



## Prayer Guide October 24, 2021

Thank you for your commitment to pray for 30 minutes on the twenty-fourth day of the month.

### **I SPEAK JESUS**

*Shout Jesus from the mountains*

*Jesus in the streets*

*Jesus in the darkness over every enemy*

*Jesus for my family*

*I speak the holy name*

*Jesus*

I don't know if you have ever listen to a song before you pray. However, I'm asking you to do that today before you come before the Lord. Click ["I Speak Jesus"](#) to listen. (There will be an advertisement for the first 5 seconds. Then click "Skip Ad" and the song will begin.)

People often say prayer is powerful, but there really isn't any power in prayer. The Pharisees prayed far more than most modern believers, yet they were powerless. Our power is in the name of Jesus! Through prayer in the name of Jesus we lay hold of God, His throne, His will, and His power! As the song says,

*"Your name is power  
Your name is healing  
Your name is life."*

As you pray over Memphis today, I know your time in prayer will be empowered afresh as you lay hold of the power you have through prayer, the power you have IN JESUS NAME!

**PRAY THAT CHRISTIANS WILL "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING," AND CHURCHES WILL LIVE IN THE REALITY THAT "APART FROM HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING."**

*“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (John 15:7).*

*“These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7 NIV).*

### **PRAY THAT MORE AND MORE CHURCHES WILL JOIN “MEMPHIS PRAYER 365” SO WE CAN SEE MEMPHIS COVERED IN PRAYER 24/7/365.**

*“Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword” (Leviticus 26:8) (There is exponential growth in power as more of God’s people join together to pray).*

*“And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31).*

### **PRAY FOR CHURCHES TO MINISTER FAITHFULLY.**

Pray for Bartlett Baptist, other churches you are familiar with, and churches in Memphis and the Mid-South.

*“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:42–47).*

- Pray pastors will lead wisely.
  - To have pure motives
  - To not give place to a spirit of fear of discouragement
  - To live and walk in faith, setting a Christlike example for the flock
- Pray congregations will live righteously.
  - To volunteer to meet the needs of the “new normal” we are encountering
  - To maintain a “unity of spirit” and be “of one mind”
- Pray Bible-believing, Christ-honoring churches will experience God’s blessing.
  - To be seen as a giving, serving people
  - To be noticed as a “glad and sincere” people
  - To have the “favor of the Lord” upon them and see God “add to their number day by day”

### **PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.**

*“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:11-12 ESV).*

If there was ever a time to be spiritually alert, it is now! Rebellion, ungodliness, violence, sin of every kind is coming forth. NOW, TODAY is the day to wake up from the doldrums of complacency and apathy and get

engaged in the spiritual battle.

- Pray against a spirit of slumber. *“According as it is written, God hath given them the **spirit of slumber**, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear. (Romans 11:8 KJV). (A spirit of slumber is an evil spirit, one that God will allow to come upon those who are not alert and clothed in spiritual armor. This spirit causes people to be lethargic, immobilized, in a fog, or spiritually or mentally dull.)*
- Pray we will be spiritually awake, alert and clothed with the armor of God.

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,” (Ephesians 6:10–18, NASB95)*

#### **PRAY PEOPLE WILL SEE THE UNCERTAINTY AND BREVITY OF LIFE AND WILL TURN TO JESUS.**

COVID is causing people to be aware of the reality of death. May this recognition cause them to be open as never before to the gospel.

*“So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).*

#### **PRAY FOR MEMPHIS**

Pray that God will revive His churches in Memphis, the surrounding suburbs, and the entire Mid-South. Ask Him to destroy every stronghold of pride, violence, racism, poverty, crime, sexual immorality, drug abuse, sickness, religious formalism, fanaticism, legalism, liberalism, and traditionalism. Replace them with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, blessing, mercy, grace, hope, healing, liberty, and freedom. Ask Him to give us churches that believe in the truth and authority of the Bible and preach salvation only in Jesus Christ.

#### **PRAY FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**

We have been commanded to pray, “for kings and all who are in authority” (1 Timothy 2:2).

- Pray those who are saved will lead with righteous values and will share the Gospel of Christ with other political leaders.
- Pray the pressures of leading will cause lost politicians and judges to call on Jesus to be saved.

President of the United States: **Joe Biden**

Vice President of the United States: **Kamala Harris**

Supreme Court Justices:

**John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States**

**Clarence Thomas**

**Stephen G. Breyer**

**Samuel A. Alito**

**Sonia Sotomayer**

**Elena Kagan**

**Neil M. Gorsuch**

**Brett M. Kavanaugh**

**Amy Coney Barrett**

Governor of Tennessee:

**Bill Lee**

Tennessee Senators:

**Marsha Blackburn**

**Bill Hagerty**

West Tennessee Congressmen:

**Steve Cohen**

**David Kustoff**

**Memphis/Shelby County Elected Officials:**

Mayor:

**Jim Strickland**

City Court Clerk:

**Myron Lowery**

Director of Police:

**Cerelyn "CJ" Davis**

Shelby County Mayor:

**Lee Harris**

Director of Fire Services:

**Gina Y. Sweat**

Shelby County Sheriff:

**Floyd Bonner, Jr.**

**City Council:**

District 2:

**Chairman, Frank Colvertt, Jr.**

Super District 8-1:

**JB Smiley, Jr.**

District 1:

**Rhonda Logan**

Super District 8-2:

**Cheyenne Johnson**

District 3:

**Patrice J. Robinson**

Super District 8-3:

**Martavius Jones**

District 4:  
**Vice Chair Jamita Swearengen**

District 5:  
**Worth Morgan**

District 6:  
**Edmund Ford, Sr.**

District 7:  
**Michalyn Easter-Thomas**

Super District 9-1:  
**Chase Carlisle**

Super District 9-2:  
**J. Ford Canale**

Super District 9-3:  
**Dr. Jeff Warre**

**Shelby County Commissioners:**

District 11:  
**Chairman Eddie Jones**

District 13:  
**Pro Tempore Brandon Morrison**

District 1:  
**Amber Mills**

District 2:  
**David C. Bradford**

District 3:  
**Mick Wright**

District 4:  
**Mark Billingsley**

District 5:  
**Michael Whaley**

District 6:  
**Willie F. Brooks, Jr.**

District 7:  
**Tami Sawyer**

District 8:  
**Mickell M. Lowery**

District 9:  
**Edmund Ford, Jr.**

District 10:  
**Reginald Milton**

District 11:  
**Van Turner**

**Bartlett Elected Officials:**

Mayor:  
**Keith McDonald**

**Board of Aldermen:**

Alderman, Position 1  
**W.C. (Bubba) Pleasant**

Alderman, Position 3  
**David Parsons**

Alderman, Position 5  
**Jack Young**

Alderman, Position 2  
**Emily Elliott**

Alderman, Position 4  
**Bobby Simmons**

Alderman, Position 6  
**Kevin Quinn**

**Bartlett Appointed Officials:**

Chief Administrative Officer:  
**Mark Brown**

Police Chief:  
**Jeff Cox**

Fire Chief:  
**Terry Wiggins**

**“You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.”  
~Billy Graham**