



PRAYER GUIDE

JANUARY 5–11, 2020

*And when they had prayed,
the place in which they were gathered together was shaken,
and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and continued to speak the word of God with boldness
(Acts 4:31).*

INTRODUCTION

DEVOTE EXTRA TIME FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK—The church-wide prayer week can help you practice the discipline of time spent with God in prayer, in his Word, and with his people. *Attend at least one* of the evening prayer times in a church members' home nearest you.

ANTICIPATE OPPOSITION FROM THE ENEMY—Whenever Christians devote themselves to prayer, the enemy sends skepticism, interruptions, doubts, and conflicts—all tempting us to abandon prayer. The devil doesn't want you to pray. Determine to persevere in prayer.

FOCUS ON THE THEME FOR EACH PRAYER DAY—Unless God urges you to stop everything else and pray for other concerns, discipline yourself and your group to pray around the selected theme and suggested items for prayer. Prayer week draws the church together.

MEDITATE ON THE BIBLE PASSAGES ON THE PAGE—Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture readings for each day. Ask him to show you how the verses address your life, your family, our church, and our communities.

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR INTERCESSION—Let the Holy Spirit draw you into God's presence, and respond to him as he directs you. Open your heart and your life to him before, during, and after your time of prayer.

USE THE PRAYER POINTS AS STARTING POINTS—The prayer points for each theme provide areas of emphasis, but they are not comprehensive. Let the Holy Spirit guide you and your prayer partners to pray for specific items or people related to the points.

CONCLUDE WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE—God hears the prayers of his people, and he delights in them. Thank God for giving Jesus Christ as our only mediator. Then, praise him for listening to you and working to glorify himself through your prayers.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Location: Mill Springs Academy Lower School Atrium

Time: 9:30–10:10am

Our **purpose** is to help everyone know Jesus, glorify him, and enjoy him forever.

Ephesians 3:21 To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Our **passion** is to spread the message of God's grace to as many people as possible, and to disciple believers in Christian maturity and joyful service.

Matthew 28:19–20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Our **priorities** are drawn directly from the Scriptures.

- **Fellowship** – foster committed relationships for sharing life together.
- **Discipleship** – grow in knowledge of the truth and in application of grace.
- **Service** – give generously of our time, abilities, and resources.
- **Evangelism** – take the gospel to our neighbors and to the nations.
- **Worship** – enjoy God-centered, joyful, reverent praise, prayer, and music.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Location: Nathan & Krystal Young, 1545 Roper Road, Canton, GA 30115

Time: 7:00–7:45pm

Theme: Fellowship – fostering committed relationships for sharing life together.

Scripture

- Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*
- 1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

2019/20 goals

- Cultivate a growing culture of evangelism.
- Pray and work toward five new converts.
- Find a new church home so people can find us.

Prayer points

- Pray for fellowship group leaders to faithfully lead, love, and shepherd.
- Pray for everyone to participate and connect in a fellowship group.
- Pray that our teens and young adults sense belonging in our church.
- Ask God to grant our children repentance and faith in the gospel.
- Pray that God will add non-believers, new-believers and new-comers.

Church families

- Greg, Kim and Natalie **Bailey**; Mark, Becky, Ruth, Melody, Joseph, Peter, Carolyn, and Mae **Bearden**; Tye **Beavers**; Brandon, Beth, Abigail, Elizabeth, Madeline, Lillian, Caroline, Claire, Henry and Maisie **Beckham**; Hanno, Peggy, and Jenny **Berg**; Oliver and Sara **Berg**; Matt, Jamie, Aaron and Noah **Betsill**; and Bethany **Bray**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Location: Tommy & Amy Gravitte, 605 Fawn Ridge, Canton, GA 30115

Time: 7:00–7:45pm

Theme: Discipleship – growing in knowledge of the truth and in application of grace.

Scripture

- 1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*
- 2 Timothy 2:2 *And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

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- Pray that individuals and families in our church read God's Word.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would transform us through the gospel.
- Pray that our church might abound in prayer more and more.
- Intercede for our children that they may grow in grace and godliness.
- Intercede for our teens that they may grow in the pursuit of Jesus.

Church families

- Bob, Lynsee and Chris **Cain**; John, Leslie, Isaac, Eliza, Silas and Eloise **Camp** Sam, Aimee, Joel, Savannah, Juliet and Laurel **Crank**; Benjamin, Holly, Ezra and Levi **Curlee**; Byron, Holly, Michaela, Andrea, Canaan, Ruth and Judah **Curlee**; Ronnie **Davis**; Al and Tina **Dempsey**; Tim **Dempsey**; Amy **Deloia**; and Bob **Devine**.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Location: John & Leslie Camp, 1118 County Line Road, Cumming, GA 30040

Time: 7:00–7:45pm

Theme: Service – giving generously of our time, abilities, and resources.

Scripture

- Romans 12:6a *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.*
- Ephesians 4:11–12 *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

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- Thank God for our nursery, setup, security, and welcome teams.
- Pray for us to complete the good works God has designed for us.
- Ask God to provide a super abundance of volunteers for our ministries.
- Pray for our volunteers to be prepared and well-resourced for serving.
- Intercede for God to unite our church through service and giving

Church families

- David, Patti, David Daniel, Mark and Andrew **Fulcher**; Tom, Robin, Jonny, Hollie and Ellie **Goodrich**; Tommy, Amy, Kelsey, Haley, Nathan, Rylee, Tyler and Eric **Gravitte**; Emily **Greenlaw**; Holland **Hatcher**; Paul **Kamau**; Wendy **Kaufman**; Scott and Amanda **Kay**; Kathy and Julia **Kehrili**; and Brad, Kim, Tori and Julie **Kershaw**.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Location: your home, with your family

Time: any time

Theme: Evangelism – taking the gospel to our neighbors and to the nations.

Scripture

- Acts 2:41 *So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*
- Acts 2:47b *And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

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- Ask God to give us boldness for sharing the gospel with others.
- Pray for us to make gospel inroads into our local neighborhood and communities—Alpharetta, Ball Ground, Canton, Cumming, Marietta, Roswell, and Woodstock.
- Ask God to bless Gautam Silal with HIMCORCE in Siliguri, India; C. B. Nepal in Bhutan; and Moneema Norbu's in Dooars, India.
- Pray for a missions trip to Central America this summer.

Church families

- Chuck and Pam **Lackey**; Jeff and Teresa **Le Blanc**; Larissa **Loeffler**; Mike and Iris **Maxted**; Akeem and Amiah **McKie**; and Courtney and Barbara **Mills**; and Rich, Jen, Tommy, Daniel, Joshua, Caleb and Sharaya **Myers**.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Location: your home, with your family

Time: any time

Theme: Worship – enjoying God-centered, joyful, reverent praise, prayer, and music.

Scripture

- Acts 2:47a *Praising God and having favor with all the people.*
- Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

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- Ask God to glorify himself through our lives and our Sunday worship.
- Pray for us to be welcoming and sensitive to newcomers to our church.
- Ask God to multiply our giving so we can increase our ministry.
- Pray for God to provide the money necessary for our next church home.
- Ask God to send new individuals and families to join our church.

Church families

- Brandon, Evie, Georgia, Davis, Ellerbe, Faye and Ford **Nunnally**;
Jonathan **Reeves**; Jeff and Teresa **Richards**; Mark, Whitney, Andelyn and Kai **Shumaker**; Bob **Tinkle**; Mike, Laurie, Chris, Ana **Wilson**; and Stephen **Wilson**; and Nathan, Krystal, Miles and Madeleine **Young**.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Location: your home, with your family

Time: any time

Theme: Leaders – shepherds and servants set aside by the church for the church.

Scripture

- Hebrews 13:17 *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*
- 1 Timothy 3:13 *For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.*

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- Pray for **our pastors** Scott W. Kay, Nathan Young, and Brandon Nunnally.
- Pray for **our elders** Mark Bearden, Tom Goodrich, Tommy Gravitte, and Jeff Richards.
- Pray for **our deacons** Hanno Berg, Jeff Le Blanc, and Bob Tinkle.
- Pray for **our youth ministry leaders**: Sam & Aimee Crank; Jeff and Teresa Le Blanc; and Brandon Nunnally.