



Week of August 7 – August 13, 2022

This week in our prayer book study, *The Battle Plan for Prayer: From Basic Training to Targeted Strategies*, we will be reading about spontaneous prayer and prayer postures.

With regards to prayer ideas we've read about in previous weeks: scheduled, spontaneous prayer and types of prayer, this week let's consider another prayer tool. The "Hand Prayer Model" can help us focus our prayers. In *Evangelism Explosion*, we use our hand to help us share the Gospel. Each finger helps us remember the outline for the Gospel message. The hand prayer model uses each finger to help us remember who to pray for. It's pretty simple, really, let's take a look at how the hand model can help us. Simply trace a picture of your hand. On each finger, write out these prayer points to help you remember who to pray for.

THUMB: PEOPLE CLOSE TO YOU

INDEX FINGER: PEOPLE WHO POINT THE WAY

MIDDLE FINGER: PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY

RING FINGER: THOSE IN NEED

LITTLE FINGER: YOU AND YOUR NEEDS

When our hands are pressed together in prayer our thumbs are closest to our heart. Our thumb reminds us to pray for those people that are closest to us: our dear friends and family members. Not only are we to intercede on their behalf for salvation, their needs, peace, etc., we can thank God for them.

Our index finger points. This finger is a reminder to pray for people who point us in the right direction: pastors, teachers, mentors, bosses, etc. We can pray for God to give them wisdom and for God to help them to lead others in the right way.

Our middle finger is the tallest finger. We can use this finger to pray for those in authority over us: government leaders, military personnel, etc. Pray for their wisdom, guidance, leadership. 1 Tim. 2:1-4 says, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Our ring finger is said to be one of the weakest fingers. We can use this finger to pray for those in need: poor, orphans, widows, the sick, the persecuted. James 5: 13-16 says, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray....Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful and effective."

Our little finger is the last one on the hand. After you pray for others and their needs, pray for your own needs.

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This week point your index finger in the prayer direction of EE Equip America Coordinator Bill Tyler. Rev. Bill Tyler began coordinating the Equip America events in 2021. Our last Equip America event for 2022 is next Saturday, August 13th in California. At Grace Korean Church in Fullerton, CA we will be providing training in Korean, Spanish, and English. At Sierra Bible Church in Lake Tahoe, CA we will be providing training in English. Pray for Bill as he coordinates all the moving pieces of last-minute planning for these events. We are asking God specifically to supply the needed trainers for each location. We are asking God to send pastors and church members that are eager to grow in sharing their faith to attend these events. We are asking for God to bless beyond measure the On-the-job training that takes place after lunch at each event. When you look at your index finger lift up continuous prayer for Bill and Robin and all of our field staff at EE. Our EE field staff are always pointing others in the right way, God's way. As mentioned last week, you can find a complete list of US leadership at <https://store.evangelismexplosion.org/projects.aspx?CategoryID=52>. And a complete list of our field staff at <https://evangelismexplosion.org/us-staff/>.

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

On week three, our reflections lead us to the Greek word for devotion which is *proskartereo*. Paul uses this word to command us, as believers, in the way we should approach prayer. On week three, we noted that the word devotion is used ten times in the New Testament; five of them are associated with prayer and five are not. We noted how the verb was used in several passages of scripture. This week we will make notes from scripture of how we can better understand being "devoted" to prayer.

In the verses that follow, the usage of *proskartereo* is in bold. Make notes on how to better understand being devoted to prayer from the verses.

- Then He told His disciples to have a small boat **ready** for Him, so the crowd would not crush Him (Mark 3:9).
- Then even Simon himself believed. And after he was baptized, he **went around constantly** with Philip and was astounded as he observed the signs and great miracles that were being performed (Acts 8:13).
- When the angel who spoke to him had gone, he called two of his household slaves and a devout soldier, who was one of those who **attended** him (Acts 10:7).

- And for this reason you pay taxes, since the authorities are God's public servants, **continually attending** to these tasks (Rom. 13:6).

So, after the last two weeks of considering our scheduled and/or spontaneous prayer life, can you say you feel that you are devoted to prayer? And if you truly believed that your scheduled and spontaneous prayer life meant positively transforming your life and empowering your spiritual impact on others, would you be willing to make the necessary changes?

Remember: The Kendrick brothers say, "Devotion involves committing to something consistently and frequently. To be consistently devoted to prayer, we have to train ourselves in this practice. It does not come naturally. We must train ourselves to be in constant communion with God."

STOP NOW to pray and ask God to help you repurpose your life as one who is fully devoted to prayer.



Weekly Prayer Guide for August 7 – August 13, 2022

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

I will exalt You, my God and King,
 I will bless Your name for ever and ever.
 Every day I will bless You,
 And I will praise Your name for ever and ever.
 Great are You, Lord, and most worthy of praise,
 Your greatness is unsearchable.
 One generation shall praise Your works to another
 And shall declare Your mighty acts.
 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty
 And on Your wonderful works.
 Many shall speak of the might of Your awesome works,
 And I will proclaim Your great deeds,
 I will express the memory of Your abundant goodness
 And joyfully sing of Your righteousness.
 You, O Lord, are gracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, and great in lovingkindness,
 You are good to all,

And Your tender mercies are over all Your works.
(Psalm 145:1-9)

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

CONFESSION: stating our sins and asking forgiveness!

Holy Spirit, search my heart and reveal to me any unconfessed sin you find in me:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Test me and know my anxious thoughts,

See if there is any offensive way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139: 23-23

Lord, I thank you for the forgiveness you promised when you said:

“Come now, let us reason together:

Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red as crimson,

They shall be like wool.” Isaiah 1:18

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 rejoice, Lord Jesus, in the identity we have in You:

We've been crucified with You and it is no longer us who live, but You who lives in us; and the life which we now live in the flesh we live by faith in You, the Son of God, who loved us and delivered Yourself up for us. Galatians 2:20

We have forgiveness from the penalty of sin because You died for us:

But, You, O God, demonstrate Your own love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

We have freedom from the power of sin because we died with You:

In You, O Christ, we've been circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by Your circumcision, having been buried with You in baptism and raised with You through faith in the working of God, who raised You from the dead.

Colossians 2:11-12

We have fulfillment for this day because You live in us:

We eagerly expect and hope that we will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always You, Jesus Christ, will be exalted in our body, whether by life or by death. For to us, to live in You, Jesus Christ means everything and to die is gain. Philippians 1:20-21

By faith, we will allow You, O Christ, to manifest Your life through us:

Thanks be unto You, God, who always leads us in triumph in You and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of You. 2 Corinthians 2:14

EE Praises:

- We praise God that Walter Hagan taught a SYFW in Key Largo, Fl with 9 participants, 2 of them pastors from 3 different churches.
- We praise God that John and Sheila Schweizer and Christine Thompson co-taught a HFK Launch in Marysville, WA with 4 people from 4 churches.

- We praise God that Marty Phagan taught a SYFW in McKinney, TX with 8 participants, 2 of them were pastors from 3 different churches.

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.

SUPPLICATION: asking God for our needs and our wants.

For Your grace, O God, I want to live to the end in faith, knowing that I will not receive the promises on earth; I see them and welcome them from a distance. I confess that I am a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth. I long for a better country, a heavenly one. In this way, you will not be ashamed to be called my God, for You have prepared a city for me. Like Moses, may I esteem reproach for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of this world, because I am looking for the reward. Hebrews 11:13,16.26

Please join us in asking the Father for these things:

- Pray for the churches in Key Largo that attended the SYFW to begin the implementing process
- Pray for Word of Life Lutheran Brethren and Maple Park Lutheran Brethren and the two other churches involved in the HFK launch in WA to put forth a lot of time and commitment to get HFK implemented. Pray for John and Sheila as they work toward certification as HFK trainers.
- Please pray for the next Equip America on August 13th in California. We will have one in Lake Tahoe and one in Orange County: provided in Korean, Spanish and English. Pray for God’s favor and for a great turn out of pastors and believers ready to learn EE’s method of sharing the Gospel.
- PLEASE make the following request a matter of intercessory prayer.
WE need field staff in the state of Montana. We just held an Equip America in Billings and Helena, Montana. We need staff and EE trained people to carry on the work in this area of the country. There’s a lot of work to be done in Montana, including American Indian Reservations that need to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with us about this important need.
- Pray for SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN AMERICA!
- Pray for our nation’s churches: that the church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ, unity with and among churches that reveal God’s love to the world, integrity – that God’s people look and act differently from the world. Colossians 2:6-8
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023.
- For the safety of children and youth as they prepare to return to school. Pray for favor and blessing over the school year in the state you live in.

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

SYFW	8/27	Cowboy Church of Collin County	Princeton, TX
SYFW	8/27	Martha Road Baptist Church	Altus, OK

SYFW	8/27	Trinity Presbyterian Church	Harrisburg, PA
SYFW	9/10	Newton Covenant Reformed Church	Newton, NJ
SYFW	9/17	Trinity Baptist Church/Clear Creek Baptist Assoc.	Alma, AR
SYFW	9/17	Windham Bible Church	Windham, OH
SYFW	9/24	DOXA Church Without Walls	Baltimore, MD
EV2 Launch	8/19	Greenhouse Community Church	Houston, TX
EV2 Launch	9/15	Harvest Presbyterian	Lancaster, PA
HFK	8/26	EE Canada	North York, Ontario
HFK	9/23	Journey Christian Church	Tracey, CA
Classic Clinic	10/24-10/28	Chinese Community Church of Indiana	Carmel, IN