prayer that Jesus set forth.

“As we forgive those who trespass against us”

– Forgiveness is a critical part of our walk with God. Jesus touched on the topic many times. In the verse immediately following this prayer (verse 14), he elaborates on the importance of it. Saying that if we forgive, we can be forgiven. But if we do not forgive, we cannot be forgiven. Forgiveness of others as Christians cannot come with conditions. As He hung from the cross, Jesus asked God to forgive those who had put Him there. And His desire for their forgiveness didn’t take place after he’d gotten revenge or retribution. Jesus uses the same terminology in both circumstances meaning to “put away in permanent separation”. Literally to “abandon” the offense. The largest issue that mankind deals with in “unforgiveness” is the space it takes over in our heads. To abandon these issues gives us the freedom to walk away and walk away free! The unforgiveness will become an obsession that will grow into something bigger than our relationship with God. Whether it literally means that harbored unforgiveness keeps us from being forgiven ourselves by God’s choice or because we cannot learn to live in God’s already forgiven state He has offered, is not perfectly clear. But for the health of our relationship and the sanity of our own heart, we have to forgive in order to walk in His peace and joy.

“And lead us not into temptation”

– As we walk this life as Christians, we seek to know Jesus better and better every day. We want to be followers of Jesus. That is essentially what it means to be “saved”. We want Him to lead us. And in so doing, we want Him to lead us out of trouble. Temptation is the greatest source of trouble. We are weak. (Matthew 26:41) We have issues. We have addictions. These are things we ask God to lead us away from. In searching the directions and ways of Christ, we learn to make certain that He is leading us. This element is both a prayer to follow Him and a prayer that He would lead us in the right directions. Not towards trouble. The “Message” translation puts it this way, “Keep us safe from ourselves...” That makes so much sense. We spend so much time getting ourselves into trouble. Learning to stay out of trouble by following Him closer will sever most of the issues we deal with before they get a hold on us.

“But deliver us from evil”

– Some translations will say it like this: “But deliver us from the evil one.” While this is not really incorrect, it implies that we need the devil present in order for us to sin. That is not true. We can, literally, be evil on our own. However, he is the source of evil from the beginning of time. Were he not allowed to tempt Adam and Eve, sin may have been kept from God’s creation. That said, it’s important to see that this statement is connected with the last one. We know this because it begins with a “conjunction” that is used to connect two separate phrases. We also know because of the tone and wordage. So we are asking God to not only *not* lead us into circumstances that will cause us to sin, but to deliver us from sin altogether. It is the cry of our heart (even though some do not realize it) to be back in the Garden in a state of sinlessness. It is our greatest want from our hearts to no longer deal with the fallout of sin’s existence. Proof exists in the world of this in the lives of those who have no one to turn to because they have no relationship with the only One who can remove the profound penalty of their errors.

“For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen”

– All of this (what has already been spoken) is pertinent and accurate because the Kingdom of God belongs to the Father. All the power that exists is in His hands. Everything good is credited to Him. So we finish by giving glory to Him. In fact, we declare it to be His for all eternity.

*Depending on the translation you utilize, this last phrase may not be in place. There are a number of old manuscripts and fragments of the original writings. In some of these, different parts of the text were not in place. Do not allow these omissions to keep you from getting all God has for you through scripture. If you are uncomfortable with them, use a different translation/version; but do not stop reading.

Closing Prayer

One of the key elements that is touched upon in our daily Morning and Evening Prayer times is consistent elements. The list, as mentioned above, has some very important items that are always part of the two “regular” times we pray. The next three parts are vital as we close out our evening:

Serious time devoted to our President

– It doesn’t matter whether or not you agree with them. This is not a political promotion. The job demands that they have regular guidance by the Holy Spirit. You may not believe that is what is happening. All the more reason to be in prayer

for them. Seek guidance for them, protection over them and their family, wisdom for his team/cabinet. And great blessings.

Safety and welfare of our military

– It is so important that we pray for our soldiers. That wherever they might be in the world, God would watch over them and bring them back home safely. Without these brave men and women, our freedom to serve God as we please will always be in jeopardy.

Thanks for the freedom which allows it all

– The last thing we talk to God about before we turn in is great thanks for the freedom we have in our Country to speak to Him and live a Christian life as we please. That freedom is not available everywhere. It might sound a bit corny to say “Thank You for the freedom in America.” But it is true, and it has had incredible ramifications for millions who have come to know Jesus in the last 245 years.

From The White House To My House

There are prayers that we pray that have different purposes. For instance, we pray over our food to remind ourselves of the supply God has made and to tell Him we are thankful. We pray for finances and needs. We pray for good weather. We pray for a good day at work. We pray for God to show us principles and deeper understanding in the Word when we study. And many more.

Part of the idea behind “Prayer By Design” is to keep the elements of prayer in front of us. To build a pattern of sorts that will help to guide us in our prayers that are specific towards a goal. In this case, Revival in our communities.

In America, our communities range from our Nation as a whole down to our families. So part of the reason behind the title, “From The White House To My House”, is to grasp the understanding that our Nation needs revival as much as we do ourselves. These model prayers will remind us to think about everything from our national communities to our personal communities. The latter being our main focus.

As you begin, you will be introduced to certain People Groups (PGs) each day. This will help you to have prayed for all the members of your community each week without having to call each one by name. Remember, it is meant to be a tool for you to use, not to be tied to. So if you choose to use this pattern in a different order, it will not lessen the impact upon your community.

Each day we have a “model” prayer you can either repeat or use the elements for your own prayer. In this, you not only have the suggested people groups to guide you, but you can learn different ways that you can pray in general. Some of the suggestions may not apply to your community. That is fine, simply leave those portions out of your own list.

These sample prayers are written in the first person. If you are praying with others (your spouse, children, groups, etc.) feel free to put multiple-person-type pronouns (we, us, and so on) in place of what is written.

When you pray these prayers, substitute the names of those who actually fill that position. In this, we make it a personal mission to see Revival in people. Call out those you pray for by name whenever possible. Connect with each of these individuals on social media and let them know you are praying for them. Make mention of them in prayers when you see a post they have made.

Do not allow this systematic method of prayer to be a distraction to what is being done.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 says:

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all goodness and reverence.”

This passage teaches us that we are to pray for all people and circumstances. Including those in authority over us. Whether they are leaders in the church, leaders in our government, or leaders in our job. And we should especially be in prayer for those leading in our homes. There is a time to fight against tyranny that has us oppressed, that is true. But it doesn't say that we stop praying for those in such a position. Even under oppression.

Keep this passage that Paul the Apostle wrote to the Pastor in Ephesus (Timothy) in mind even as you pray for those who have been given authority over you that you do not agree with. Which is what true honor is.

These prayers, as stated, are expressly a design parameter. You do not need to focus on duplicating them as much as to use the basic design to help you remember how and who to pray for.

Pray on!

SUNDAY

Churches, Pastors, Christian Leaders, Ministries

We start the week with those leading in the church. It is important that we understand our leadership needs to be healthy in order to lead in the fight against the evils of the world around us. Please replace “positions” with names of those who fill those roles in your church and community.

Sample Prayer for “Churches and Christians”:

- “Father, I lift our pastors in our community up to You. I pray a special anointing upon them today as they take responsibility over the people You have put into their care. I pray that they will have the words and understanding that will teach and lead your people into Revival and a greater, deeper relationship with You.
- “I pray for associate pastors, children’s pastors, youth pastors, women’s pastors, men’s pastors, worship pastors, teaching pastors, and any other positions that will have a demand on them to bring your Word and lead others into your presence.
- “I pray for the chaplains who are working for the welfare of the different agencies in our community. I pray for wisdom upon the law enforcement chaplains, the fire chaplains, the hospital chaplains, the prison/jail chaplains, the school chaplains, our military chaplains, college and university chaplains, industrial and business chaplains.
- “I ask today Jesus that you will give our teachers, child-care people, ushers, greeters, and volunteers a greater sense of your presence and your love for what they are doing.
- “I ask that You would be very present in the worship time, that your goodness will be felt and that visitors will, indeed, know You are near.
- “Father, I lift up our missionaries who come from our community and/or that are supported by our churches. I pray for those who are doing ministries around our city. Those who are feeding the homeless and tending to their needs. I pray for a special blessing on those who give their time to prison ministries. I pray for the ones who bring the Word to those who are shut-in or in senior centers. The ones who stand on the street corners and preach about the love of Jesus to strangers.
- “Jesus, I lift the ones who are called as apostles, prophets, and evangelists. I pray your anointing over them.

- “Send your goodness to the ones of the “uncomfortable” ministries. The disenfranchised, the down and out, the homeless, the addicted, the ones who have lost the understanding of life, those in pain incurable, and those who seem to “fall through the cracks”. These whom You love no less than any other.
- “Lord God, bring me into something greater, today. I ask for more of You and Revival for those in leadership in your Church. Father, send Revival into the hearts of your children. Make us hungry for more of your presence and more of You in my life.
- “Lord, I lift these leaders up to You today. I pray they are strengthened and filled with more of You!
- “Father, send Revival to the Christians in my city!
- “Teach us to love more than anything!”

Write the names of pastors and leaders on the following lines to remind yourself of those you need to pray for. Do not limit this list to those in your own church or to those only in the position of pastor. Add teachers, volunteers, small group leaders, and so on from around your city or community.

My Pastor & Their Team:

Churches & Leaders in my Community:

Other Ministries in my Community:

Missionaries & Other World Ministries Connected to my Community:

Specific Ministries to Homeless and Under Privileged (and those you know these ministries serve)

MONDAY

Government

Our prayers for those in leadership over our country (America or otherwise) should never be based upon what we think politically. We are told to pray for those in leadership over us, not to choose which ones are the best and or those with whom we disagree. You might have a favorite politician or candidate that you want to win or be put in power. But they are not the only one you should pray for.

Sample Prayer for “Government”:

- “Father, thank you for the amazing people you have in our government. I pray for wisdom and understanding for our President. I ask that You will show them the need to give their needs to You. That they will hear your voice and know You are there for them. Their job is one of tremendous pressure. Give them relief through knowing You and listening to your wisdom.
- “Lord, I pray that the Vice President and the cabinet would always seek to know you and follow your leading.
- “God, I pray for Congress to listen to your still, small voice. That they will make decisions based upon your wisdom and not their own.
- “Lord Jesus, I pray that the United States Supreme Court will be blessed in ways that your goodness will be seen and so credited. That as they have various issues brought before them, pour out clarity and great understanding.
- “I pray for our Governor. That they will know they are loved and cherished by You. That they will know your leading as they lead our state.
- “I lift up the members of our county leadership. Our commissioners/supervisors and clerks.
- “I pray, Jesus, that our mayor would know the goodness of your love and that you would be the One who they are following in their desire to oversee and direct our city.
- “Jesus, put the beginnings of Revival into the hearts of our leaders. I pray Revival will break out in Washington, D.C. I pray it will break out in my own capital building! And in the mayor’s office!
- “Jesus, send revival to my Community leadership!
- “Teach us to love more than anything!”

Write down the names of leaders from the White House to your own community so that it will help you to remember to pray for them specifically.

My President & Their Team (include leadership opposition):

My Governor & Their Team:

My County Leadership:

My Community Leadership:

My Neighborhood Members & Leaders:

TUESDAY

Schools

Begin Tuesday's Prayer By Design with the schools in your community. If your city is large and has multiple schools, it might be difficult to get to know a lot of details about them. However, most cities only have one school district. Find the names of the superintendant and assistant superintendant, write those names down and get to know them. If possible, find those who home school and make certain they are being called by name in your prayers as well. These groups of home schoolers will have social media groups you can join and you can add names to your list.

Sample Prayer for "Schools in My Community":

- "Father, I praise you for the schools that teach our children to learn and understand. I ask, Lord, for your hand upon the leaders at both the district level and in the schools themselves.
- "I pray a specific prayer for our Superintendent. I ask an anointing of great wisdom over them in their efforts to keep our schools going the right direction.
- "Lord, I also ask that You would pour out your goodness on the other members of the district office who work tirelessly for the sake of our kids. Jesus, give them wisdom.
- "Father, I lift up our college and high school(s) to you. The junior high and elementary school(s). The pre-schools and daycares. Lord, bless the principles with wisdom, the teachers with patience. The office personnel, the custodians, aides, counselors, bus drivers, crosswalk guards, and so on. And special prayers, Father, for those parents who have chosen to school their kids at home.
- "Jesus, we especially want to lift up our kids. The ones for whom this is all in place. The demand on our children now is great. Not just academically but in many areas dealing with other kids. The pressure is very high. Lord, help our children to learn and to draw closer to You whether they are taught to or not.
- "Thank You, Father, for these people. Place Revival in their hearts. Send your Word to those who serve you that it might become an explosion in our schools. Put Revival in the hearts of our kids, Jesus!
- "Father, send Revival to the schools in my Community!
- "Teach us to love more than anything!"

Write the names of your school leaders in your community. Mark them from the superintendant down. Include, especially, those you may know personally. Find out the names of the teachers and leaders in your own child's school and pray especially for them. And most particularly, list kids you know who are in school at whatever level.

My School District Superintendent & Their Team:

My Community School Leaders, Office, Custodians, Counselors, Aides, Etc.:

My Community Teachers & Home Schooling Parents:

My Community Students & Children:

My College/University/Trade school Leadership:

WEDNESDAY

Businesses

Today, we seek out and pray for those in our community who are in business. From the gas stations, to the bakeries, to the mega-chain grocery stores, theaters & entertainment, attorneys, construction, car dealers, jewelers, insurance, various professionals, and so on. It is a good practice to vary these different places by name. Unlike some of the other people groups, we often know a business name even if we don't know the individuals behind it. Especially those that are large chain companies. But if you know a business owner personally (or if you are one), make regular mention of them. Remember those who you work for, those who work for you, and those you work with. We also like to pray over employees of different businesses. A big chain company still needs your prayers. If you work for one or have one in your area, remember them. Find out who the managers are. Even perhaps the CEOs. Remember, we don't pray for someone because they and we think alike, but because we are meant to think like Christ.

Sample Prayer For “Businesses in my Community”

- “Father, thank you for the companies and businesses in my community. Thank you for blessing them. Thank you for blessing us because of them.
- “Father I ask for a new, profound move in our city where the businesses are overwhelmed by your goodness. I pray that each one would be incredibly blessed financially. I pray they will see a great increase in sales and connections with new clients and new customers.
- “Lord, I lift the business owners and managers to you. I pray for them to be eager and encouraged to move forward. I pray they would see their employees as gold, treating them with gentleness and wisdom. Increase in every area.
- “I pray, Jesus, that you would pour your goodness out on the people who are working for all of these businesses and companies. I pray you would increase their productivity and cause them to become loyal and committed to their job. Excel their knowledge and understanding of their job. Put the importance of the individual into their hearts as they deal with the public and their clients.
- “Jesus, I pray for the new start-ups. I ask a blessing on their endeavors. That their new business will flourish in ways unexpected, and they would give you the glory for it. Open new doors and bring new people to see them and patronize them.

- “Father, I ask for revival to break loose in our businesses. I ask for a new thing to be done in the hearts of the CEOs, owners, owner operators, managers, supervisors, foremans, employees, and workers.
- “Lord, send Revival into the businesses in my Community!
- “Teach us to love more than anything!”

Write the names of businesses and companies that are part of you city or area. Put the names of your own business or employer and the leadership within it. Write down the names of CEOs and managers of large chain companies in your community. Remember, especially, those you know personally. If you are an employer, write the names of your employees. Remember these on a regular basis in prayer.

Business Owners I Know in my Community:

Other Businesses in my Community:

Employees of Businesses in my Community:

Corporate Businesses that have a Place in my Community:

THURSDAY

Law Enforcement

Today our focus is Law Enforcement. This job is particularly difficult since the demand and fallout on a person's life can be so traumatic and strenuous. Not to mention life-threatening.

Part of what police officers do is to “serve & protect”. This can be very difficult in changing times as these unique individuals find their place defending people who want to remove them from existence.

Imagine if you had a job that you are uniquely made to perform because of the call on you that involves risking your life for people you have never met or, possibly, never even spoken to before. You have seconds to assess a situation and then act in the best interest of someone you know nothing about, hoping all the while that you survive to go home to your own family. These strong, committed, brave people need our prayers.

Search the internet to find the leadership for the law enforcement agencies in your community. Remember, the sheriff's department (headed by the Sheriff) and the police department (headed by the chief of police) will have different leadership as well as different missions. You will also have security companies and other such types of people whose jobs are to enforce the law and keep people safe. If your community is small, you may only have a sheriff's department. Your state police/troopers/highway patrol will have a sub-station/command post as well. Again, depending on your community size, they may be very active in your area. You can find local leadership on their website. If leadership is not available by name, pray for them by position.

There are a myriad of federal law enforcement agencies across the US (or within your country) that can be placed in this PG as well. FBI, NSA, Homeland Security, TSA, US Marshals, University and College Police, Transit Police, DA Investigators, Harbor and Waterway Police, ATF, NCIS, CIA, ICE, Customs, DEA, Secret Service, and the list continues on. Use this as a platform to find out if there are other divisions of federal departments in your area. You can also be specific with these as the Lord leads.

Sample Prayer for “Law Enforcement”:

- “Father, I lift our police officers, deputies, security personnel, and state and federal law enforcement officers up to You. I pray for the leaders, commanders, sheriffs,

chiefs, and so on. I pray for their own welfare as they lead those who have a place of authority. As well as a place of responsibility.

- “Most specifically, I pray for our own police chief and sheriff. I pray for your supernatural wisdom for them. I pray they will daily seek your counsel in leading others. God, hold them up in the place they are as it has a very great demand upon them. Keep them and their families safe.
- “I pray for the state and federal law enforcement in my community. Many of whom may not even be known to work as an officer of the law. I pray for your protection over them as they perform their duties. Give them a righteous wisdom in their dealings and jobs.
- “Jesus, I need our police. I need them in many ways and capacities. These men and women stand between me and danger. These people are willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for strangers. Something You were willing to do. I pray a great empowerment over our law enforcement teams.
- “Father, I pray for the wisdom, protection, and continued presence of our police, deputies, and security forces. I add to that, Jesus, the need for a revival to break out in the substations, offices, precincts, departments, and quiet corners where these brave people go to. Give them the realization that in the moments they fight for sanity, You are always there to listen, understand, and love them.
- “Father, send revival to the law enforcement in my Community!
- “Teach us to love more than anything!”

Write the names of law enforcement personnel in the lines below. Police chiefs, sheriffs, security company owners, other officers and the names of any law enforcement you know personally or know the names of. This is great opportunity to pray for law enforcement across the country.

Police Chief & Their Team in my Community:

Sheriff & Their Team in my Community:

Security Businesses/Teams & Leaders/Owners in my Community:

State & Other Law Enforcement in my Community:

FRIDAY

Medical

We focus on the Medical industry today. Find the names of hospitals, clinic, out-patient facilities, offices, and so on. This is for the doctors, dentists, specialists, nurses, technicians, environmental teams, receptionists, housekeeping, volunteers, and so on. If possible or in place, find the names of the Medical Directors for the clinics and hospitals.

On this day we also add our fire department and ambulance crews to this list. Find the names of the leadership for the fire department. If it is a small community, you are likely to have only one department. Larger communities will have several teams throughout the city with a single leader (chief) over them all. Then each department (or ladder) will have their own commander, assistant chief, or battalion commander.

The ambulance crews will include paramedics, EMTs, and ambulance drivers. Rescue teams should be added as sometimes they are separate from the fire department.

Sample Prayer for “Medical”:

- “Father, I thank you for the wisdom and skills you have placed in the people who are doctors and nurses. I pray a great blessing over them for the tireless work they do for people. Whether it is surgery, emergency room care, ICU, or any number of other areas that bring healing to the body. I also pray for those in the psychiatry areas that help us with therapy to bring us back to a place where we understand life.
- “Father, thank you and bless the ones who pour themselves into securing the needed sanitary requirements of the rooms and halls of our hospitals and clinics. To ensure the safety of others. Bless our receptionists and volunteers.
- “I pray for the firefighters and our fire chiefs. Watch over them as they zip through traffic in an effort to save lives. Give them driving skills and understanding of fire and recues that others may not be able to do anything about.
- “Jesus, I lift up the paramedics, the EMTs, the ambulance drivers, and the other first responders as they put their lives on the line to save the lives of others. I pray great wisdom, amazing and quick decision making, supernatural diagnoses, and life needs understanding for these that going into unknown situations to return life to those who are their patients.

- “God, put a Revival heart into those who have dedicated their lives to helping others. I pray they would be prepared by your Holy Spirit to bring life to a world that needs it more than ever.
- “Jesus, bring Revival to our medical Community.
- “Teach us to love more than anything!”

Write the names of doctors, nurses, office personnel, fire chiefs, firefighters, ambulance personnel, and any members of the medical community or first responders that you know personally or know the names of on the lines below.

Hospitals & Clinics in my Community:

Doctors, Nurses, Technicians, EVS, Office, & Volunteers in my Community:

Paramedics, EMTs, & Ambulance Drivers in my Community:

Fire Chiefs, Firefighters, Rescue Teams, & Personnel in my Community:

SATURDAY

Senior Citizens

Here we focus on the elderly and seniors of our community. These are the people who have set before us the ability to have the life we have. They have worked hard to build our country and world to the standard of life we have now. We need to remember what they have contributed to our society.

Many cultures around the world go out of their way to honor and love on the elderly. We, as Christians, need to emulate this pattern and choose to intentionally lift our seniors to a better place. Especially in our prayers.

We are also guilty of forgetting that God is still using those who have come before us to move in the Spirit and be catalysts for great depth into His presence. In other words, He can still use these incredible people to work greatly in the Kingdom. He's not done with them, neither should we be.

Often these folks are placed in an apartment or home and nearly forgotten. By both Christians and the world. It is the mandate being put upon us as we pray for Revival to remember those God has placed in order before us.

Our elderly are under the care, very often, of people we might not even know. These who work in care facilities or come to the home to help out need support in our prayers as well.

Sample Prayer for “Seniors and Senior Centers”:

- “Father, what an absolute privilege it is to know those who have come before us and laid such incredible ground work for what You are calling us to now. Help us, Jesus, to see this amazing value for the Kingdom that you have placed in the elders of the church.
- “Jesus, pour out your goodness on our seniors. They deal with a myriad of issues that we generally need to experience before we fully understand. I pray, God, that you would use me to help in some way. If nothing else, then at least a burden for their welfare. That those I know and love will know that they are, indeed, loved.
- “I pray for the hearts of our elders to see and know You in greater measure. That they know they are not too old to fall into your presence as they never thought they could. So much so, that regardless of their age and circumstances, they will walk into the Revival that You have for them.

- “God, I lift up the men and women who dedicate their lives to helping our elders. I pray, Jesus, that your Holy Spirit will be in them and on them as they do their daily work with those too feeble to do all they need to for themselves. What a noble way to spend a life, honoring and helping those who have come before us.
- “Lord, send Revival to the senior citizens in our Community!
- “Teach us to love more than anything!”

Write the names of elders and seniors that you know personally. If you know anyone who works with the elderly, put their names down as well. Company names for the facilities that are in your community and their managers.

Elderly in my family & church:

Elderly I know in my Community:

Elders living in Care Facility in my Community:

Elder Care Facility Staff, Owners & Leaders in my Community:

Now What?

There are many things that a person can do to help make the foregoing list (now mostly personalized for you and your own community) effective and a daily part of your life.

Revival is vital. It is proof that God is pouring into a community and bringing life. That is why we seek it. But you might notice that each prayer ends with this phrase, “Teach us to love more than anything!” Revival is not a “movement”, it is an outpouring of God. That will always be most defined by LOVE. It can be messy and difficult, but it is love motivated. That is why it is the last thing on the prayer. Because we most remember the last thing we say.

Suggestions:

- Get a small notebook to keep by the bed or desk so important names are near at hand in case you forget.
- Take the key elements of your “Prayer By Design” list and put them on your smart phone in list format.
- Take each PG and add it to a corresponding day of the week on you phone’s calendar. Repeat this weekly at a specific time each day that you can stop and pray.
- Post the PGs on the fridge to help remind you to remember them.
- Use your connections with others who are doing the same thing by holding one another accountable to pray for the PGs throughout the week
- If you have 7 people (or more) in your Prayer By Design group, swap off days so that each PG will be held up every day of the week. If you have enough, do this with groups.
- Take the PG names and place them on a business card back and slip it into your wallet. Don’t place low value on short prayers. Take time on your lunch or a moment where you are waiting to pray for the groups. Especially if you can put specific people from those groups on that list in your wallet.

There are many methods you can do to make this process more effective and for it to become less of a need and more of who you are as a Christian. A fervent prayer life cannot be overstated or overvalued. To see the shift in our communities and our Nation, prayer on a regular basis must become who we are, not just what we do.

Make it a habit to ask for the burden of your community. Ask God to place a desperation in you for prayer.

KEY TO REVIVAL:

Proceed 1 day at a time for 7 days. Then repeat.