



Week 17: October 30 – November 5, 2022

This week as you read through chapters 33 and 34 of *The Battle Plan for Prayer* you will read about the importance of praying strategically for governmental authorities and for laborers in the harvest.

Let us pray as Daniel did.

Daniel knew his fate was in God's hands, not the king's hands
... so he prayed.

He knew his God was (and is) more powerful than any earthly power
... so he prayed.

He knew his God was (and is) the One who hears and answers
prayer ... so he prayed.

He knew the safest place on earth was (is) in God's presence
... so he prayed.

Prayer is where "Heaven rules" lives and breathes.

And overcomes. —Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, *Heaven Rules*

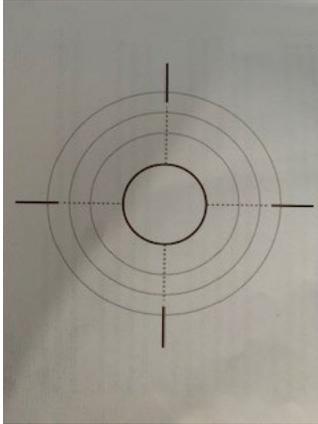
Whether we appreciate the way our earthly authorities are governing or not, we are to pray for them. May the Lord convict us in this area, widen our vision, enrich our perspective, and quicken our hearts to pray for those who are placed in authority.

Janet Parshall, writer for Revive Our Hearts

-----Daily Reflections-----

Lord, You change the times and seasons. You remove and raise up kings (Dan. 2:21). We pray for wisdom for those who are in power. We pray for their salvation, for you desire "all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). May they become a light for others to see you.

Prayer targets are available for download at www.lifeway.com/BattlePlan. Use a different target for each group/individual you are targeting in prayer. Write their names in the target and the battle plan prayers you are praying strategically for them. Below is a picture of a prayer target if you are just joining us.



On one of your prayer targets this week, write the names of government, work, or family authorities. Use the Scriptures and prayer strategies found on page 237 of *The Battle Plan for Prayer Book* to pray for them.

On the other prayer target, write the names of Gospel Workers: at least one of your church staff members and one missionary. If you don't know any missionaries go to <https://store.evangelismexplosion.org/projects.aspx?CategoryID=52evangelismexplosion.org> and you will find many EE field workers that would delight in your effectual fervent prayers. Use the Scriptures and prayer strategies found on page 240 of *The Battle Plan for Prayer Book* to pray for them.

Pastors and ministry leaders pray for many people, but how many people pray for them? We should be thankful for the effective prayers that are lifted up by gospel workers on our behalf, but we must also not neglect to pray for them in return. Look at the words of Paul in Philippians 1:3-11 to the church in Philippi as he prayed for gospel workers. He didn't pray for them out of a sense of obligation. Paul viewed his time of prayer for gospel workers with gratitude in his heart to get to pray for them. How often do we focus on our church leaders mistakes and what they need to fix but Paul prayed for them to complete the good work God had started in them. He prayed for their hearts to be pure and blameless, implying their imperfections. Let's follow Paul's example and pray earnestly, with love and a heart of gratitude for gospel workers. 1

Category	Name	Prayer Needs	Verses to Pray	Days to Pray
Church Staff Member				
Missionary				

Politicians, governing authorities, and persecuted are often neglected from a prayer standard. But throughout the Scriptures God commands our prayers for them. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2 and Matthew 5:44. What benefit do we receive in praying for those in authority? Read Luke 23:34 for Jesus' example of praying for His own persecutors. Jesus expects our selfless plea to the Father on their behalf. Select at least one politician or person in authority for whom you can

pray. Pray in the Spirit and not in the flesh for even someone that you may oppose fundamentally, wouldn't it be a delight to see God do a work in their lives? While this assignment may be difficult it is important because we are submitting to the teaching of God's Word and not being negligent to such clear commands of our Savior. Let's be obedient to the Word and get to praying! 2

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Politician (1 Tim. 2:2)				
Persecutor (Matt. 5:44)				

Notes

1. Stephen and Alex Kendrick, The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study, (Lifeway Press, 2015), p. 130 –131.
2. Stephen and Alex Kendrick, The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study, (Lifeway Press, 2015), p. 134 –134.

Let's Pray.....



Weekly Prayer Requests for Week 17: October 30 – November 5, 2022

ADORATION: praising God for who He is and what He has done.

We praise You, Lord!

We praise You in Your sanctuary;

We praise You in Your mighty heavens.

We praise You in Your mighty acts;

We praise You according to Your excellent greatness.

We praise You with the sound of the trumpet;

We praise You with the harp and lyre.

We praise You with the timbrel and dancing;

We praise You with stringed instruments and flutes.

We praise You on the sounding cymbals;

We praise You on the resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise You.

We praise You, Lord! (Psalm 150:1-6)

You, O Lord, shall reign forever and ever. Exodus 15:18

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

CONFESSION: stating our sins and asking forgiveness!

God, under the conviction of Your Holy Spirit I'm learning that the more I do, the worse I am, the more I know, the less I know, the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am, the more love, the more there is to love. O wretched soul that I am. I am negligent by thinking I have prayed enough and earnestly. My heart is without affection and full of leaks. I have a memory that easily forgets the lessons You have taught me. Sometimes Your truths seep away from me. Lord, break my heart for what breaks Your heart. O Sovereign Lord, deal well with me for Your name's sake; because of the goodness of Your mercy, deliver me. You have set our iniquities before You, Lord, Our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANKSGIVING: thanking God for specific things that He has done.

We give thanks to You, O Lord, because of Your righteousness and will sing praise to Your name, Lord Most High.

You are the light and our salvation, O Lord; whom shall we fear?

You are the strength of our life;

Of whom shall we be afraid?

You, Lord, are rich in mercy because of Your great love for us, You made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions; it is by grace we have been saved. We thank You and praise You, for You are worthy of our praise.

EE Praises:

- Sam Yeakle taught a SYFW in Wolcott, IN with 17 attendees. Pray for Palestine Christian Church as they begin the implementation process.
- Charles and Casey McCurry taught a SYFW in Robbinsville, NC with 18 attendees. 3 pastors from 3 churches were in attendance. Praise the Lord that a ASL instructor was present and desires to have the deaf community at her church to come for training in the future. Pray for the 3 churches that attended the workshop to begin implementation.
- Kevin Green taught a SYFW in Pueblo, CO with 10 participants on 10.15.22. Pray for God to lead this church as they prepare to implement a semester of evangelism training.

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving. In prayer this week, thank God for His provision in your life.

SUPPLICATION: asking God for our needs and our wants.

Father God, help me to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of the eternal life which we were called, Father, when we made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

You are the One who gives life to all things; in Your sight, and in the sight of Your Son, Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, may I keep this command without blemish or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which You will bring about in Your own time.

- Pray continuously for individuals and families affected by Hurricane Ian. Pray for God to protect them, surround them with love and His angels. Help them to know that people are praying for them and their loved ones. Pray for EE IFW John Schweizer and a team from Washington State as they go to serve as a disaster relief team November 6 -10.
- Pray that God would open the eyes of believers to devote themselves to prayer, personally and corporately in the church.
- Pray that God would unite local pastors in prayer for one another and for revival and restoration in their city.
- Pray that God would replace poor, corrupt government leaders with strong, godly leaders who will honor God and serve the people wisely, justly, and unselfishly. Pray that God would replace corrupt laws and standards with just and godly ones. That God would rebuke satanic influences and control over the city and overcome any strongholds of the enemy with the gospel, prayer and the blood of Jesus.
- Pray that God would call out a new generation into ministry and service of His Kingdom; giving them faith, courage, and initiative to obey His call. Pray that God would provide prayer, encouragement, and resources to undergird their work spiritually and financially.
- Pray that God would help new believers learn to abide in Christ, be filled with His Spirit, and living according to the will of Christ
- Pray that believers will love the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. That they would walk in love, kindness, and favor with the lost and believers around them.
- Pray that God would convict lost family and friends of sin, God's coming judgment, and their need for the Savior.
- Pray that God would grant unbelievers the grace to repent of sins, acknowledge Christ as Lord, and walk in holiness. That unbelieving hearts would be saved, changed, and filled with the Holy Spirit – walking in newness with Christ.
- Pray that governmental authorities would respect all people, hate evil, pride, injustice, and turn away from Satan's lies and schemes. That they would establish rules and laws that honor God's law and strengthen families and cities.
- Pray that pastors would have a heart for the lost and be effective and fruitful souls winners. Pray that they would keep priorities in line with the will of God. Pray that they would lead their people boldly and rightly, never watering down the Word of God. Pray for pastors to have the conviction to lift up absolute truth not bowing down to people's wants. Help them to keep preaching about redemption through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

- Pray that your children/grandchildren(all children) would receive wisdom, understanding, knowledge and discretion from the Lord. That at a young age they would place their faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life. And pray that they would possess great Godly discernment and be blameless until the day of Christ.
- Pray for your spouse; to break free from any bondage, bad habit, addiction that may be holding them back from freedom in Christ. Pray that they would find their identity and satisfaction in God rather than temporary things.
- Pray for REVIVAL IN AMERICA! THAT Americans would turn away from our sin and turn our hearts toward God. Pray that the Lord would bring us another Great Awakening.
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023.
- We are joining the ministry of *Revive Our Hearts* to “Cry Out” to our King with other believers intervening on behalf of our broken world. Cry out to God that the church would silence the noise in our lives by removing any barriers that prevent us from being quiet before Him. Pray that the taste of silence we experience as our hearts cry out to God would only make us more thirsty to spend precious moments listening for His voice as we tune our hearts toward Him and to His Word.
- Pray that our churches would sense the urgency of these times – that every moment of these days of grace draws us ever closer to the moment of Jesus’ return. And, oh, how we need Him to breathe life into our tired souls, that we might share the news of His coming with our friends and neighbors who have no hope apart from Him.

(Ministries of EE: Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope for Kids)

SYFW	11/4/22	Vietnamese Bible Kent Church	Kent, WA
SYFW	11/5/22	Mt. Moriah Baptist Church	Bogalusa, LA
SYFW	11/12/22	The Lord’s Church	Asheville, NC
SYFW	3/25/23	Crossroads Community Church (PCA)	Upper Darby, PA
EV2 Clinic	11/11/22	Calvary Chapel Truckee	Truckee, CA
EV2 Clinic	3/30/23 - 3/31/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR
EV2 Clinic	8/3/23 – 8/4/23	First Baptist Rogers	Rogers, AR