

## **HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL**

### **I. Preparing your heart**

**“Speak Lord in the stillness while I wait on thee; hush my heart to listen in expectancy. Speak, oh blessed Master, in this quiet hour, may I hear your voice Lord and feel your touch of power.”**

### **II. The Practice of Prayer**

- A – Adoration (worship, praying Psalms, Scripture and prayer-songs)**
- C – Confession (of specific sins, idols, anything that blocks God’s power)**
- T – Thanksgiving (ALL God’s blessings in your life, small and large)**
- S – Supplication (see specific and general prayer requests and samples)**

**“Intercessory prayer is the way He makes us broken bread and poured out wine for other people.” Oswald Chambers**

### **III. We offer specific prayers for...**

- **The prayer vigil itself, that many will participate and experience God’s grace. May this really be a blessed “Sweet Hour of Prayer” for everyone.**
- **The worship service on Good Friday**
- **The three Easter Sunday services**
- **The worship and music ministry of our musicians and singers**
- **Pastor Kirk as he prepares for and delivers the Easter message**
- **For many people to come and worship, who don’t normally go to church**
- **For God to touch their hearts through His Holy Spirit**
- **For the Beth Moore simulcast**
- **For the Bruce Wohlleb Memorial Golf Benefit**

### **IV. We offer general prayers for...**

- **Your family: your spouse, children, grandchildren, in-law children, extended family members. Mention specific concerns. Pray especially for those that are not disciples, that God will enter their lives so they will follow Him.**
- **Your friends and neighbors. Ask God to keep them from all spiritual and physical evil and name those specifically who follow Jesus.**

**“Prayer is not preparation for work, it is the work. Prayer is not a preparation for the battle, it is the battle. Prayer is two-fold: definite asking and definite waiting to receive.” Oswald Chambers**

- **Grace Community Church. Fervently pray that God would anoint and use your pastor(s) for His glory. (See attached “Hedge around your pastor). Pray especially for Pastor Kirk and his family, and for him to have a blessed and refreshing time during his sabbatical. Pray for all the other pastors and staff members and their families who serve in our church.**
- **The elders and deacons that guide the church, for revival and for the outreach ministries of our church.**
- **The financial needs of our church; that people would practice the ministry of giving of tithes and offerings liberally.**
- **Our mission partners: China Partner, Dan McNerney, Brenda Johnston, First Care, Delray Food Pantry, Boca Helping Hands, Recreation Ministries, Family Promise, Kids Camp of Egypt, Missionary Flight International, Shared Care, Thornwell School for Children, IMPACT Florida and other missionaries. Pray for protection for them and their families, political stability in their countries, financial provision, and fruit for their labors.**
- **“Sinners” in your life. Have a list of those who need Christ among your contacts at school, work, etc. (see attached suggestion “How to pray for the lost”).**
- **The sick and sorrowing, the homeless, the people without work.**
- **Those suffering for Jesus sake in many places in the world today, those who are being persecuted and imprisoned and even killed for the sake of Christ and for their families.**
- **Israel and God’s work to redeem his people**
- **Our government leaders, the president, senate, congress, state and local leaders**
- **Yourself and your personal needs**

**“Be absolutely His! Be reckless for Jesus!” Oswald Chambers**

**“All through this day, oh Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for you. And every life I touch, quicken by your Holy Spirit – whether through the word I speak, the life I live or the prayer I breathe. In your name, Lord Jesus. Amen.”**

# SUPPLICATION

## *HEDGE AROUND YOUR PASTOR*

Pastors are under attack today as never before. That is why it is so important to hold them up in prayer. But unless they have requests or are aware of specific needs their pastors have, many people do not know what to pray on a regular basis for them.

Here are some sample Scripture-based prayers. Each one was written with a specific need in mind. You can use them one at a time, or pray all of them in the order you feel is best for the spiritual needs of your pastor.

These prayers are simply models and suggestions. Use them to get started or to get ideas about what to pray.

## *HEDGE AROUND YOUR PASTOR*

1. I thank You, Father, that Your eyes are on my shepherd and Your ears are attentive to my pastor's prayers and Your face is against those who plot evil against my pastor. (I Pet 3:12) For I know that in all things You work for the good of (insert your pastor's name) who loves you. (Ro. 8:28) Who can accuse this pastor who is daily interceded for by Christ Jesus? (Ro. 8:33-34) Therefore, in all things my pastor is more than a conqueror. (Ro. 8:37) Thank you, God.
2. Lord, I pray for discernment in exposing any schemes of the enemy against my pastor. Show our congregation how to pray against all powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of darkness in heavenly realms. And, Lord, protect us as we wage warfare on behalf of our pastor. (Eph. 6:11-12)
3. Father, I thank You that no weapons formed against my pastor will prosper. Every tongue raised against my shepherd will be cast down. Rumors and gossip will be turned aside. For (pastor's name) will be still before the Lord and wait on You. My pastor will dwell in the shadow of the Most High God and will be delivered from terror, darts of doubt, and diseases. (Ps. 91:5-6) Set Your angels about my pastor (Ps. 91:11) and no power of the enemy shall harm (pastor's name). (Lk. 10:19) Thank you forevermore!
4. Lord, let (pastor's name) have a discerning mind to prioritize the precious minutes in the day. Let my pastor discern what is more important and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent. (2 Cor. 11:14, I Jn, 4:1)
5. Father, allow my pastor to glory only in the cross. (Gal. 6:14) Keep my pastor from pride and pidity. Let the cross be his reason for ministry.

## HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST –

**2 Pet 3.9: “The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.”**

**1 Tim 2. 3-4: “God our Savior... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of truth.”**

**John 3.18: ... “whoever does not believe, stands condemned already...” (anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned)**

Pray especially:

- That God would lift the veil off him/her and give a revelation,
- For the Holy Spirit to hover over him and protect him and convict him of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come,
- For godly people to be in his pathway each day,
- That God would cast down anything in him that is exalting itself against the knowledge of God (2. Cor 10,4-5): pride, rebellion, arrogance, complacency, defiance, disregard, disobedience, resistance, feelings of invincibility,
- To take down all known strongholds, thought patterns and opinions on religion, materialism and fear,
- To bind Satan from taking him captive and to bind all wicked thoughts and lies Satan would try to place in his mind,
- That the armor of God would be placed on him.

**We can turn unbelievers “from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God” Acts 26,18. We are called to enforce and make effectual the freedom Christ procured.**

The unbeliever cannot war for himself. He cannot overcome the darkness and understand the gospel until the veil lifts. We must take our divinely appointed dynamic weapons and fight. We are placing explosive charges in strategic places. And sooner or later the Holy Detonator of heaven is going to say: Enough! Then there will be a mighty explosion in the spirit, a stronghold will crumble to the ground, and a person will fall to his knees.

Dutch Sheets

“God deals with us as we do with our children. First He speaks, then He gives a little, gentle stroke, and at last a blow. (John Newton)