



Prayer Guide

Week of Prayer & Fasting • February 2021



Highlights

1) Purpose: To devote ourselves more fully to God as we seek the Lord, asking for His kingdom to come and His will to be done, in our lives, our church, our sister congregation Manantial de Vida (MDV), our families, our communities & around the world. We are seeking to be a God-glorifying, Christ-centered and spirit-filled church, which includes praying for our personal needs, gospel witness, church ministries, relatives, friends, workplaces, classmates, neighborhoods, the Round Lake community, the persecuted church, our nation, the poor & oppressed, and for Christ to come again.

2) Fasting: Fasting helps us focus on seeking God in prayer. It may include a fast from certain activities, as well as food. During fasting, our hunger reminds us to pray, and giving up certain activities frees us up to be more devoted to Christ and to prayer.

3) Suggestions (for how to pray and fast during this week):
The following pages have prayer topics listed for each day, and one verse from each of the chapters being preached during our current sermon series on Christ-centered prayer. *Summarized here ----->*

- Pray thru the daily prayer list each day on your own/with family;
- Join us on Wednesday night, Feb. 24th, 6:15pm for intercessory prayer thru Zoom (a Zoom invitation was included in the email with this prayer guide); and/or join us for our *Concert of Prayer* on Feb. 26th, 7pm at the church building;
- Fast from eating food at certain meal times on one or more days to spend additional time in prayer as you are able; Fast from doing certain activities for the whole week or during certain times of the day (social media, TV, other activities) in order to free up more time for worship, spiritual renewal and intercessory prayer.

4) Concert of Prayer: a term used when referring to a "concerted" act of God's people seeking Him in a time of prayer. We will gather together on Friday, Feb. 26th, 7pm to worship & seek God in prayer.

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Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 21st: our *Week of Prayer & Fasting* begins
Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 6:15pm: Intercessory Prayer (thru Zoom)
Friday, Feb. 26th, 7pm: *Concert of Prayer* at the church building
Sunday, Feb. 28th: our *Week of Prayer & Fasting* ends

Daily Topics for Prayer

Sunday – Worshiping God & Confession/Repentance of Sin

Matthew 6:9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...”

Monday – for our Spiritual Growth & our Church Fellowship

Colossians 1:9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...

Tuesday – for Provisions, Unity, Healing & Protection

1 Samuel 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.”

Wednesday – for our Neighborhoods, Round Lake & our Witness

Colossians 4:3 ... pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...

Thursday – for Our Local Church & Other Ministries

Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Friday – for Global Missions & the Persecuted Church

2 Chronicles 20:12 “O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

Saturday – for our Nation, Poor/Oppressed & Global Evangelization

Jeremiah 29:7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Sunday – for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Specific requests will be shared on Wednesday & Friday nights

Sunday – Worshiping God & Confession/Repentance

Mt 6:9ff; Ps 47; Rev 4; Isa 6:1ff; Ps 32

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“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...”

● **Praise & worship our Triune God** (Mt 6:9; Eph 1:3-14)

Our Heavenly Father, the eternal-sovereign I am, creator of all, holy, righteous, just, full of mercy & grace, our faithful covenant-keeping God who has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself & make all things new for His own glory; Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Savior of the world, Israel’s Messiah, who will return to judge the living & the dead, & save those waiting for Him; and Our Helper, the Holy Spirit, who regenerates, indwells, empowers, equips, leads & guides us.

● **Praise God by praying the Scriptures** (*pray these & other verses*)

Exodus 15:6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble... ¹¹ “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? ¹² You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. ¹³ “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode... ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. ¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

Psalm 48:1 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God ... ⁹ We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. ¹⁰ As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. ¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Revelation 4:8 ... “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” ¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” **5:12** ... “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ ... “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” **7:10** ... “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹² ... “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

● **Confess & Repent of Our Sins** (1Jn 1:8–2:2; Col 3; Mt 6:12)

Some suggestions are listed below (topics overlap for both groups)

For ourselves & the local church: My/our pride, self-righteousness, idolatry, seeking self-glory; Bitterness & unforgiveness; Lust, immorality, greed, jealousy, coveting; Compromising with or lording ourselves over the culture, political idolatry & entertainment-driven Christianity; Pleasing/fearing man over God; Loving the world, money & pleasure; Neglect of prayer, the word, worship, fellowship, family, friends, witnessing, serving, living by faith & worshiping God

For ourselves, our nation & the world: Unbelief, idolatry, love of money, racism; Oppression of the poor, women, children, immigrants & refugees; Sexual immorality, pornography, spousal abuse & neglect, unbiblical divorce, abortion; Abuse of political power, identity politics, unjust wars/ethnic cleansing, exploiting the environment or worshiping created things rather than the Creator...

● **Prayer of Confession** (adapted from Ezra 9 & Psalm 103; NIV)

Holy and awesome are you O LORD ... yet, like the godly scribe Ezra, we acknowledge that ... our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. O LORD, God of Israel, you are righteous ... and we acknowledge that outside of our faith in Jesus Christ not one of us can stand in your presence ... So forgive me of my sins, and forgive us of our sins O LORD, purify us & cleanse us from all unrighteousness for you O LORD are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love ... You do not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is your love for those who fear you; as far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so you O LORD have compassion on those who fear you. Amen.

Monday – Our Spiritual Growth & Church Fellowship

Eph 1:3ff; 3:14ff; 4:11ff; Col 1:3-14; 4:2ff; 1Th 1:2

Colossians 1:9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...

Suggested Prayers

- Praise God for choosing to save us & adopt us into His family
- to be Spirit-filled disciples & a Spirit-empowered church who daily repent of sin and seek reconciliation with God and one another
- to grow in the fullness of God & the love of Christ, to live & minister as Spirit-filled people, and to be strong in the Lord & protected from the evil one
- for God's wisdom to be revealed and His will to be done in us and our church
- for Christ-centered reconciliation & unity in our fellowship overall & amidst the cultural/political divisions in our church & our nation
- for God's love, grace & miracle working power to strengthen, reconcile & heal our families, marriages & friendships
- for God's favor & protection to be upon our jobs, studies, volunteer service and extra curricular activities
- for God to save our loved ones who are lost, and for His spirit to move powerfully through us unto His eternal glory...

Pray for one another using Paul's prayer for the Colossians

Colossians 1:9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

LRBC Family & Friends

This copy of the prayer guide is for public distribution and does not include the names of people in our church family. Specific requests will be shared on Wednesday & Friday nights

Tuesday – for Provisions, Unity, Healing, & Protection

Mt 6:9ff; Php 4:4-7; 2Co 9:6ff; Jm 5:13ff

1 Samuel 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

Suggested Prayers for Individuals & Families

- Praise our Father & pray for His kingdom to come/will to be done
- for God to provide for us daily, with an increase in provisions as needed, and for us to trust in Him & be cheerful givers, who live by faith and are storing up treasures in heaven not on earth
- for God’s forgiveness and for us to forgive others
- for God to deliver us from temptation & from evil
- for spiritual, relational, physical & emotional/psychological healing, including healing & protection from COVID-19
- to be delivered from depression, addictions, fears & hopelessness
- to delight in our weaknesses & to be faithful amidst suffering
- to be comforted in grief, lament, sickness & dark nights of the soul
- for God’s favor on our jobs, studies, schools/home school groups
- to seek first God’s kingdom & righteousness & not fear or worry

Suggested Prayers for Our Church

- Give thanks to God for each other, and for the ministry, donations & open doors He’s entrusted to us: 1Co 1:4ff; 1Th 1:2ff; 2Co 8-9
- to be in submission to Christ our good, great & chief Shepherd
- that our theology, identity & mission would be centered in the gospel, as sojourners & exiles who faithfully bear witness to Christ
- that God would grant us repentance and give us Christ-centered unity in our church amidst our theological, cultural & political strife
- for God’s provisions & healing to flow in our fellowship & worship
- to be a fellowship in which believers experience answered prayer
- to be a church that helps provide for one another’s needs
- to be able to give 10% of our General Fund offerings to missions
- more funds for church ministries, benevolence, youth & the Bridge, and to maintain & improve the property entrusted to us
- protection on our fellowship, worship services, children/youth.

Wednesday – for our Neighborhoods, the Round Lake Community & our Gospel witness

1Ti 2:1-7; Col 4:2-6; 1Pe 3:15ff; Eph 6:10ff

Colossians 4:3 ... pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...

Suggested Prayers for Each One of Our Neighborhoods

- For God to glorify Himself thru our daily lives & witness
- give thanks for the people & churches in our communities
- for protection upon families, children, schools & businesses
- for protection upon police, fire fighters, paramedics & soldiers
- for the poor & oppressed to be provided for & protected
- for repentance, justice, peace and peaceful protests to prevail, including deliverance from oppression & protection against riots
- for wisdom, courage & integrity for our governing officials
- for the lost to be saved & the broken hearted to be healed

Suggested Prayers for the Round Lake Community

(Include the prayers listed above specifically for Round Lake)

- for teachers, staff, students, the Scouts, organizations/businesses
- for those suffering from/in bondage to poverty, drug/alcohol abuse broken families, abusive relationships, gang activity, racism, bullying, sexual immorality & exploitation, teenage pregnancy, low self-esteem, gender confusion, depression/suicidal thoughts...
- for the love of Christ to be shared and the gospel to spread through LRBC, MDV, Carried Away (youth group), The Bridge, CEF/Good News Clubs, Informed Choices, and other gospel preaching churches & ministries in the Round Lake area
- for God’s favor to be upon The Bridge and to give us open doors in relationships with students & parents, RL schools & teachers, other organizations & businesses, and for an increase in our finances, facilities and volunteers according to God’s will

Suggested Prayers for Our Gospel Witness

- Praise God for sending His son & for His salvation
- that we would know the gospel & trust in the gospel’s power
- to be faithful sojourners & exiles whose walk matches our talk
- to witness louder than we complain, suffering well for Christ
- to speak truth to power and build bridges of reconciliation
- for open doors, boldness, clarity and faithfulness in our witness
- for the Spirit’s power & anointing to be upon us
- for God to open eyes, soften hearts, and save souls
- for unbelievers to attend/visit our worship services, small groups, youth group & The Bridge, and for us to be faithful in discipleship

Thursday – for Our Local Church & Other Ministries

Eph 4:11ff; 1Co 12:1ff; 2Ti 4:1ff

Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison,
but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Suggested Prayers for LRBC & MDV (Manantial de Vida)

- Thank God for our two churches & other local churches
- for God to glorify Himself thru our worship, witness & service
- to be Christ-centered in our ministries & to serve for God's glory
- to repent daily & be empowered/anoointed by the Holy Spirit
- to be faithful in preaching/teaching, making disciples & prayer
- to raise up & equip the saints for the work of ministry
- for more elders/deacons (*including a Treasurer & Missions Director*)
- to save the lost & disciple believers thru our lives & ministries
- to increase our children's ministries & reach more families
- for our support of & faithful witness to the Round Lake Scouts
- to provide benevolent resources to care for those in need
- to be protected from the evil one & the dangers of this world

LRBC Ministries to Pray for

- Worship Services, Preaching, Music & Children's ministries
- Prayer Group, Small Groups, Women's Group, Church Fellowship
- Outreach, Carried Away Youth Group, The Bridge & CEF
- Finances & Offerings, Benevolence, Missions/*See next column --->*
- Visitation, Care of the Elderly, Special Needs Persons/Ministries
- Trustee ministries; Maintaining our church building & house

Other Churches & Ministries to Pray for

(Specific requests will be shared on Wednesday & Friday nights)

- **Some Local Churches & Ministries**: Abundant Life Church, Casa de Oración, Fierce Church, Indian Hill Bible Church, The Chapel, Living Word Fellowship, New Hope Christian Community, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Informed Choices, Healthy Choices, Love INC
- **Some Free Churches & EFCA Leaders**: Christian Neighbors Church (Waukegan); CrossView Church (Antioch); Cornerstone Community Church (Wadsworth); Russell Community Church (Russell); Don (& Claudia) Erickson (GLD Area Superintendent); Amanda Bruney (GLD Office); Ricardo Palmerin (GLD Hispanic Ministries); Rick (& Jan) Thompson (GLD District Superintendent); Pastor Karl & Andrea Anderson (Sierra Bible Church, Reno, NV); Rev. Kerry (& Robin) Doyal (Allegheny District Superintendent); Greg Strand (EFCA Executive Director of Theology & Credentialing); Alejandro Mandes (Executive Director of EFCA All Peoples Ministry); Kevin Kompelein (EFCA President).

Friday – for Global Missions & the Persecuted Church

Mt 28:16ff; Heb 13:3; Eph 6:10ff; Mk 13:32ff

2 Chronicles 20:12 "O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

International Missions

Jared Anderson (Jared in Mexico City) • Reach Global (EFCA) Avance (Missions immersion program) & Doxa Iglesia (church plant)

ProMETA/Keith & Judy Anderson • Reach Global (EFCA) ProMETA and the Latin America Training Network (LATN) provide quality and accessible graduate level training for Christian leaders in the Spanish speaking world.

The Well/Jim & Judy Larson • Bangkok, Thailand
Outreach to women in prostitution (by their or their family's choice)

Voice of the Martyrs • Canada
Stands alongside persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide and encourages persecuted Christians by giving their testimony a voice

National & Local Missions

The Bridge (Neomi & Jeff Nicoline) • Round Lake, IL
Enriching, empowering & equipping youth & young adults

CEF (Gail Williams) • Northeastern IL (*Child Evangelism Fellowship*)
Goals: to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word & establish them in a local church

Emmaus • Chicago, IL
A Christian non-profit working to prevent exploitation and empower male survivors of the sex trade to rebuild their lives.

Informed Choices • Grayslake, IL
Offers compassion, hope & help for pregnancy decisions

Manantial de Vida • Round Lake, IL
Our sister EFCA congregation (*Pastor Osvaldo Silveira Avila*)

Trinity International University (EFCA) • Deerfield, IL
Evangelical College, Graduate School & Seminary

YMEN (Young Men's Education Network) • Chicago, IL
Prepares young men & women in North Lawndale for mature leadership, academic excellence, and outstanding service to others.

**Saturday – for our Nation, the Poor & Oppressed,
and Global Evangelization**

1Ti 2:1-7; Lk 18:1-8; Isa 58:6ff; 1Pe 3:13ff; Mt 24:12-14

Jeremiah 29:7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Prayers for Our Nation & for Global Evangelization

• Praise God that He reigns: Psalm 47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! ⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

• Pray for all People, our Leaders and for the Gospel to spread:

- **1 Timothy 2:1** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

- Give thanks & pray for our nation, president, congress, supreme court, soldiers, governors, state officials, judges, mayors, police...

- To open eyes to see, ears to hear, and set people free from the blindness of sin/evil one; to save the lost and revive your church...

• Pray our Nation & Leaders Repent/Seek Restitution for Injustices:

Worshiping created things rather than the Creator; Pride, self-glory, self-righteousness, racism, rebellious spirits; Loving the world/money; Lust, sexual immorality, pornography, human trafficking, prostitution, spousal abuse & neglect, unbiblical divorce; Oppression of the poor, women, children, ethnic minority groups, immigrants & refugees; Educational & health care disparities, mass incarceration of ethnic minorities, exploiting the environment; Unjust wars, violence, murder, abortion; Bitterness, unforgiveness, jealousy, coveting, theft; Inventing ways of doing evil approving of those who practice it

Prayers for the Poor/Oppressed & for Global Evangelization

• To loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the straps of the yoke, freeing the oppressed & breaking every yoke; to share our bread with the hungry, bring the homeless poor into our house; to cover the naked; and that our light might break forth like the dawn, and our healing spring up speedily; may our righteousness go before us with the glory of the LORD our rear guard (cf. Isa 58:6ff)

• For the poor, orphans, widows, oppressed, refugees, the sick & dying; for protection/healing from COVID-19; that God's comfort, provisions, justice, restitution, peace & salvation would come

Sunday – for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ
Amen. Come Lord Jesus! (Rev 22:20; 2Pe 3:11-13)

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Pray We Persevere in the Faith & for the Spread of the Gospel

• **Matthew 24:12** And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Pray for Unbelievers to Repent & be Saved

• **2 Peter 3:8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Pray We Live Holy & Godly Lives & Hasten His Coming

• **2 Peter 3:11** Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Pray We Keep the Prophetic Word

• **Revelation 22:7** "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."... ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.