



This is a prayer guide for you to pray to God daily. Hopefully, this guide will help you go step by step into the depth of prayer.

### **What is prayer?**

Prayer is communicating with God in order to know, love, and worship Him. To understand and conform our lives to His will and ways and to access and advance His kingdom, power and glory.

### **When should we pray?**

***Schedule Prayer*** – make it routine

***Spontaneous Prayer*** – pray when:

- ❖ You begin something new
- ❖ When you discover a physical, emotional, or spiritual need
- ❖ To thank God for His blessings
- ❖ When you have burdens/struggles
- ❖ When you are in crisis
- ❖ When you have worries
- ❖ When tempted or have already crossed the line (sin)

### **What Are God's Answers to Prayers?**

- ❖ God answers prayers immediately when in line with His will; His timing
- ❖ In due time
- ❖ You'll learn a lesson from it
- ❖ No, because your heart is not right (asking with the wrong motives)
- ❖ No, God's got a better plan for you

### **What Are the Types of Prayer?**

**PRAYER of ADORATION (WORSHIP AND PRAISE):** is one of the most important prayer types. It is a prayer that praises and worships God. When you read the Word of God, you see how God loves and cares for His people. Then we start to praise and worship Him.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** is a prayer that gets honest with sin.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER:** When we see that God loves people and cares about us personally with forgiveness, consolation, then we want to thank Him for everything. We need to express our gratitude for what God has done or is doing in our lives.

**PRAYER OF PETITION** encourages us to address our loving heavenly Father with a petition prayer. God wants to take part in our life, wants to support, help, and encourage us.

**BLESSING PRAYER** is the most heart-warming prayer form. Blessing prayer is a prayer of love. We wish the best for others, addressing the loving words to God. We ask Him to bless and care about other people with His powerful hands.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER** is one the most beautiful expressions of our love for others and is a prayer on behalf of other people. The Bible clearly states – care about others, not only about yourself. Don't forget the people who are next to you, because they also are the children of the God, the same as you are.

### **WHO TO PRAY FOR:**

**FAMILIES:** Families are the building blocks of society and the church.

**YOURSELF & HOME:** Pray that you will be filled with the humble, holy, and obedient spirit of Jesus. Ask God to make you an instrument of revival in your home, church, and community.

### **HUSBANDS & WIVES:**

- Pray that the husband's love and devotion to God and his steadfast faithfulness will set the example for his family to follow.
- Pray that fathers and mothers would teach Christian principles to their children by precept and example.

### **CHILDREN:**

- Become sensitive and responsive to God at an early age.
- Be obedient to parents.
- Follow Christ's example and grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man
- It is God's will that our children be well-rounded individuals.

### **YOUTH:**

- Commit their lives to Christ, be filled with His Spirit.
- Be blessed with the joy that comes from intimately knowing Christ and walking with Him.
- Pray that God would give them friends who are true, wholesome, and mutually encouraging.
- Pray that they would have the wisdom to choose relationships that would honor God.
- Pray that the youth would learn to put God first in their lives.
- Pray for the youth staff—the youth pastor, youth leaders, youth Sunday school teachers, and others—would have genuine love and concern for the youth of the church.

### **RELATIONSHIPS:**

Retain the values that have made our nations and churches great.

### **MISSIONARIES:**

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*

- Accept their mission in life to be witnesses to Jesus Christ.
- Become spiritual leaders and boldly; courageously stand up for what they believe and cherish.

### **SHUMC**

- The uplifting and refreshing presence of God is upon SHUMC where God's people have humbled themselves to pray!
- We need SHUMC in united prayer and prayer warfare.
- That SHUMC would sense the glory of God.
- That SHUMC would follow the Word of God.
- That SHUMC would be united in the love of God.
- That SHUMC would go forth in the mission of God.
- That SHUMC would experience the joy of God.
- Ask God to reveal SHUMC's potential.

### **PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY:**

- Pray that God would anoint your pastor and his wife to be the godly leaders that SHUMC needs.
- Pray that they would be strengthened physically and spiritually.
- Pray for wisdom.
- Pray that they will lead the way in humility, repentance, and prayer.
- Pray that God will protect their families.
- Pray that they will be faithful in proclaiming the truth of God's Word.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

- Pray that they have understanding, compassion and love for the congregation of SHUMC.
- Pray God will inspire them to be leaders in the church.

### **EDUCATION**

- Sunday School
- Children's Ministries
- Bible colleges
- Christian elementary and high schools
- Day care ministries
- Chaplains
- School teachers
- Students
- Parents
- Pray that God would anoint and inspire the teachers to reach and teach the children on their level.
- Pray that the children's hearts would be tender to the Lord.
- Pray the teachers would be sensitive to the needs of their students.
- Administrators, instructors, chaplains, and students desire your prayers and encouragement. The decisions they make affect not only this generation but also those that will follow.

## **HOME BIBLE STUDIES AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

- Pray that Bible study teachers will humble themselves and lead.
- Pray for the outreach workers who try to meet the needs of others they meet.

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

- Pray that those involved in the music ministry would be anointed as they play and sing unto the Lord.
- Pray that they would be sensitive to the move of the Spirit and complement the ministry of the Word.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Pray that support groups would be understanding and compassionate as they reach out to those in need.

## **THOSE LIVING ALONE**

Pray they will find companionship and emotional support they need within the church.

## **COMMUNITY CHURCHES**

Pray for the ministers of community churches to be anointed and strengthened both spiritually, physically, financially and that they'll be receptive to the Word of God.

## **PRAYER MINISTRIES**

- Pray for the leaders of the prayer ministry to be strengthened physically and spiritually.
- Pray that they would be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit and to the needs of the church.
- Pray that others join the prayer ministry.

## **MEDIA MINISTRIES**

- Pray that the media ministries of the church would be tools of evangelism and encouragement.
- Pray that God would anoint the hearts of those who hear and see the videos to be receptive to the Word of God.
- Pray that the church bulletins, cards, notes and newsletters would make an impact on lives and keep them connected to the church.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

- Pray for true worship.
- Ask God for a spirit of worship to manifest itself in the church.
- Pray that God's Word would be preached continually in our church.
- Pray for unity in the church.
- Pray for joy in the hearts and lives of believers.
- Pray through the message, ask God to speak to your heart first and then to the hearts and lives of others.

## **MILITARY**

## **WORLD LEADERS**

## **GOVERNMENT LEADERS**