



daily prayer guide





# MONDAY MINISTRY

## prayer strategy

**1 Timothy 1:12**, I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry.

**Ezra 7:10**, Now Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law of the LORD, obey it, and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel.

**My prayer for First Baptist Woodstock** – Dear Lord, you promised to build your Church on the rock of Christ, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it – may it be so today in our congregation (Matt 16:18).

- May FBCW be built on the foundation of Christ Jesus, our cornerstone! Amen.

## ON MONDAYS, I PRAY FOR MY MINISTRY!

**Send us more volunteers, O Lord, to serve your church!**

- **Luke 10:2**, He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”

**Help me to preach and teach with the power of the Holy Spirit!**

- **Mark 1:22**, They were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes.
- **1 Corinthians 2:4**, My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.

### **I pray for our deacons and servants in the church.**

- **1 Timothy 3:13**, For those who have served well as deacons acquire a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

### **I pray for the Spirit of God to flood and invade our worship services.**

- **Zechariah 4:6**, This is the word of the LORD... “Not by strength or by might, but by my Spirit” says the LORD of Armies.

### **I pray for a Church that seeks to evangelize the lost both near and far.**

- **Acts 1:8**, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon You, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world.
- From Woodstock to the World – may our people/partners see many saved!
- Break our hearts over lostness!

### **I pray for those who teach the Bible each week.**

- Sunday School teachers
- Bible study leaders
- Give them anointing...energy...ability to see/share the text... Give our people a hunger/thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6).

### **I pray for those who minister to the young, to the elderly, and to the poor.**

- Give us a heart for children/youth! Jesus said, “Let the Children come unto Me...”
- Give us a heart for widows & the elderly!
  - They are often alone and discouraged.
  - May we remember them, and not forget them.
  - The faithfulness of the older people paved the way for what we enjoy today!
- Make FBCW gracious to the poor! Proverbs 28:27, Turn your eyes to the poor and be gracious!

### **Dear Lord, give us a good reputation in our city (Honor, Love, a Place of Hope/Help).**

- **Proverbs 22:1**, A good name is to be desired more than great riches, and favor is better than silver and gold.

**For our Church Staff and Leaders, these are things I pray:**

- Wisdom from heaven
- Personal Integrity in all things
- Moral Purity in their mind/body
- Genuine love for Christ
- Genuine love for the Church, the Community, and the Lost.

**Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as something done for the LORD and not for people.**

Today's Prayer Tool: simply pray the Lord's Prayer! "Our Father..."



# TUESDAY TIMES

## prayer strategy

**1 Timothy 2:1-2**, First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

**Proverbs 21:1**, A king's heart is like channeled water in the LORD's hand: He directs it wherever he chooses.

**Romans 13:1&7**, Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God...Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.

### Prayers for our president

- Wisdom
- Moral discretion, courage, and humility
- Energy
- A good listener, a teachable spirit
- Prayers for Georgia's governor

### Prayers for my Georgia Regional Leaders/Senators and Representatives

### Prayers for Woodstock Mayor

**Prayers for Police, Fire, and EMT leadership:** our sheriff, police chief, and fire chief.

**Prayers for Cherokee Schools Superintendent** and all administrators, teachers, and students.

### Prayers for Cherokee County Commissioners

**I pray personally that I, Jeremy Morton, will be a man of God in this city!**

- I do not pray to be rich, famous, or popular.
- Make me faithful...godly...an ambassador for Christ!

**1 Samuel 9:6**, "Look," the servant said, "there's a man of God in this city who is highly respected; everything he says is sure to come true."

**I pray that God will give me special wisdom to lead well in these unique times.**

- The challenges of this moment in history
- O Lord, give me... JCZMA and FBCW...wisdom of God Almighty!

**1 Chronicles 12:32**, sons of Issachar, men who understood the times...James 1:5, If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...

**Dear Lord, please send revival and spiritual awakening across the land.**

- Raise up many people of God
- Bless other pastors and churches
- Send revival

**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, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

O God – in Cherokee County as it is in heaven!

O God – in the USA as it is in heaven!

O God – on earth...in every nation...heart...home...city...as it is in heaven!

**In these times in which we live –**

- May JCZMA stand upon your Word with truth and grace (my immediate family: Jeremy, Carries, Zeke, Madie & Abe)
- May FBCW stand upon your Word with truth and grace (First Baptist Church Woodstock)

NEVER compromising...and NEVER being unloving/unkind.

FULL of conviction...and FULL of love and kindness.

Today's Prayer Tool: write a verse on a notecard and pray it many times through



# WEDNESDAY WITNESS

## prayer strategy

**Romans 1:16**, For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

### Take a moment and thank God that I'm saved!

- Remember when you got saved
- Praise God that you are His child (that He is holding you!) Be grateful for the ones that led you to Christ

**2 Corinthians 13:5**, examine yourselves to see if you are in the household of faith. After taking a moment and looking inside your own heart, pray:

### Dear God, make me a soul-winner!

- **Proverbs 11:30**, The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and a wise person captivates people.

Dear God, fill my life with the aroma of Christ! (An aroma of life, leading to life! 2 Corinthians 2:16)

- **2 Corinthians 2:15**, *For to God we are the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

Dear God, make my presence in my city a presence of evangelistic blessing and care for the lost!

- **Jeremiah 29:7**, Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the LORD on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive.

Dear God, help me to view people as you see them!



- **Matthew 9:36**, When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.

**When it comes to witnessing:**

- Fill me with your Spirit, Lord (Acts 1:8)
- Make me courageous and unashamed (Romans 1:16)

*PRAYER: May the mood of my heart...the words of my mouth...be matched to the needs of all I encounter.*

**When it comes to every person I meet, give me this perspective:**

- They need to be saved (if they are lost)
- They need to be encouraged (if they are saved)

**Psalm 19:14**, Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight...O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Make me a witness, O Lord –**

- In my neighborhood
  - Help me know my neighbors! (Their names and needs)
- The parents of my children’s friends and classmates (make me a witness)
- At my gym
- In the community...in all my meetings/interactions
- In my preaching – make me clear about the Gospel!

**Lord, this week, make me faithful/intentional to share the Gospel!**

- Open eyes
- Open heart
- Open mouth
- Open calendar

**Bring awareness/openness to the following lost people that I am praying for:**

**Also, today, Lord I pray for other pastors, churches, missionaries, and mission organizations! Bless them all today in Jesus’ name!**

**Today’s Prayer Tool: the P, P, P, P strategy! person, partner, parent, pastor.**

# THURSDAY TROUBLE

## prayer strategy

**Here's a question:** how much brokenness, pain, and hurt surround me right now? (In my home...in my school...in my church...at my workplace)

**Suffering and heartache are in full force because of:**

- **Fallen world** > sin has crept into the fabric of our society...sin has corrupted everything that was previously perfect back in Eden. Nothing is truly sacred outside of Christ.
- **Sinful body** > when Adam/Eve sinned what was the first and ultimate consequence God spoke to them: now you will surely die. Because of sin, our physical body won't live forever on this earth. We have an early expiration date. God won't/can't tolerate sin forever.
- **Wicked devil** > He's the source of all the mess we are in! He hates us! He stalks us like prey. He wants to have his evil way with us.

**Jesus knew this (fallenness, sin, and the devil)** > this is why He looked out over the crowds:

**Matthew 9:38**, *Sees us as distressed and dejected, like sheep without a Shepherd.*

**Luke 19:41**, *When Jesus approached the city of Jerusalem, He looked out over the city and wept.*

- Who is hurting?
- Who needs encouragement?
- Who do I need to remember?
- Who do I need to thank?

**Physical Sickness**

**Marriage and Family Issues**

- Divorce
- Craig Ormsby, Robin Gerardi, and our "We Foster" program at FBCW.

## Bereavement – those who have lost loved ones

- Lori Karnes

## Upcoming Surgeries or Concerns

- What do I personally dread? Have anxiety about?
- Consider my upcoming schedule?

## What's going on in my family?

- What are Carrie's needs? (Her heart, her health, her struggles)
- What are my children's needs/fears? (Struggling, school, illness)

## Other Resources-

- Church office publishes a daily prayer list (Ken and Jennifer)
- Maybe your Sunday School class or Bible Study Group has a prayer list?
- When names and needs are being called out, what do you do?
- Do you write them down?
- Do you actually follow through and pray?
- Do you follow up with the person/need and circle back?
- Maybe you are on a Facebook prayer group?

## Sometimes on Thursdays, I take time to:

- Send a text
- Write a handwritten note

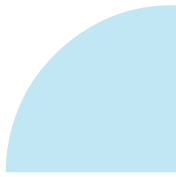
Today's Prayer Tool: one of the best ways to fight despair and heartache! Get your hymnbook, read the old lyrics, sing along, or use Spotify or YouTube and worship!

Actively participate!

Worship God as you think about the pain.

*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold I'd rather be His, than have riches untold I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand*

*Than to be the King, of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway*



# FRIDAY FRIENDS and FAMILY prayer strategy

Today, on Friday, I aim to drill down a little further on the personal specific roles I have in life:

I am a **man...**

I am a **husband...**

I am a **dad...**

I am a **son...**

I am a **grandson...**

I am a **brother...**

I am a **nephew** and an **uncle...**

I am a **cousin** and a **friend...**

I am a **neighbor...**

I am a **pastor...**

I am a **citizen in the community...**

These are ALL important roles!

## **For Jeremy as a man (as a person):**

- May my life be marked by holiness and Christlikeness
- Give me great integrity
- Help me to live/walk in purity
- Give me wisdom
- Help me to be generous
- Fill me with a real spirit of authentic humility

**May the name "Jesus Christ" consume, cover, and control the name, "Jeremy Morton"**

**Secondly, I pray for my life as a husband...and I spend time praying for Carrie.**

**Ephesians 6:10**, Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

**Proverbs 31:30-31**, Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD will be praised. Give her the reward of her labor, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

- Make me a godly, patient, supportive, attentive husband!
- Bless Carrie with **energy!**
- Give Carrie **godly character!**
- Give Carrie **good friends and lots of laughter.**
- Give Carrie grace for all of her roles: **wife, mom, friend, servant of God, and First Lady.**

Lord, give us unhurried, refreshing time together. May our marriage be a “retreat” for us both! Protect our marriage...give us eyes only for one another...

**Thirdly, I then pray for the specific needs of Zeke, Madie and Abe (my children).**

**Psalm 128:3, 4, 6** *Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children, like young olive trees around your table...In this very way the man who fears the LORD will be blessed...May the LORD bless you from Zion, so that you will see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life and will see your children’s children.*

**These are things I pray for my children:**

- That they will personally know/love the Lord
- That they will have courage to stand up for Jesus
- That they will be godly leaders, not followers of the crowd. I pray for their school, and their school teachers.
- I pray for the activities my children are involved in
- Give them godly friends
- Give them a heart for the Church

**I pray for my children’s future spouse.**

- Somewhere there’s two little girls
- Somewhere there’s one little boy
- I’m praying for those three kids even today

### Make me a Dad to ZMA that is:

- Godly, loving, approachable, available, wise, trustworthy, and fun!
- Give me an inroad into their heart
- Help them to love the Lord more, despite their daddy's flaws.

### Thirdly, I pray for my parents, my brother, my in-laws, and extended family.

- May God bless them in their own respective circles
- I thank God for and pray for a godly heritage

**Psalm 145:4-5**, *One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts. I will speak of your splendor and glorious majesty.*

**For my brother** > make him a godly man/husband/dad

**For my parents, in-laws** > may they finish strong in the Lord...may their remaining days be their sweetest and strongest days!

Also, on Fridays, I pray for the personal friends/needs that God brings to my heart – whatever God shows me; however God leads me! I try to remember the people that are the most important to me! **Fridays are for family and friends.**

Today's Prayer Tool: Fasting...consider giving up a meal, or a day...spend that time in prayer!



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