

The Armorbearer Intercession Ministry

Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain and accompanied him in dangerous missions. Armorbearers holding huge shields sometimes surrounded their leader to protect him from attack. As the Armorbearers protected the warrior chief from the enemy's arrows, so church members' intercessory prayers can protect their pastor from "the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16).

7-Day Guide for Praying for Pastors

SUN That they will love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and that they will love all of their neighbors as themselves. (Matt. 22:36-40)

MON That they will find rest for their souls in knowing Christ loves them. (Matt. 11:28-30)

TUE That they will love their wives as Christ loved the church by giving themselves for their wives. And that they will manage their families well for their good and as an example to the church. (Eph. 5:25, 1Tim. 3:4-5)

WED That they will be men of prayer and the Word, committed to spending time alone with God. (Acts 6:4)

THU That they will have a passion for reaching the lost and teaching and motivating others to do so. (Matt. 9:35-38)

FRI That they would be protected from the pull of the world, their flesh and the devil and that when they are tempted that they would seek and find the way of escape that God has provided. (1Cor. 10:12-13).

SAT That they will have self-control, living a life that is above reproach and maintaining a good reputation with those outside the church. (1Tim. 3:7)

July Daily Prayer Requests

1 **Clyde Haley:** Please pray that I might be a better witness for my Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

2 **Rick Herd:** Pray for a great season with my coaches pitch team: with fellowship, sharing the gospel and honoring the Lord thru my actions.

3 **Andy Leonard:** Pray that the Lord will give me quality time with Him every day

4 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I would delight more and more in God's word.

5 **Jon Petersohn:** Pray that the Holy Spirit might touch the lives of my children and grandchildren.

6 **Mike Prather:** That my heart would be purified by God's Word, and that I would give the right opinion of Christ as I bear His name.

7 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray that I will be well enough so that I can serve the Lord each day.

8 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray for health and strength to handle a demanding work schedule.

9 **Bill Robinson:** Pray that Anna and Will receive all their support money for the Paraguay missions trip.

10 **Grover Rodgers:** Pray that my faith will strengthen and I will never doubt God's awesome power.

11 **Johnny Smith:** Pray for God's help and provision for all in our church who need work.

12 **Allen Stowe:** Pray that my mother successfully recovers from her hip surgery.

13 **Jim Tilley:** That I will be keenly aware of God's working in my life, and respond with thankfulness.

14 **Rodney Wilkinson:** Pray that God in his grace will use me in his work though I know I am a sinner.

15 **Jan Williams:** Please pray that I will be and will set a Godly example for our two sons.

16 **Kevin Yoder:** Pray for effective ministry and outreach during the SOAR baseball season.

17 **Brian Abernathy:** Pray for me, and small business persons, to have wisdom in this hard economic time.

18 **Jeff Black:** Pray for safety and effective ministry for the Paraguay Mission Team, July 16-25.

19 **Scott Burgess:** That we who are in law enforcement will be able to: "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God."

20 **Reid Evans:** Pray for God's pleasing balance in home, church, and work responsibilities

21 **Ed Faggart:** Pray that the recent skin-graft surgery will be successful and will be my last surgery stemming from my wreck.

22 **Clyde Haley:** Pray that I would be led to serve Christ better each day as an elder in his Church.

23 **Rick Herd:** Pray that with the busy schedule I keep I might have my priorities right in God's sight.

24 **Andy Leonard:** Pray that the Lord will protect my family as I am away on business.

25 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I would act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with my God.

26 **Jon Petersohn:** Pray for children to know and grow in Christ as they attend our Vacation Bible School.

27 **Mike Prather:** That I would determine how I can make my assets go the farthest for God's kingdom.

28 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for God's comfort and strength for all those who have lost loved ones this year.

29 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray that the Holy Spirit would be evident in my life in my contact with co-workers.

30 **Bill Robinson:** Please pray for Freida's mother, Lelia Long, as she undergoes some medical tests.

31 **Grover Rodgers:** Please pray that I will be a stronger leader for Christ to my family.

Dear Faithful Prayers,

I write this from Orlando, Florida where I'm a delegate to our 37th annual *General Assembly* of the PCA.

It's amazing to see all that God is doing with and among this gathering of His people known as the *Presbyterian Church in America*. From Prison ministry, to overseas mission work, to urban church planting, to military chaplaincy - it's here!

It's a foretaste of heaven to connect with old friends and fellow ministers from other fields... to hear what God is doing in their lives and through their work. Chuck & Celia Williams (Army Chaplain family from Fort Bragg) say 'hello'...

Our church is a connectional church and it's a blessing to see how we maintain unity without uniformity.

Our unity is that we believe in the triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit as presented in the scriptures; we uphold the Bible as God's inspired & inerrant Word which provides everything we need for faith and practice; and we believe in God's Great Commission by which we make Disciples of Jesus through baptism and teaching obedience of everything Jesus commanded.

More succinctly - our unity is based on worship, word, & witness of God's gospel of grace.

Our lack of uniformity is seen in the various venues, views and visions of church expression among our people. Did you know we have a good number of Korean speaking PCA churches as well as Portugese speaking PCA churches? Some churches use organs, some have praise bands, some use hymnals while others project the words on a screen.

God has blessed us with a strong & faithful denomination... please pray that it remains that way!

Also, pray for me and my family that we'd be refreshed and renewed on a much needed vacation we'll be on as you likely read these prayer notes.

Thank you for praying!
Pastor Dave

Answered Prayers, Praise and Thanksgiving

- I would like to thank the Lord for another birthday in July. I would also like to thank everyone who prayed for me in Dec 2007 when I was admitted to CMC with a ruptured gallbladder and spent several weeks at home. In all that time I was never afraid because I knew God had me in his arms and my thoughts never swayed from being able to return to First Presbyterian where I could serve the Lord.
Rodney Wilkinson
- Praise God that our son-in-law has received a job offer - The details have yet to be worked out, but it sounds perfect for him.
Jim Tilley

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Prayer Calendar

*First Presbyterian Church
Stanley, NC*

July 2009

The second petition of the Lord's Prayer is "**Thy kingdom come.**" This kingdom consists of two parts: first, when God by the agency of his Spirit corrects all the desires of the flesh which war against him; second, when he brings all our thoughts into obedience to his rule and authority. This petition is only presented by those who begin with themselves and who pray that they may be purified from all the corruptions which impair the purity of God's kingdom.

This prayer ought to draw us back from the corruptions of the world which separate us from God, and prevent his kingdom from flourishing within us; it ought to inflame us with ardent desire for the mortification of the flesh; and it ought to train us to the endurance of the cross. This is the way in which God would have his kingdom to be advanced...God protects his own, guides them into uprightness by the help of his Spirit, and strengthens them to perseverance.

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