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Do you often intend to be a prayerful person, but experience guilt from looking back at a mostly prayerless week? A dear pastor friend of mine once told me about his weekly prayer plan, and it has been a game changer for me and my prayer life. It's simple - you take one major topic of prayer for each weekday. You can always pray more than the plan, but the plan provides a structure so that we won't pray less than we intend.

MONDAY - WORK, COLLEAGUES, & WORKPLACE

TUESDAY - FAMILY

WEDNESDAY - CHURCH & PASTORS

THURSDAY - GOVERNMENT LEADERS

FRIDAY - FRIENDS

Work - Family - Church - Government - Friends.

If you can remember those five words then you have a plan for prayer. This prayer guide is meant to expound upon those 5 areas, and show you how you can pray specifically in those areas. For each day of this week, take time to pray. When you set aside time to pray, think of these three P's: place, posture, purpose.

PLACE

Where are you going to pray? In the car? Next to your bed? Outside as you walk? The Scriptures tell us that Jesus "went away to pray." There's nothing magical about certain places, but having a place that is special for prayer will allow the rhythms of life to remind us to pray.

POSTURE

How are you going to pray? Again, there is nothing magical about a certain posture, but kneeling, lying face down, or closing your eyes does denote a spirit of humility and focus. I probably would not close your eyes if you usually pray as you drive, but in general closing your eyes can be helpful. There's an old puritan saying that says, "Pray until you pray." This means that there are times that we have to settle into our time of prayer, and out of the distraction of the day, and get into a posture of the heart toward the Lord. Don't feel like you have to use fancy words. Instead, think about spending time with a dear friend, who loves you, and leads you each day.

PURPOSE

Have a purpose in your time of prayer. Not an agenda, but a purpose. The daily prayer topics listed above are helpful. Praying along with a time reading Scripture is helpful. We breathe in the Scriptures, and then we breathe out prayers to the Lord. The Lord speaks to us in His Word, and we speak to Him in prayer.

One of the other areas where I often struggle is thinking about how to end a time of prayer. I feel a bit guilty at times with the amount that I pray, and I forget that the Lord isn't keeping some kind of quota for my prayer time with him. The purpose of prayer is practicing dependence upon the Lord and acknowledging his presence and sovereignty in our lives. As I think more about the Lord, and less about prayer as a category of life, my prayer life will increase.

Take time each day this week to read and pray in a place, in some kind of posture, and with purpose. You can write out the answers to each prayer prompt, or you could voice those prayers out loud as you are going, or both. We look forward to gathering together expectantly for our night of worship and prayer!

monday work

Read this verse written by the apostle Paul from Colossians 3:

[23] **Whatever you do, work heartily, as
for the Lord and not for men,**

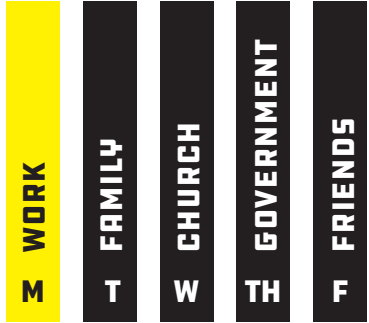
Read it again two more times.

Now write out that verse with your own handwriting:

Work is often a grind. We learned in the Genesis series that work was meant to be only a blessing to us, but because of sin work is often a burden. We also have colleagues, supervisors, and boards with their own struggles.

Reflect and tell the Lord your struggles in your work, or with the people around or above you:

What is one way that you need to repent in your work? Overwork, greed, laziness, lack of love toward those around you?



Who can you be praying for in your workplace that you can better show the love of Jesus?

Who can you be praying for in your workplace to come to faith in Jesus?

Pray that your work would honor the Lord. Pray that you would be able to exercise generosity, care for others, and be wise toward your future with your income.

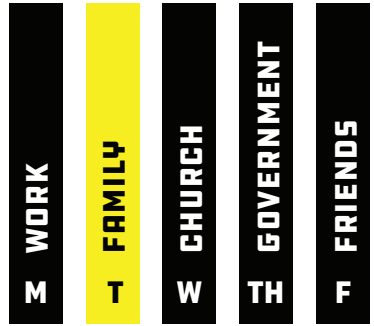
tuesday family

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9:

[4] “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [6] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. [7] You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. [8] You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9] You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Family is a gift. Our families can be the greatest source of joy, or the greatest source of hurt in our lives. Thankfully, the Lord has a good design for our families, and hope for when we struggle. Deuteronomy 6 shows us that the Lord wants to cover our families with His Word so that we would know and obey His revelation to us.

Write down the names of the members of each of your immediate family. Thank the Lord for them, and ask the Lord to draw each one of them to Himself.



Write down the names of two extended family members who may not have a relationship with Jesus. Pray that they would come to faith in Jesus.

Write down the struggle of one of your immediate family members. Ask the Lord to meet them in their struggle, and give them hope.

Think about your role in your family: son, daughter, mom, dad, grandparent, husband, wife, etc. Ask the Lord to help you to be faithful in your role.

Pray this prayer from Numbers 6 for close roommates, fellow community group members, or your children:

Numbers 6:24–26

[24] **The LORD bless you and keep you;**
[25] **the LORD make his face to shine upon you**
and be gracious to you;
[26] **the LORD lift up his countenance upon you**
and give you peace.

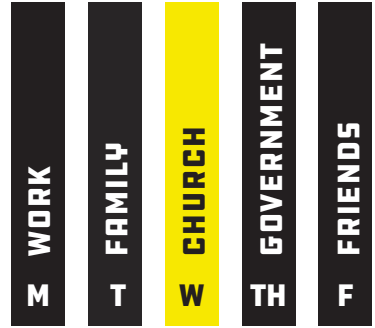
wednesday church

Read Matthew 16:17–19:

[17] And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Why did Jesus have to remind Peter (and us) that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church? Because at times it would seem that the gates of hell were winning. Church life is vital in the life of a believer. Pastors are called as those who keep watch over the souls of the people of the Lord, and pastors are accountable to the Lord.

Pray for Northside Church, that the Lord would protect her, unify her, cleanse her, and make her effective for admonishment and mission.



Pray for your service and place within Northside Church - community group member, your place of service, or even courage to take a next important step.

Pray for the pastors of Northside Church by name. Pray that the Lord would give them His wisdom and grace as they shepherd. Pray that the Lord would protect them and their families. (Mark Overstreet, Micah Millican, Bob Regus, William Brown, Dan Jenkins, Blake Brandenburg, Andrew Kistler, and Dustin Schadt).

thursday

government

Read 1 Timothy 2:1–4

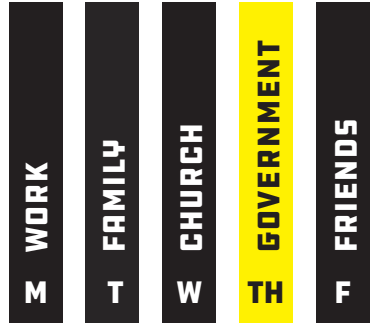
[1] First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3] This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The Lord calls us to do counter-cultural and sometimes counterintuitive things: pray for your enemies, pray for those who persecute us, and pray for those in authority over us.

Right now, there are a total of 535 Members of Congress. 100 serve in the U.S. Senate and 435 serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Our current president is Joe Biden, and the vice president is Kamala Harris. Our senators are Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff. In the 30076 zip code, our representatives in the house are Richard McCormick (6th district) and Lucy McBath (7th district). The mayor of Roswell is Kurt Wilson, the mayor of Alpharetta is Jim Gilvin, and the mayor of Milton is Peyton Jamison.

We don't have to agree with a person to pray for them. In fact, disagreement may be an even greater motivator to pray!



Pray for each of these leaders by name. Pray that the Lord would draw them to Himself. Pray that they would be full of wisdom, and would direct our government according to the truth of God's Word. Pray for them to have others around them who could point them to the person and way of Jesus.

friday friends

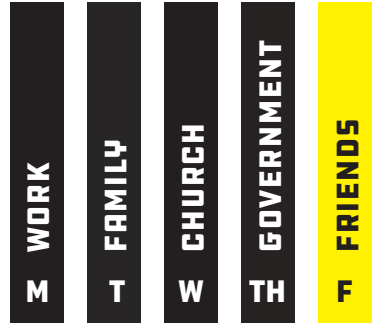
Read Proverbs 18:24:

[24] A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

It's been said that if a person has 1 or 2 actual friends, then he or she is a blessed person. A good friend is special, and we often don't take time to thank the Lord for the gift of friendship.

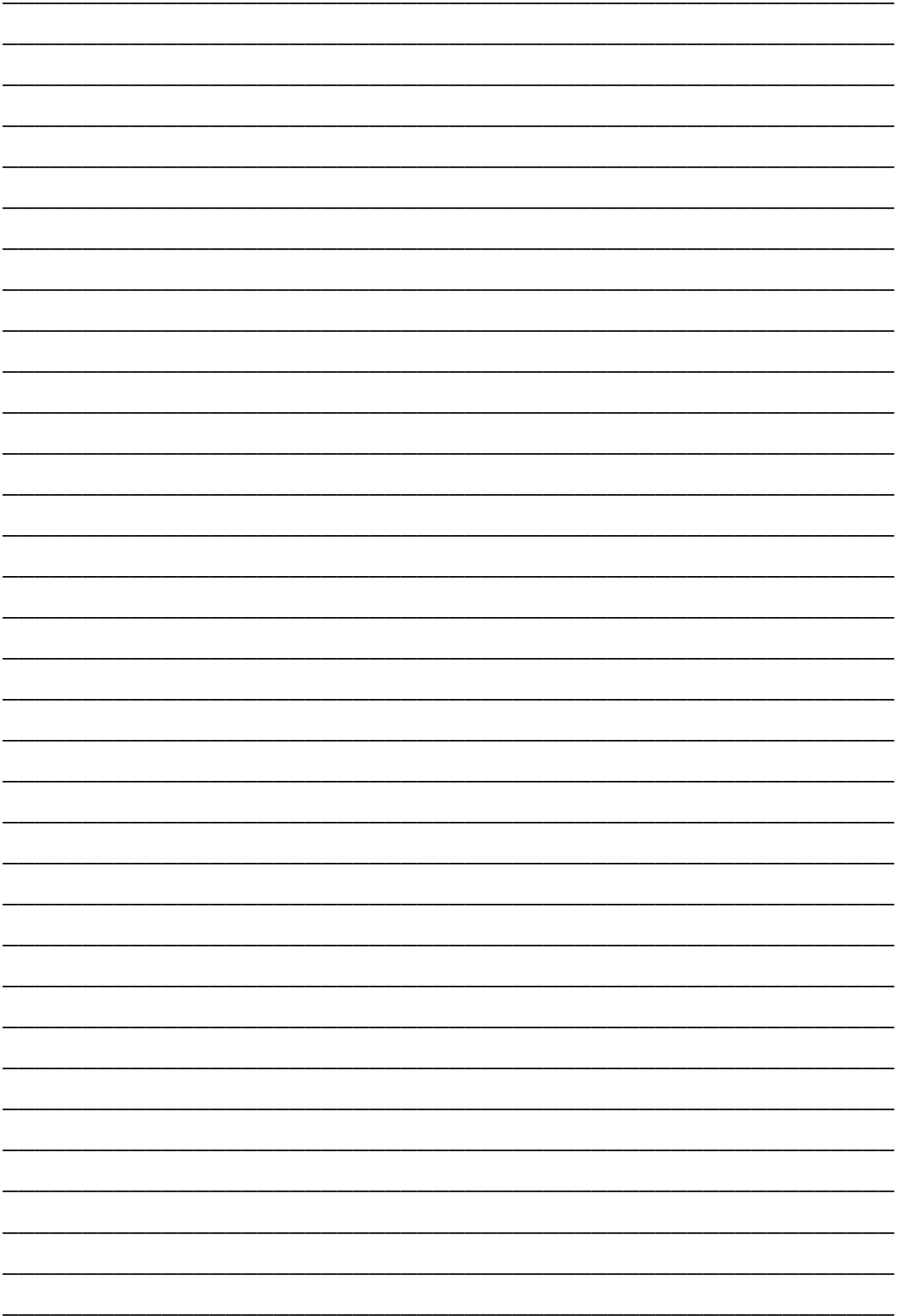
Write down the names of 1-3 good friends in your life. Thank the Lord for them.

Ask the Lord to help make you an even better friend. Prayerfully consider one way that you can show your friendship today - write a note, send an encouraging text, or call your friend and thank them for being a great friend.



Can you think of a prayer request or challenge that a friend of yours is facing right now? Spend time praying for them.

Can you think of a person who may not have a close friend? Pray that the Lord would draw near to them, and consider how you may see them in their season of life.



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**WORSHIP
& PRAYER
NIGHT** [and picnic]



MARCH 12th 4:30pm

Join us on Sunday, March 12th at 4:30pm for a night of worship and prayer at Northside! We'll have childcare for kids 3rd grade and under. Then we'll all come together for a picnic (grilled chicken, burgers & hot dogs!) on the back field. It will be a night you don't want to miss! Make sure to RSVP using the QR code above.

