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**W**hile interacting with His disciples, Jesus implored them to abide in Him (John 15:4). To abide can also mean to ‘remain in’ or to ‘continue in’. Disciples who abide in Christ will bear fruit, they will pray and they will keep His commandments. Jesus specifically stated, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples” (John 15:7-8). Those who abide in Christ have gloriously free and open access to ask God whatever they wish that is consistent with His Word and will. And so, as we abide in Christ we *must* pray!

Scripture calls us to pray: “With all prayer,” “pray at all times,” “petition for all the saints,” “devote yourselves to prayer” (see Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2-3 to cite a few examples). This guide aims to provide you with a plan and encouragement for you to pray.

Note that each month is divided into four weeks rather than specific dates. Each week of the month focuses on a different ministry area to pray for: evangelism, missions, and the local church. For missions, we would have liked to include specific requests from our missionaries. Since these requests frequently change, we encourage you to sign up for their monthly newsletters and add their prayer requests to your list.

We hope this prayer guide encourages you this year and challenges you to greater and more fervent prayer. Please join with us as we abide in the Lord through prayer and keep on the alert as to how He will answer these prayers!

## EVANGELISM

*if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved*  
— Rom. 10:9

Pray that your unbelieving family members or friends would repent and be saved.

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## MISSIONS

*Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you – 2 Thess. 3:1*

Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ for continual gospel opportunities in \_\_\_\_\_.

Pray that your elders/pastors would be able to faithfully devote themselves to prayer and the Word.

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## EVANGELISM

*but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence*  
– 1 Pet. 3:15

Pray for the preparation and opportunity this week to share the gospel with an unbeliever.

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## MISSIONS

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ – Col. 4:2-3*

Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ to further develop relationships with unbelievers and believers.

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**LOCAL CHURCH**

*The need of our present hour is for men to be consumed with the Scriptures like George Whitefield. For when the pulpit is set on fire by the Word of God, the blaze will spread throughout the entire church. — Josh Buice*

Pray that the Lord would raise up faithful elders/pastors in your church.

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Pray that those in your church would grow in zeal to serve Christ and bear witness to Him in your community/neighbourhood.

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## MISSIONS

*There is not the slightest detail that is overlooked by the gaze of God. – R. C. Sproul*

Pray that God would provide \_\_\_\_\_ with the financial support needed this year for his/her efforts in gospel missions.

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Pray that God would raise up more missionaries from your church to go and preach the gospel and the Word across the world.

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## EVANGELISM

*Jesus calls us to love our neighbours – both the ones who are easy to love and those who are not. – Rosaria Butterfield*

Pray for evangelistic opportunities for yourself and/or your husband in the workplace.

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Look up the latest newsletter from one of your church's missionaries and pray for at least one of their prayer requests.

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**LOCAL CHURCH**

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also love the church and gave Himself up for her – Eph. 5:25*

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. – Eph.5:22*

Pray that the husbands in your church would love their wives like Christ loved the church, and that the wives would be faithful to be subject to their own husbands out of a sincere heart.

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## THE GOSPEL

### God

*Created and owns everything*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1).

The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it (Ps 24:1).

*Is perfectly holy*

. . . that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5).

Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matt 5:48; cf. Lev 11:44–45, 19:2).

*Requires perfect obedience to His law*

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all (Jas 2:10).

### Man

*Has broken God's law*

. . . There is none righteous, not even one . . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom 3:10, 23).

*Will pay the eternal penalty for sin*

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 6:23).

*Cannot save himself by his good works*

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the



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## THE GOSPEL

### Christ

*Came to earth as both God and sinless man*

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form (Col 2:9).

*Demonstrated God's love by dying on the cross to pay sin's penalty*

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8).

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor 5:21; cf. John 3:16; 1 Pet 2:24).

*Rose from the grave and is alive today*

And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4).

### Sinners

*Must repent of all that dishonors God*

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (Isa 55:7).

. . . If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me (Luke 9:23).

*Must believe in Christ as Lord and Savior*

That if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Rom 10:9).

*Will you repent and believe in Christ?*

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent (Acts 17:30).

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