

ACTS TWENTY-NINE PRAYER MINISTRY

The book of Acts is a history of the workings of the Holy Spirit and a testimony to the limitless power, which has been made available to those who trust God. Of all the books in the Bible, Acts is the only one without a definite ending. It seems that the 28-chapter book of Acts is not finished because God intends each local church to continue in the same manner and ministry to the world.

Acts makes it clear that God has a purpose for His people and a plan for them to follow. As we discover what God did in the early church, we also discover what He does in and through us today. What happened in Acts is happening today and can happen in our church.

The most desperate need in our world today is spiritual and moral renewal. This revival must begin with God's people - you and me - and the local church. It must be more than just an increase in church membership and attendance. It must include deeper trust in God, moral righteousness, and a sincere effort to live Spirit-filled lives. Spiritual renewal cannot be attained by human effort alone, but we can prayerfully desire and seek it. With the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians can write the next chapter of Acts - Chapter 29 - today, as we carry out God's work on earth.

The Acts 29 prayer ministry is an opportunity to pray daily in your home for Asbury Church - the same prayers that others in this ministry are praying on the same days. Acts 1:14 says, *"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."* Matthew 21:22 says, *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* As we pray of one mind and purpose, we are interceding for God's will to be done and for his Kingdom to come to our church.

God's Word is a wonderful basis for prayer because the Word expresses the will and intent of our Heavenly Father. *"This is the assurance we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him."* (I John 5:14-15)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Verbally commit to be faithful in prayer in this ministry. Glorify God by your faithfulness.
2. Set a definite time and place to pray. This should be a quiet, private place with no interruptions.
3. Ten daily outlines are included on the following pages. Pray through this plan at least four times. This will take forty days.
4. Pray according to the plan outlined in this booklet. Follow the Holy Spirit's leading in the amount of time you spend in prayer. You may be led to pray for additional needs in the areas described here.
5. The personal opening prayer at the beginning of each day's session is to prepare your heart and mind before you begin praying. Praise God and ask His forgiveness for any sin in your life so you are in right standing with Him before you intercede for others. (See Prayer of Confession on p.3.)
6. If you miss a day or two of prayer, please do not be discouraged. Simply pick up where you left off, so you are praying the same prayers as your prayer partners. However, please make every effort to pray on a daily basis.
7. As you pray through these daily prayers for our church as a whole, the Holy Spirit may bring to your mind a particular person to pray for healing, salvation, etc. Write your specific request on a prayer request card and turn it in to the church office so the members of the Intercessory Prayer Team can include this request in their prayers.
8. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide you in your participation in this ministry. He will energize any prayer ministry. Rely on Him to help you as you pray.
9. Keep in mind the importance of this ministry. Remember that the other people in this ministry (your prayer partners) are counting on your faithfulness.

GUIDE FOR PRAYER

A - Adoration and Praise - Praise God for who He is.

(to bring pleasure to God)

C - Confession - Confess any sin which God brings to your attention.

(to bring you into fellowship with God)

T - Thanksgiving - Thank God for the help He has given you

(to bring you an attitude of gratitude)

S - Supplication/Intercession - Ask God's help in meeting your needs and the needs of others. (to bring about God's purpose)

P R A Y

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pray this prayer to help prepare your heart and to be in right standing with God before you intercede for others. This type of prayer may be used for your personal opening prayer each day.

Father, thank You for sending Your Son to die on the cross for me, to pay the full penalty for all my sins. Thank You for the assurance that I am cleansed from all unrighteousness through Jesus Christ. I believe, according to the Scripture, that I have right standing with You and that You are attentive to my prayers.

I know that sin separates me from You and that unforgiven sin is a barrier to our relationship. I sin against You and sometimes I'm not even aware of it. Please convict me of my sins so I can repent and ask for forgiveness. I cast out of my life all bitterness, resentment, envy, pride, strife and unkindness in any form and ask Your forgiveness. I want my life to glorify You.

I understand that unforgiveness is a barrier to my relationship with You, so I ask You to please forgive and release all those who have wronged or hurt me. I forgive and release them. The Scripture says that as I forgive others, so I am forgiven. I pray that You will deal with them in Your mercy and loving-kindness. Thank you for your provision for forgiveness through Jesus' death on the cross.

Today I make a fresh commitment to live in peace and harmony with my brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, with my friends, associates, neighbors and family. From this moment on, I intend to walk in love, to seek peace, to live in agreement, and to treat others in a way that is pleasing to You. I will be an intercessor, a prayer warrior, strong in the power of Your might.

As I relinquish control of my life to You, I pray You will perform Your works through me. I know that my prayers avail much in the name of Jesus, and it is in His name that I pray. Amen.

St. Augustine said:

**‘Pray as though everything depended on God,
and work as though everything depended on you.’**

MORNING PRAYER

Gracious Father, I begin this day by entering into Your throne room in the name of Jesus with praise and thanksgiving. I praise Your Holy Name and thank You for Your amazing grace, Your unconditional love, and Your mighty power.

I praise you, Lord. You are the same yesterday, today and forever! Your love is constant and never changes. You have promised never to leave or forsake me. My confidence is in You and not myself. I come to You not trusting in myself, but solely in Your grace. You are my joy when I am down, my strength when I am weak, and my courage when I falter. You are my security in a world of change and turmoil.

Today, please help me put Your will before mine; others before myself. Help me put the things of the Spirit before the things of the body, and let me put You before all else. Help me to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness and love others as You love me. Help me forgive others as You forgive me. Give me boldness to stand up for what is right, with a thankful and uncomplaining heart. May all of my words, thoughts and actions today be pleasing to You. Help me remember that all good gifts come from You and be thankful.

Please keep my mind keen, my thinking straight and true, and my body fit and healthy. Provide opportunities for me to serve You today and a desire to grow in my Christ-likeness so I can glorify You. May the way I live show others that You are in control of my life. I commit this day to live for You by the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name, I pray. Amen.

Note: Many Christians like to pray each morning for God's full armor to help them through the day. If you choose to do this, the prayer can be found on page 5.

NIGHTTIME PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for this day. I rejoice in the opportunities You have given me to witness and to serve You. I pray that the words I have said and the deeds I have done have brought glory to You. As I lay down to rest, I cast all my burdens and cares on You, for You never sleep. Please convict me of the things I have done to offend You today, so I can ask Your forgiveness.

Quiet my mind and dwell in my thoughts until sleep overtakes me. Let me have peace in knowing that, whether I am asleep or awake, You are always with me. Let me not be anxious over anything. Let no troubled dreams disturb me, so that I may awake refreshed and ready to serve you another day. In Christ's Holy Name, I pray. Amen.

PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Many Christians begin their day by putting on the whole armor of God as Paul instructs in Ephesians 6:10-17. As you pray the following prayer, visualize the armor as you put it on, feeling the weight and texture of each piece. Think about the protection it provides.

In Jesus' name, I thank you Father, as I put on the belt of truth! I am Your child, saved by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and a joint heir with Christ in Your eternal Kingdom! You are in control of my life. Jesus is living within me through the Holy Spirit! I affirm the truth of who I am and Whose I am. Just as the Roman soldier tucked his toga into his belt to keep him from stumbling in battle, I tighten the belt of truth to keep me from stumbling today!

Father, I thank You, in Jesus name, as I put on the breastplate of righteousness to protect my emotions, my heart and my feelings. I believe that as I wear this breastplate, You will protect me from responding emotionally to people and situations which occur. Help me to keep my eyes on You and to respond with a gentle, loving spirit, rather than my emotions.

I thank You, in Jesus' name, as I slip my feet into the sandals of the Gospel of Peace. My feet are beautiful when they bring the message of peace (Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15). Wherever I go today, I am available to be used by You as a witness for Jesus Christ and to spread the Good News. Thank You for allowing me to be Your instrument of peace.

I thank You, in Jesus' name, as I take up the shield of faith. I know as I place my trust in You and not myself, Your shield of faith is sufficient to protect me from all of Satan's fiery darts.

I thank You, in Jesus' name, as I place on my head the helmet of salvation. My hope is in You. I have the assurance of salvation, which can never be taken away from me. I have the mind of Christ. My mind is open to your leading. I will think right thoughts today because I'm wearing the helmet of salvation.

I thank You, in Jesus' name, as I take up the sword of the Spirit - Your Holy Word. Help me keep my sword sharp by regular Bible study and to use the sword to ward off Satan's attacks. Bring to my mind passages of Scripture appropriate to every situation. Help me use Your Word to share the truth with others and help bring them into a right relationship with You.

Gracious Father, I am so blessed by You. Thank You for loving me so much that you have provided me with spiritual armor. Help me to be a willing servant and a winsome witness for You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer For One Who Has Fallen Away

Gracious Father, in Jesus' name, I believe and confess that (name) is Your disciple. He (she) is a Child of God, taught by You. As an infant, his (her) life was dedicated to You, and when he (she) was older, he (she) accepted Jesus as his (her) Savior. Since childhood he (she) has been acquainted with Your Word and knows that Jesus is the only door to eternal life. In Jesus' name, I believe that (name) has been given eternal life through Jesus Christ. I believe he (she) will never lose it. I believe that no one is able to snatch him (her) from Your heavenly arms.

I pray, in Jesus' name, that Satan and every hindering spirit be bound in his (her) life, so he (she) is free to turn his (her) eyes on You.

Father, You are greater and mightier than anyone else. You know (name)'s innermost thoughts and feelings. You know what is hindering his (her) relationship with You. I pray that You will use Your Holy Spirit to quicken his (her) heart and touch his (her) life with joy and expectation. Restore him (her) to fellowship with You and the body of believers. Give (name) wisdom and revelation. Let him (her) thirst for Your Word.

I pray these things in Jesus' strong name, Amen.

Prayer for Missionaries

Father, bless those who carry the Good News of the Gospel in the mission field. Surround them with a hedge of protection to guard them, their families, property and possessions. Send Your heavenly angels before them to do battle on their behalf. I pray that all attacks and traps of the enemy be foiled and that our missionaries will carry out their ministry safely. You are their hiding place. Preserve them from trouble, surrounding them with songs of deliverance.

Lord, give our missionaries sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Anoint them to preach the Good News to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release the prisoners from darkness. I pray that Your Holy Word will go forth as a double-edged sword, judging the thoughts and attitudes of the hearts of the hearers. I pray that Your Word will fall on hearts open to hear and obey You and that the enemy will not steal the Word after it is sown.

I commit these brothers and sisters in Christ to You, Father, deposited into Your charge, entrusting them to Your protection and care, for You are faithful. Thank You, Father, for these servants. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for Singles

Father, as a single person, I ask that you hear my prayer as Christ is the love of my life. Dear Lord, I desire to be the helpmate to You and Your Church that You want me to be, according to Your will. May I honor You all the days of my life and may You, Lord, be well pleased by the choices I make with the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. I desire to manage the affairs of this household wisely. Lord, help me to mutually respect and love You, myself and all others who reside in my home. May this home be a place of peace and security where You are honored and worshipped. Thank You, Lord. In the Precious Name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

Prayer for Wives

Father, I desire to be the helper for my husband that You want me to be and that he needs. May I do him good all the days of his life and may he have full confidence in me. I want to watch over the affairs of our household wisely. Lord, help us to mutually respect and love one another. May our home be a place of peace and security where You are honored and worshipped. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for Husbands

Father, help me love my wife as Jesus loved the church. Thank You for this special woman You have provided for me. Help me to show her how much I love, appreciate and cherish her. Help me be a good provider in every area of her life. Help us to serve You together, Father, and to be godly examples to our children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for Child

Father, Thank You for blessing me with (name). I stand in the gap for him (her), asking You to help him (her) reach his (her) full potential. Help him (her) grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. Give me wisdom to set a godly example of faith in You, so that he (she) will see Jesus in the way I live my life. Father, help me not provoke, irritate or fret my child. Help me not break or wound his (her) spirit but raise him (her) tenderly in the training, discipline, counsel and admonition of the Lord. Thank You for the assurance that if I train him (her) in the way he (she) should go, when he (she) is old, he (she) will not depart from it. Give (name) a love for Your Holy Word and a desire to live according to it. Help him (her) learn that by following Jesus' example, he (she) can come to know You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for Teenager

Father, Thank You for (name). Thank You, Lord, that You know the plans You have for (name), plans to prosper him (her) and not harm him (her), plans to give him (her) a future and a hope. May he (she) live a life worthy of You, pleasing You in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of You, being strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might.

Father, I pray that you will accomplish your plan and purpose in (name)'s life, bringing the right people into his (her) life at the right time. Help him (her) choose companions who are wise and moral. I pray he (she) will remain sexually pure and keep himself (herself) only for his (her) spouse. Give him (her) grace to keep that commitment. In Your own perfect timing, send the person You have chosen to be (name)'s spouse.

In Jesus' name, I ask You to help (name) make godly choices and protect him (her) from Satan's devices. Give him (her) strength to shun immorality and flee from impurity in thought, word and deed. Give Your angels charge over him (her) to accompany and defend and preserve him (her) in all his (her) ways. Help him (her) live in a way that will glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT - UNITED

Day 1

Christian unity is something Jesus prayed for. Just before He faced His most difficult hours of arrest, crucifixion and death, Jesus prayed for Himself and for His followers. He prayed not only for the bewildered disciples who were still with Him, but also for all His future followers. That means Jesus prayed for us - for each person at Asbury. He prayed that we would be "one."

If Christian unity were easy, Jesus wouldn't have needed to pray for it and Paul wouldn't have needed to write about it. We should pray regularly for unity in the Asbury family. Wherever God's people are united by their common cause and are filled with the Holy Spirit; wherever believers are determined to serve Jesus in spite of the consequences, God will fill that place with His mighty power.

Read I Corinthians 12:12-28 and Acts 2:42-47

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Dear Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus, I come into Your presence, thanking You for Asbury church. You have called us to be your witnesses in Tulsa, Oklahoma and around the world. As I lift my voice today with all the other Acts 29 prayer partners, I recognize that You are the one, true God, and that everything was made by You, for Your pleasure. Help me live my life in a way that is pleasing to You and to give You the glory in all things.

- I affirm that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray according to Matthew 6:10 that Your Kingdom will come on earth, to Asbury church, and that Your will be done in Your church, as it is in heaven.
- I acknowledge that Asbury church, Your church, is a growing, witnessing body of believers. Thank You for beginning a good work in us and for the assurance that You will continue until the day of Christ, perfecting that good work and bringing it to completion. (Philippians. 1:6)

- I lift up each of our pastors. I praise You for sending us godly, spirit-filled pastors. (Check the Prayer Emphasis sheet for current names.) Thank You for qualifying them to be fit, worthy and sufficient as ministers of the Gospel and for equipping them to lead Your church. Please bless them and their areas of ministry. I pray that the Holy Spirit will rest upon them and give them wisdom because You have anointed and qualified them to preach the Gospel. Prosper them abundantly, both physically and spiritually. Give them freedom of utterance so they will open their mouths boldly and courageously in speaking the Gospel.
- Help me stand with our church staff and undergird them with prayer. (Lift up each person by name –see separate staff list and use specific names.) Help me say only good things that will edify and build them up; to not judge them but speak and pray blessings upon them in the name of Jesus. Help me to remember to show my appreciation for them individually.
- I pray that the entire Asbury staff will be united in mind and spirit, with one common purpose - to glorify You and build up the Body of Christ, the church. I pray that teamwork, good communication, flexibility and Christ's love will be demonstrated by every staff member. Help them seek Your will in every plan and decision they make for our church.
- I lift up the lay men and women who have leadership responsibilities in Your church and ask You to bless them (ministry leaders, members of the Administrative Council and special committees, trustees). I pray that Your Holy Spirit will rest upon them and give them wisdom and discernment. Make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel and help them do what is right in Your sight and for Your glory. Help me support and encourage our lay leaders.
- I pray for each person in the Asbury family. Give us a strong desire and determination to be bold witnesses for You. Empower us to turn control of our lives over to the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.” (Romans 15:5)

- Help us at Asbury to follow the example of the early Christians in Acts 2:42. Teach us how to be in full agreement in what we say and do, so there will be no dissension or division among us, and we may be perfectly united as one body (1 Cor. 1:10), standing firm in united spirit and purpose, and striving side by side with a single mind to live out our faith.
- Create in us clean hearts, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. (Psalm 51:10). Help the Asbury family make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3). Show us how to live in perfect harmony with one another, being sympathetic, compassionate and humble, repaying evil with blessing, so we may inherit Your blessing (I Peter 3:8).
- Thank you, Father, for the promises for provision in Your Word. I acknowledge You as the source of everything I need for my spirit, soul and body. Help me trust You for all my needs, but also help me be generous in reaching out to the needs of others. I praise You, Father, for Your provision for Asbury church - the leadership, facility, materials and equipment, financial resources, etc. Help us stand firm in our faith, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, loving one another as You love us. (John 13:34)

Father, thank You that I can come fearlessly, boldly and confidently to You in prayer. Reveal to me things that I need to know and understand that I might pray more effectively. Purify my heart so I will ask with the right motive, confident that You will answer. Lord, help me always to pray in harmony with Your will. Thank You for the privilege of prayer! I give you praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Day 2

Read I Timothy 2:1-6

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Dear Father in Heaven, Your Holy Word says that You don't want anyone to perish but for everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9) and into a relationship with You. I want to be a willing instrument that will help that happen for others. Guide me in helping the unsaved make a sincere commitment and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord of their lives.

- I praise and thank You for Your gift of salvation. Thank You, Jesus for dying on the cross for my sins.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

- I lift up the pastors and teachers who preach and teach the message of salvation in Your church. May each one be controlled by the Holy Spirit and Your Holy Word, which is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12). May Your Word come forth boldly and accurately.
- I pray that those who hear the message of salvation in Your church will be given a spirit of understanding and will be convicted, repentant and renewed; that their spiritual eyes and ears will be opened and they will turn from darkness to the light of Christ.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-39)

- Father, I pray that You will raise up “Philips” in Your church to obey the Great Commission and evangelize both locally and around the world. (Acts 8:4-5)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

- I pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of all people in the Asbury family who have the spiritual gift of evangelism and give them a desire to develop and use their gift.
- Please help me remember that all Christians are called to witness to their faith, whether or not they have the gift of evangelism. Help me remember that the best witnessing is done through the power of the Holy Spirit, not human power, and because of that, I can be a bold witness for You. Help me relinquish control of my life to You.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

- Father, give the people at Asbury the desire and determination to "stand up for Jesus" in all situations and be bold witnesses for You, telling others what they have experienced through Jesus. Help us make Him not only our Savior, but also the Lord of our lives.
- Help me bring the good news of salvation to those who don't know Jesus, that I may be a light for Him in a sin-darkened world. (Matt. 5:14-15) Please remove any fear or doubt I may have about my ability to witness.
- May the words we say and the way we live our lives encourage others to respond to the Good News of Jesus. Holy Spirit, produce Your fruit through me as a witness to others.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

- Father, please raise up in Your church, people with the spiritual gift of exhortation, who like Barnabas, will encourage and strengthen new converts and help them grow in their faith.

- Thank You for providing the financial resources to support Asbury's missionaries in the field. Keep them surrounded with your hedge of protection and bless their ministry. I pray that many people will be led to Jesus as a result.
- I pray for Your abundant blessing on all Christian churches in the Tulsa area.

Father, thank You for loving me so much that when Jesus shed His blood on the cross, You freed me from my sins. I reaffirm my faith in You and give You praise for the gift of salvation. Thank You that I don't have to earn it. I accept Jesus' sacrifice for me and receive your forgiveness and cleansing. I rejoice in knowing that I am Your child, Father. Help me obey Your Word and each day to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus in my life. Amen.

GROWING IN FAITH

Day 3

The prayers of the early Christians were based solidly on God's Word. God's Word and prayer must always go together. In His Word, God speaks to us and tells us what He wants to do. In prayer, we speak to Him and make ourselves available to accomplish His will. True prayer is not telling God what to do, but asking God to do His will in us and through us. It means getting God's will done on earth, not man's will done in heaven.

Read Hebrews 11

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Father, I pray that You will help each person in the Asbury family understand that without faith it is impossible to please You. Strengthen our faith and give us a strong desire to grow spiritually and to be obedient to Your Holy Word.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

- I pray that, as Jesus' disciples, we will strengthen and encourage others to remain true to the faith, remembering that You reward those who earnestly seek You.
- I pray that the people at Asbury will have the desire and willingness to conform to Jesus' likeness. Help us be steadfast in living and witnessing to our faith.
- Father, help us turn control of our lives to the Holy Spirit; to be faithful in following His leading.
- Help each of us hold fast to our confession of faith because You are faithful to us (Hebrews 10:23). I pray that we will walk by faith and practice our faith. Thank You for Jesus, the author and developer of our faith.
- Give us a hunger for Your Word and a desire to seek Your will for our lives. I pray that Your will, not ours, be done.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

- Father, guide our thoughts and feelings, direct our energies and instruct our minds.
- I pray for all unbelievers, new Christians and uncommitted Christians at Asbury who need nurturing in the faith. Please send just the right person to disciple them.
- I pray that "pew-sitters" will learn to demonstrate their faith by making Christ Lord of their lives and will become actively involved in the life and ministry of the Asbury church.
- I pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on the many ministries, Discipleship Communities, and Biblical Study Groups.
- Father, help us grow in grace and knowledge and teach us to trust in Your wisdom. Thank You that Your Word is always true and dependable.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5)

- Help us to see all things through Your eyes, Lord. Give us an unwavering faith.

"... If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

- Help us stand on the solid rock of Holy Scripture and put it into practice, knowing that You are faithful and will protect us (Matthew 7:24-27). Help us hide the Scripture in our hearts and bring it to our remembrance as we need it.
- Thank You, Father, for sending Jesus to be our Shepherd; a Lord whom we can trust completely without fear of being misled, a Savior upon whom we can rely absolutely, without the anxiety of being abandoned.
- As Jesus Christ is presented as Lord and Savior in the preaching and teaching at Asbury, I pray that people will respond with an eagerness to grow in their Christ-likeness. I pray that each person at Asbury will walk in a manner worthy of You, fully pleasing to You and bearing fruit in every good work (Col. 1:10). Direct our steps and make them sure.

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

- James 2:17 tells us that faith without action is dead. I pray that my faith will be manifested by actions that you initiate in my life.
- Help me remember that the cross is a sign of how much You love me and the extent to which You were willing to go to make me Your own. Train me in the skills that will make me a good disciple for You.

Father, in the midst of all that is changing in my world and life, remind me again that Your eternal promises will never change. They are absolutely dependable because You are the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:5). In the Name of Jesus, this is the confidence that I have in You, that, if I ask anything according to Your will, You hear me; and since I know that You hear me, I know that I have what I ask of You (1 John 5:14-15). Help me remember that all that I have comes from You, that You supply my needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19). Help me remember that I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13). I pray that whatever I do in word or deed will be done in Your Name and with thankfulness to You (Col. 3:17). In Jesus' precious name, I pray. Amen.

GOD'S HEALING POWER

Day 4

Read: Acts 3:1-10

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:15-16)

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Father, I acknowledge that You are the Great Healer and that all healing, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual is by Your divine choice. I pray that all healing which takes place in the Asbury family will glorify You.

- I praise You for Your faithfulness in being a refuge for the poor, the needy, and those in distress, a shelter from the storm, a shade from the heat. (Isaiah 25:4)
- I pray for physical and spiritual healing and restoration at Asbury. I affirm that as we cast our burdens on You, You will sustain us and never allow us to fall (Psalm 55:22).
- Help us remember what Jesus told Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9 *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* I pray that those in the Asbury family who are suffering will be like Paul and rejoice in their suffering because when they are weak, they are strong in Jesus.
- I lift up all people who are out of fellowship with the Body of Christ. Please heal their spiritual blindness and give them a repentant spirit. (If specific individuals come to mind, pray for them by name.)
- Father, help me witness to those who have fallen away. I ask for boldness and wisdom in speaking Your Word and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus.
- I pray that my spirit-filled life will be a living testimony to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Help us confess our sins to each other and pray for each other so we may be healed.
- Father, please raise up more people at Asbury who are 21st century Good Samaritans - those with the spiritual gift of mercy. Let them have compassion for those who have fallen into difficult situations, lifting them up and caring for them.
- Father, I pray you will be glorified in Your church by the following care ministries and that the people serving in these ministries will rely on the Holy Spirit to teach them what to say and do in every situation. I pray that people at Asbury and in the community will see Jesus in them as they minister.

Asbury Connection
 Card Ministry
 Care Meal Ministry
 Care & Professional Referrals
 Phone Line Volunteers
 Celebrate Recovery

Hospital Visitation Ministry
 Parish Nurse
 Respite Care
 Stephen Ministry
 Support Groups

- I pray for patience for all Asbury members who are suffering. Help them stand firm in the face of adversity, knowing that You are full of compassion and mercy.
- Please teach us to be merciful to those in need, and follow Jesus' example of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, looking after the sick, and visiting those in prison.
- I pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us to show compassion to the elderly and the disadvantaged.

- I praise You that the hope found in Your Holy Word transcends all human afflictions with an overwhelming glory.
- Father, help me remember the admonition in Matthew 25:40 *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* I pray that my light will so shine before men that they would see my good deeds and give You the praise (Matt. 4:18).
- I claim the promise in Psalm 147:3 and ask You to heal the brokenhearted at Asbury and bind up their wounds.
- I pray that those of us at Asbury who are strong will uphold the weak, loving them and sharing their burdens, that our witness and ministry will be a blessing in their lives (Romans 15:1).

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (1 Peter 5:10)

Thank you, Father, for being our Divine Healer. Give me the faith not to question why some people are healed and others are not, but to trust You completely, knowing that all things work together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purposes. Give me the wisdom to see how I can help those who are hurting. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

CHOSEN TO SERVE

Day 5

Christ's church is the Body, and He is the Head. The Holy Spirit has given all Christians spiritual gifts to be used in service to help meet needs and build up the Body. All Christians are called to serve others. If we fail to see ourselves as part of the unified whole, fitting in and doing our part, then the whole body suffers. When all fulfill their role and accept each other, Christ's body is well and whole.

Read I Cor. 12:27 and Romans 12:4-8

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Thank you, O God, for choosing me to be part of Your family. I praise You for Your workmanship, and acknowledge that I am created for good works which You have prepared in advance for me to do.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

- I praise You that You trust me to do Your work on earth. Thank You for giving me spiritual gifts to equip me for this ministry and the power of the Holy Spirit to help me carry out my ministry. Help me use my gifts wisely to help others and to glorify You.
- Father, help me remember that I am to use the spiritual gifts you've given me to serve others, faithfully administering Your grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)
- I pray for an anointing of the Holy Spirit on the ministries of Asbury church. Empower each person in these ministries to be active, operative, energized and effective and help them live by Your wisdom and perfect will.
- I lift up the people serving in the following ministries and pray that they will be invigorated and strengthened to serve with patience and with joy, always giving thanks to You:

Care Ministry
Celebrate Recovery
Children's Ministry
College & Young Adult Ministry
Communications
Community Life & Hospitality
Discipleship (RoadMap classes)
Equipping Ministry (Evangelism)
Global Outreach
Leadership Asbury
Marriage Ministry

Men's Ministry
Music/Fine Arts Ministry
Prayer Ministry
Regional Outreach
Senior Adult Ministry
Singles Ministry
Student Ministry (Jr. & Sr. High)
Support Services
Volunteers in Mission
Women's Ministry
Worship

- Father, help me follow Paul's example and ask: "*Lord, what will you have me do?*" and then do it. (Acts 9:6)
- Help me remember that Jesus didn't come as a king with a sword, but as a servant with a towel. Give me the wisdom to follow His example of servanthood.
- Give each person who attends Asbury a desire to serve and answer Your call, saying: "Here am I, Lord, send me." I pray that the people who volunteer for Asbury's ministries will be those whom You have called to those ministries.
- Help me remember that faith without works is dead.

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."
James 2:26)

- Father, give me a heart more ready to minister than to be ministered to, a heart moved by compassion and sensitive toward other people.
- I pray that we will all use our spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ until we all reach Christian maturity.

"... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13)

- Grant us the wisdom and strength to develop our gifts and talents through prayer

and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Help us not miss any opportunity to make our lives count in service. Guide us toward that day when we stand before You and hear You say: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

- I pray that the time, talents, witness, gifts, and service given by members of the Asbury family will be a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to You, because of the work You are doing in our lives. (Phil. 4:19)
- Please give me a clear understanding of what You want me to do, then enable me to do it in such a way that my life will be a constant hymn of praise, a sacrificial offering to You.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

- Lord, help me be aware of all the opportunities for service around me. Keep me faithful in the small tasks and let me discover Your presence in overlooked people in obscure places.
- Thank You, Father, that You have given us more than enough to meet every need of Your ministries at Asbury and to carry out Your Great Commission. Help us remember that as Christians, we are salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16). May our light shine before men so they will see our good deeds and give you the praise.

Gracious Father, thank You for calling me to be Your minister and for equipping me for ministry. I acknowledge that what You have called me to do, You have gifted me to do. Thank You for the assurance that I'm not on my own, but have the power of the Holy Spirit to help me carry out my ministry. Help me relinquish control to that power. Guide my steps as I try to follow Jesus' example of servanthood. It is in His name that I pray. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

Day 6

God has given us the ultimate example of forgiveness in Jesus, and when we follow His example, we can restore what has been broken. Before we blame others or expect them to "get right," we should look at our own words and conduct, putting away anything that contributes to unforgiveness.

Just as Jesus had to put down his own will in order to obey God, we must put down our own desires and put others first. As we follow Jesus' example and depend on His strength, we will be able to accept forgiveness and forgive others, not merely superficially but from the heart.

Read: Matthew 18:21-22

"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)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Father, I confess to You that there are some areas where we have failed in being the people and the church You called us to be. But You made provision for our sins by Jesus' death on the cross. He died on the cross for me and for everyone, and paid the full penalty for all our sins, past, present and future. I praise and thank You for that.

"This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10)

- Give me the grace to face the people who have displeased, hurt or troubled me. Help me to forgive them, not condemn them.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

- It is my prayer that each person at Asbury will be an imitator of Jesus; merciful, sympathetic, tender, responsive and compassionate. I claim the promise that we can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13)

- Help the Asbury family, as Your children, to be committed to walk in Your kind of love. Help us to be patient and kind, to refrain from envy, jealousy, and boastfulness. Help us not be offended at injustice or wrongs done to us, but bear up under anything that comes with love and forgiveness. Help our love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so we can discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)

- I praise and thank You for preparing hearts ahead of time to receive my love. Thank You for the assurance that nothing can separate me from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:38-39)
- I pray that each person at Asbury will learn, by Your grace, to both give forgiveness and to accept it graciously.
- Help each of us understand that mutual forgiveness is basic not only to true Christian relationships but is a necessity if we are to experience Your forgiveness. Help us remember that our relationships with others affect our relationship with You.

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15)

- I claim the promise that since You have given us the ultimate example of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, when I follow His example, You will restore what has been broken.
- I pray that broken relationships within the Asbury family will be healed because of forgiving hearts and minds.
- Help my forgiveness be done with the right motive, in the right spot, in obedience to You and with the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Help me remember that forgiveness is the process You take us through to heal wounds; that forgetting removes the ugly scars. Help me forget and remove the scars from my life.

- Father, fill our souls with the forgiveness and love that overcomes all things bad and evil.

Read Psalm 103:2-5, 10-12, substituting "me" and "my" for "you," "your," "our" and "us."

Dear Lord, thank You that You have chosen to offer me forgiveness of my sins. Thank You for Jesus' death on the cross, which offers me that forgiveness. If I wound any soul today, if I cause one foot to go astray, if I walk in my own willful way, please reveal it to me so I can ask Your forgiveness. Help me to acknowledge my sin and be truly repentant. Give me the grace and humility of spirit to refuse to keep score of the wrongs done to me, and to be quick to forgive and make amends. Rid me of pride and self-righteousness so I am free to forgive others as You have forgiven me. Thank You for giving me Jesus as Savior and as my example. In His name I pray, Amen.

Is there someone or something you have forgiven but refused to forget, which keeps you from being happy and productive? If so, write it on a slip of paper and ask God to remove it from your memory.

Then tear up the paper and throw it away.

GOD CREATED FAMILIES

Day 7

Read Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4

"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household.'" (Acts 16:31)

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Dear Father, I praise and thank You for creating families. Give me the wisdom and the grace to follow Your example of a loving Parent, desiring that all of us at Asbury will acknowledge Jesus as Master of our lives and live by His example. I pray that as we work, worship and fellowship together, our lives will bear witness that You are in control.

- I pray that each household in the Asbury family will choose this day to serve the Lord. I pray that our homes will be established on a solid foundation, Your Holy Word, with Jesus as the Cornerstone.
- Help each family at Asbury remember that Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths. Help us be faithful in reading the Scriptures. Help us rely on the Scripture as the guide for our lives. (Psalm 119:105)
- Help each family at Asbury trust in You with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. I pray that we will acknowledge You in all ways so You will direct our paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)
- I pray that Jesus will rule in every heart, that Your Law will be honored in every home so You can accomplish Your plan and purpose in each family.
- Give Asbury husbands and wives the wisdom to heed the lessons found in Ephesians 5:21-33 and I Corinthians 13. Help Asbury's husbands accept and carry out their responsibility as spiritual head of their household. (Ephesians 5:23)
- Father, help Asbury's single persons be content right where You have placed them. Help them walk in Your ways and be willing to wait for your timing. If a spouse is in Your plan for them, send the one you have created for them.

- Guide and direct Asbury parents in committing our children to You. Help us raise our children tenderly in the training, discipline, counsel and admonition of the Lord.
- Thank You for Asbury's children's, student and college ministries. Help parents and others be sensitive to the needs of these ministries. Give us a desire and willingness to assist and support.
- Father, please teach Asbury children to honor their parents and teach the parents to live lives worthy of honor. (Ephesians 6:2)
- Please help every adult in the Asbury family set a good example of faith in Jesus Christ for Asbury's children. Let them see, by the way we live our lives, that we love You, trust You and believe You are in control of all things.
- Holy Spirit, help Asbury's teenagers, college students and young adults appropriate Your power so they will be bold witnesses of their faith to their peers. Help them stand up for Jesus in all things. Thank You for the godly spouses You've been preparing for our teenagers, college students and young adults. Fulfill Your purpose by bringing them together in Your own perfect time.
- Father, help Asbury's Community teachers relinquish control to the Holy Spirit and to follow Jesus' example as they lead, feed and nurture their flocks of adults or children. Thank You for equipping them, energizing them and creating in them the willingness and desire to do Your will.
- Bless the volunteers in the Couple to Couple ministry. I ask for a special anointing on each of the support couples as they help prepare engaged couples with a solid foundation for a Christian marriage.
- Lord, I lift up all unbelieving spouses and pray that You will grant them repentance, leading them to a knowledge of the truth. Open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light so they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ.
- Heal the broken family relationships at Asbury. Fill the hearts of those families with love and compassion, and their minds with understanding. Give me the wisdom to help repair broken relationships. Help me set a good example for others.

- Help our church respond quickly and lovingly to families in need or distress. Give us the wisdom and resources to help meet their needs.
- Lord, please station Your holy angels around Asbury's families. Protect them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse. Blind their eyes to pornography, and help them make Godly choices for their lives. Help us remember that, as the Asbury family, we are the family of God. Give us a strong desire to bring light to our sin-darkened world.
- Father, I claim Psalm 91 for Asbury's families, that they will be protected physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially. I pray that the thief will not steal our sheep or rob them of Your blessings. (John 10)

Gracious God, bless Asbury's families. Help us live lives worthy of You and pleasing to You in every way. Help us bear up under anything and everything that comes, always trusting in You. Let us be always ready to believe the best of each other. Let our love for each other never fail, as Your love never fails. Help us value, respect and enjoy one another's company. Rid us of bitterness, anger, jealousy, rudeness, bad temper, resentment, malice, spite and selfishness. Help us not insist on our own way, but let us be tenderhearted, compassionate, understanding, and loving-hearted, forgiving one another readily and freely as You have forgiven us. Help us to follow our Example, Jesus Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Day 8

If the Christian life is simply a matter of doing our best, there was no need for God to send the Holy Spirit to help us. He is an integral part of our Christian life. He is our Number One Helper. He takes up residency in believers forever. He doesn't just pass through, He comes to stay.

Read Galatians 5:16-26, John 15:1-8, Romans 8:5-8

*"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."
(1 Corinthians 12:13)*

"Peter replied: 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2:38)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Dear Father, Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to be my trustworthy guide. Thank You for the assurance that when I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior, I received the gift of the Holy Spirit and have everything I need to experience the wonderful Spirit-filled life. I acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus in me. Jesus is the vine and I am the branch. I know that the Holy Spirit is the sap that runs from the vine into the branch. I know that You didn't create branches to produce fruit, but created them to have fruit produced through them.

- Father, please produce the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, through us, the members of Asbury.
- Place in the heart of each person in the Asbury family a strong desire to live a lifestyle that is dependent on the leading of the Holy Spirit and characterized by the fruit of the Spirit. Prepare us for Your works in the Tulsa area.
- Give us a deeper understanding of the purpose and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- Thank You, Father, for the assurance that when I abide in Christ, the Holy Spirit gives me the self-control necessary to overcome temptation. Help me abide in You, for apart from You, I can do nothing.
- I pray for a special anointing of the Holy Spirit on Asbury's pastors and teachers so they will be examples of spirit-filled lives for the rest of the congregation. Work mightily through them.
- Help me be diligent in seeking Your will and when I have found it, to live it by faith and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Help me remember the kind of obedience You expect from me - to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. (Micah 6:8) Thank You for the assurance that obedience always brings spiritual blessing.
- Thank You for creating spiritual gifts to ensure that each believer has a significant role in the Body of Christ and that believers will work together to accomplish Your overall purpose. I praise You that we're all "somebody" in the Body of Christ.
- Give me discernment to distinguish between the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the worldly messages around me.
- Thank You for giving us the Sword of the Spirit, Your Holy Word, to expose and destroy Satan's lies that confront us (Ephesians 6:17). Help everyone at Asbury fill their hearts and minds with the truths of Scripture, so we will discover the joy and hope found in Your Holy Word and recognize the power it offers to meet the needs in our lives.
- Thank You for the assurance that the Holy Spirit is committed and equipped to guide us according to the truth. Since He will not override our will or force us to follow, I pray that we will surrender to His leading.

- Help us remember that the fruit of the Spirit is not environmentally sensitive - that the production of fruit is not limited to times when everything is going well. Help us show:

Love - to the unlovable and those who don't love in return.

Joy - in the midst of painful circumstances or when we don't get our way.

Peace - when something we count on doesn't come through.

Patience - when things are moving too slowly.

Kindness - toward those who treat us unkindly.

Goodness - to those who are insensitive.

Faithfulness - when friends prove unfaithful.

Gentleness - towards those who treat us roughly.

Self-control - in the midst of temptation.

- Father, it is my desire that the fruit produced through me will attract nonbelievers to Jesus Christ and that You will help me be a powerful, willing witness for Jesus.

Father, thank you for Jesus, our example of One who lived a Spirit-filled life. Thank you for caring about us so much that you sent the Holy Spirit to be our Guide to a righteous life. We praise You for the peace we experience as we walk in the Spirit - the peace that passes all understanding - because He always leads in perfect peace and takes our weaknesses and strengths into consideration. Give us the faith to relinquish control and give the Holy Spirit control of our lives. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

RESISTING THE ENEMY

Day 9

Satan is alive and well on earth today. He is defeated by Jesus' death on the cross, but he isn't dead. He is crafty and a smooth operator. He knows he can't destroy those who belong to Jesus Christ or alter your eternal destiny as a child of God. But he actively seeks to do all he can to make you miserable - anything to minimize your experience of close fellowship with Jesus or reduce your effectiveness as a witness of His love. Satan's objective is (1) to destroy your unity with God, the church and family, (2) to entice you to sin, and (3) to lead you into false teaching. Remember that he is a defeated enemy, and our Savior will one day seal him up in eternal punishment. There is real power in the name and blood of Christ, and Satan cannot stand in the presence of the One who defeated him once and for all at the cross.

Read: Ephesians 6:11-18.

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

*"... the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."
(I John 4:4)*

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for providing spiritual armor for us to withstand Satan's fiery darts. I know that as I pray for Your church, I can expect attacks from the enemy. Guard and protect me. Help me be alert and vigilant and stand firm in the faith. (I Peter 5:8-9) Thank You for giving me the power of the Holy Spirit to help me resist the enemy. Thank You for giving me Your Word to resist the enemy. Thank You for giving me the name of Jesus to resist the enemy.

- Please station Your Holy angels in every available space in Your church buildings and pastors' homes to help Asbury shake off the enemy's assaults and keep growing spiritually. I pray for spiritual revival at Asbury.
- I pray for Your hedge of protection around Asbury's pastors, staff, ministries and all the people involved in those ministries.

- I pray for Your full armor on Asbury and ask You to dress Your church in Your manifold protection. (Ephesians 6:11-17)
- Please motivate each person in the Asbury family to become constant in prayer and give thanks in all things. (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Father, please help each of the Acts 29 prayer partners resist temptation and remain steadfast in prayer for the allotted 40-day time period. Pour out Your richest blessings on us as we lift up our church in prayer.
- Help each person at Asbury understand that Satan is real and doing everything he can to win people to his side. Help us remember that we are not immune to his attacks because we are Christians, but are more likely to be attacked for that reason.
- Thank You for the assurance that Satan was overcome by the blood of Jesus. I affirm that Jesus won the victory for me when He shed His blood for my sins. (Revelation 12:11)
- Give each of us in the Asbury family the desire and willingness to submit ourselves to You so we will have the power to resist the devil.

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
(James 4:7)*

- Give each of us the desire and motivation to study the Scripture, which is stronger than any double-edged sword, and to live by it so we will be prepared to resist Satan's attacks. (1 John 2:14)

*"The word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."
(Proverbs 10:5)*

- In Jesus' name, I bind Satan from causing pride, envy, strife, doubt, fear, disharmony, worry, gossip, apathy, discontentment and confusion in the Asbury family. In Jesus' name, I loose the fruit of the Spirit in Your congregation.

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
(Matthew 16:19)*

- I pray that I will not allow Satan to get a foothold in my life for any reason. Help me be alert and vigilant, resisting Satan and standing firm in the faith.

"In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." (Ephesians 4:26-27)

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith ..." (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Father, just as Jesus prayed that You would protect His disciples from the evil one, I ask that You also protect the people of Asbury by the power of His name. In Jesus' name, I pray that Satan's stronghold, wherever and whatever it is, will be shattered. Jesus, You are my only Lord, and no other power has mastery over my soul or any part of my being. Thank you for saving me, Jesus, and calling me Your own. Thank you for showing me how to resist the enemy and withstand his attacks. In Your name, I pray. Amen.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP Day 10

Praise is an important part of intercessory prayer. Praise tunes us in to God in a fresh, new way. It helps us discern His heart and His will. It helps us focus on His greatness and love above everything else. Our faith is increased and we are energized by the joy of the Lord which comes from praising Him. When we praise God, Satan is terrified and his plans confounded. When you are in the midst of a struggle, try praising God rather than giving Him requests. It's a good way to break the enemy's power.

Read: Ephesians 5:18-20 and Colossians 3:16-17.

*"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"
(Philippians 2:10)*

"... Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Pray a Personal Opening Prayer, then pray the following:

Dear Father, You are the Lord, my God, and I bless Your Holy Name. Your deeds are great and marvelous. Your ways are true and just. Thank You for Your wisdom, Your power, Your grace, and Your unconditional love.

I bless Your Name, ***Elohim***, the Creator of heaven and earth. It is You Who made me, and You have crowned me with glory and honor. You are the God of might and strength. Hallowed be Thy Name!

I bless Your Name, ***El Shaddai***, the God Almighty of blessings. You are all-bountiful and all-sufficient. Hallowed be Thy Name!

I bless Your Name, ***Adonai***, my Lord and my Master. You are the One True God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hallowed be Thy Name!

I bless Your Name, ***Jehovah-jireh***, who sees my needs and provides for them. Hallowed be Thy Name! (Genesis 22:13-14)

I bless Your Name, ***Jehovah-rapha***, who heals us and binds up our wounds. Hallowed be Thy name. (Exodus 15:26)

I bless Your Name, ***Jehovah-shalom***. You are the Peace which passes all understanding. Hallowed be Thy Name! (Judges 6:24)

Father, You have exalted above all else Your Name and Your Word. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and His Name is Jesus! Hallowed be Thy Name! Today I rededicate myself to You, a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You. (Romans 12:1) I will honor You, Father, and bring glory to You. Let my light so shine before men that it will glorify You. I do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving praise to You through Him.

- In addition to our pastors, I lift up the following people and pray that they will carry out their worship responsibilities in a way that will glorify You:

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| 1. Worship Leaders | 7. Ushers |
| 2. Minister of Music | 8. Greeters |
| 3. Musicians | 9. Altar Preparation Volunteers |
| 4. Choir Members | 10. Pew Rack Volunteers |
| 5. Communion Volunteers | 11. Sound Technicians |
| 6. Acolytes | 12. Altar Prayer Partners |

- I pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in Asbury's worship services. May we enter into Your gates with thanksgiving, into Your courts with praise and glorify You. (Psalm 100:4)
- I intercede for Tom Harrison as he prepares to preach Your Word, and that You will work mightily in him. (Colossians 1:29)
- In Jesus' name, I bind doubt, unbelief and distractions from our worship. Father, please loosen a spirit of joy, peace and receptivity to Your Word. (Matthew 16:19)
- Holy Spirit, I pray that You will fall anew on worshippers, to melt them, mold them, fill them and use them.
- Father, give worshippers the blessed assurance that Jesus is theirs, and let them leave the worship services knowing the condition of their souls

- I pray that Asbury's inactive church members will begin attending Sunday worship services regularly.
- Create in my heart a hunger and thirst for righteousness, a compelling desire to learn more about You, and a willingness to devote time to studying the Scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other believers.

Dear Father in Heaven, with a reverent and grateful heart, I worship You. You are the only one worthy of my worship; the only one worthy of my praise. Open my eyes to behold You in all Your love and glory. Open my lips to magnify Your name. May I worship You with my whole heart and mind and soul. To You I give honor and glory and praise, forever and forever. Amen

Make it a regular habit on Sunday mornings to pray for the worship services.

Sometime during the week, go to the sanctuary, sit in the seats of known worshippers and pray for God to do specific things in their lives.

As people go to the communion table, pick out one or two special individuals and pray for them as they take communion.

SCRIPTURES ON PRAYER

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

Job 22:7 - "You will pray to him and he will hear you...."

Psalms 34:15 - "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry."

Psalms 55:16-17 - "But I call to God and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice."

Psalms 86:5-7 - "You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you. Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you and you will answer me."

Psalms 91:15-16 - "He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

Psalms 103:1-2 - "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Psalms 145:18-19 - "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 15:8 - "The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him."

Proverbs 15:29 - "The Lord is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous."

Isaiah 55:6-7 - "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."

Jeremiah 29:12 - "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Jeremiah 33:3 - "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Matthew 6:5-6 - "But when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Matthew 6:9-15 - "This is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.'"

Matthew 7:7-8 - "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 18:19 - "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my father in heaven."

Matthew 21:22 - "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Mark 11:24 - "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:25 - "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Luke 11:11-13 - "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 18:1 - "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."

John 15:7 - "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

John 16:23-24 - "I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 17:9, 20 - "I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.....My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message."

Romans 8:26-27 - "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

I Corinthians 14:15 - "So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind."

Ephesians 6:18 - "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Hebrews 4:14-16 - "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

James 1:5-6 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."

James 5:16 - "Therefore confess our sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

1 John 3:21 - "Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him."

1 John 5:14-15 - "This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him."