

I LOVE THE LORD,
FOR HE HEARD MY VOICE;
HE HEARD MY CRY
for mercy.

BECAUSE HE TURNED HIS EAR TO ME,
I WILL CALL ON HIM AS LONG AS I LIVE.

PRAYER GUIDE

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015

"YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME BUT I CHOSE YOU, AND APPOINTED YOU THAT YOU WOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT WOULD REMAIN, SO THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK OF THE FATHER IN MY NAME HE MAY GIVE TO YOU."

JOHN 15:16, NASB

PRAY FOR SUMMER MISSIONS

ADULT TRIP TO ISRAEL // July 1-11

STUDENT MINISTRY TRIP TO TENNESSEE // July 6-10

COLLEGE MINISTRY TRIP TO CHICAGO // July 10-16

HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO NICARAGUA // July 18-25

MIDDLE SCHOOL MFUGE TRIP // July 20-25

ADULT TRIP TO NICARAGUA // August 2-9

ADULT TRIP TO SCOTLAND // August 7-15

LOVE LOUD DAY OF SERVICE // September 20

PRAY FOR OUR MINISTERIAL STAFF

Mimi Brookshire

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Modern Worship Leader

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THE POWER OF ONE

SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

THE **P O W E R O F O N E** BEGINS **W I T H M E** .

This year, we're challenging you to share your faith in 2015. Start a spiritual conversation with someone. Tell how Christ has changed your life. Explain why the gospel of Jesus Christ is good news.

Over the next three months, pray for opportunities to share your faith, for your eyes to be open to those opportunities, and for boldness to share. Pray also for those whom you will tell about Jesus.

T H E **W R I T I N G** I S **O N T H E W A L L**

Whenever you have a conversation with someone about Jesus, write the date on The Power of One wall in the Gathering Place.

We can't wait to see the wall fill up with dates as our church shares the light of Christ in 2015!

JULY

Prayer is friendship with God. Friendship is not formal, but it is not formless: it has its cultivation, its behavior, its obligations, even its disciplines; and the casual mind kills it.

...Prayer begins, not in asking, but in *a silent self-preparation*. We should not rush into the Presence; the church of private devotion should be entered through the vestibule in an orderly quietness. This comes best as a by-product of a mind focused on God. We say to ourselves, "His light fills the world. It fills this room." Thus we meditate.

The next step is *an act of faith*, on which Jesus laid the constant stress: "All things, whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." In this initial silence of prayer we say to ourselves that whatever we ask "in the nature of Christ" is ours, granted only our earnestness in prayer and life. Always prayer is prefaced by an act of faith. We take counsel with our certitudes, not with our doubts and fears.

GEORGE A. BUTTRICK

A Simple Regimen of Private Prayer

Daily Bible Reading

NEW TESTAMENT

▶ LUKE

1. 7:11-17
2. 7:18-35
3. 7:36-50
4. 8:1-15
5. 8:16-25
6. 8:26-39
7. 8:40-56
8. 9:1-17
9. 9:18-27

▶ COLOSSIANS

- 1:1-14
- 1:15-29
- 2:1-7
- 2:8-15
- 2:16-23
- 3:1-14
- 3:15-25
- 4:1-9
- 4:10-18

OLD TESTAMENT

▶ PSALMS

- 123-124
- 125
- 126
- 127
- 128
- 129
- 130-131
- 132
- 133-134

▶ 1 CHRON.

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-9
- 10-11
- 12-14
- 15-16
- 17-19
- 20-22

▶ 1 THESSALONIANS

10. 9:28-36
11. 9:37-50
12. 9:51-62

- 1
- 2:1-9
- 2:10-20

- 135
- 136
- 137

- 23-25
- 26-28
- 29

▶ 2 CHRON.

13. 10:1-16
14. 10:17-24
15. 10:25-37
16. 10:38-42
17. 11:1-13
18. 11:14-28

- 3:1-6
- 3:7-13
- 4:1-10
- 4:11-18
- 5:1-11
- 5:12-28

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- 143

- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6-7
- 8-9
- 10-12
- 13-16

▶ 2 THESSALONIANS

19. 11:29-36
20. 11:37-54
21. 12:1-12
22. 12:13-21
23. 12:22-34
24. 12:35-48
25. 12:49-59

- 1:1-7
- 1:8-12
- 2:1-12
- 2:13-17
- 3:1-5
- 3:6-13
- 3:14-18

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- 17-19
- 20-21
- 22-24
- 25-27
- 28-29
- 30-33
- 34-36

MY FAMILY

Lord, Psalm 133:1 reminds me of how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. Please grant our family harmony and help my words foster peace in our family.

MY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Proverbs 17:17 tells us that a friend loves at all times. May it be said of me that I seek my friend's greatest good at all times!

FORGIVENESS & REPENTANCE

Lord, I need You to blot out my transgressions and cleanse me from my sin. Clean me that I may be whiter than snow and create in me a clean heart (Psalm 51)!

PERSONAL

Father, John 15:2 reminds me that You will prune away that which is harmful in my life. Help me be mindful that the outcome of this pruning is ultimately for my good.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Lord, Matthew 28:19 instructs me to reach out beyond Columbia. Please grant our church safety, health, and success as we minister in Knoxville (date)!

THE LOST

Lord, Luke 19:10 says that You came to seek and save the lost. Help me engage in seeking and presenting the saving Gospel to the lost. Increase my boldness.

LOCAL & GLOBAL COMMISSIONS

Heavenly Father, help us rise anew to the calling to expand the Kingdom of God in our community and unite the nations of the world in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8).

OUR COMMONSITY

Lord Jesus, for those who are of other faiths, please send the light of the Gospel to them, so that they may be saved. Help us to be a people who are united in the name of Jesus Christ.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, I bless You and remember Your countless benefitss (Psalm 103:2).
Open my eyes to all the good gifts that are camouflaged by familiarity!

SCRIPTURE

Lord Jesus, help me truly delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night
(Psalm 1:2). Help me stay the course with my Bible reading.

AUGUST

...The prayer of thanksgiving should be quite specific: “I thank thee for *this* friendship, *this* threat overpassed, *this* signal grace.” “For all thy mercies” is a proper phrase for a general collect, but not a private gratitude. If we are “thankful for everything,” we may end by being thankful for nothing.

The thanksgiving should also probe deep, asking, “What are life’s *abiding* mercies?” Thus gratitude would be saved from earthliness and circumstance, and rooted in Life beyond life. “Count your many blessings,” says the old hymn, “and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.” This prayer should end in glad and solemn resolve: “Lord, seal this gratitude upon my face, my words, my generous concern for my neighbors, my every outward thought and act.”

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NEW TESTAMENT

▶ LUKE

1. 13:1-9
2. 13:10-21
3. 13:22-35
4. 14:1-14
5. 14:15-24
6. 14:25-35
7. 15:1-10
8. 15:11-32

▶ 1 TIMOTHY

- 1:1-11
- 1:12-20
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- 3:1-10
- 3:11-16
- 4
- 5:1-15
- 5:16-25

9. 16:1-9
10. 16:10-18

6:1-10

6:11-21

▶ 2 TIMOTHY

11. 16:19-31
12. 17:1-10
13. 17:11-19
14. 17:20-37
15. 18:1-8
16. 18:9-17
17. 18:18-30

1:1-7

1:8-18

2:1-13

2:14-26

3:1-9

3:10-17

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▶ TITUS

18. 18:31-43
19. 19:1-10

1:1-9

1:10-16

2:1-10

2:11-15

3:1-8

3:9-15

▶ PHILEMON

24. 20:9-19
25. 20:20-26

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12-25

OLD TESTAMENT

▶ PROVERBS

- 1
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▶ EZRA

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▶ NEH.

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10:1-16

10:17-32

11:1-15

11:16-31

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17:15-28

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THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH.

PSALM 145:18

FORGIVENESS & REPENTANCE

Thank You in Faith for its blessings of good and peace for forgiveness (Psalm 32:1) Help
unity. Please grant walk faithfully in the help of that forgiveness today our family.

PERSONAL

Lord, in Revelation 2:4, You reminded the church in Ephesus to turn back to their first
love! Please help me to walk in Your love as I seek to bring You glory.

MY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Proverbs 17:17 tells us that a friend loves at all times. May it be said of
me that I seek my friend's greatest good at all times!

FORGIVENESS & REPENTANCE

Lord, I beseech You to forgive my sins and cleanse my heart from all iniquity. Help me to be a person of integrity and honesty. Give me the wisdom to do what is right and to love those who love me not. Amen.

PERSONAL

Father, John 15:2 reminds me that You will prune away that which is harmful in my life. Help me be mindful that the outcome of this pruning is ultimately for my good.

MY FRIENDS

Father, I'm so grateful for the community of friends You've given me. Help me be a Proverbs 17:17 friend to them as I represent You to others.

LOCAL & GLOBAL COMMISSIONS

Lord, help the workers in the streets and in the marketplace to be faithful witnesses. Please grant Show churches safety, church members gifts to use their good gifts for Christ's sake (1 Peter 4:10-11)!

OUR TESTIMONY

Lord, may we be bold to share the good news of the Gospel with anyone who will listen. Help us to be bold in seeking and presenting the Good News to all who will hear (1 Peter 3:15) be my boldness.

LOCAL & GLOBAL COMMISSIONS

Heavenly Father, help us rise anew with a desire to expand the Kingdom of Christ in our community and unity with our neighbors. We pray for the growth of the church and the discipleship of all people. Amen (Acts 1:8).

OUR COMMONSITY

Lord, Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. Help us to be a light to the world, knowing your love and grace.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father, I bless You and remember Your countless benefitss (Psalm 103:2).
Open my eyes to all the good gifts that are camouflaged by familiarity!

SCRIPTURE

Lord Jesus, help me truly delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night
(Psalm 1:2). Help me stay the course with my Bible reading.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Father, I thank You for revealing Yourself to me! Help me to not forget your steadfast love. As sure as the seas roar and the rivers flow, I will praise you! (Psalm 98)

SCRIPTURE

Lord, please correct me and help me grow in righteousness through the power of Your Word (2 Timothy 3:16).

SEPTEMBER

Prayer may next become *confession*...True confession is neither self-excoriation—“To be merciless with anyone, even ourselves, is no virtue”—nor casual evasion. Over-conscientiousness becomes morbid: underconscientiousness becomes indifference and decay.

...Our sin is against the Living Order, and we have neither inward peace nor inward power until we have offered prayers of penitence. Confession, like thanksgiving, should be specific. It should not be ruthless, but it should not excuse: it should set hooks into the facts. “I confess *this* sharp judgment, *this* jealousy, *this* cowardice, *this* bondage of dark habit, *this* part in the world’s evil.”

...The wise prayer of confession always leads to an acceptance of God’s pardon...God does not wish us to remember, except as a reminder of our dependence, for he is willing to forget anything.

...True confession is a cleansing of the soul.

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NEW TESTAMENT

▶ LUKE

- 20:27-40
- 20:41-47
- 21:1-19
- 21:20-28
- 21:29-38
- 22:1-13
- 22:14-23
- 22:24-30
- 22:31-38
- 22:39-46
- 22:47-53
- 22:54-62
- 22:63-71
- 23:1-12
- 23:13-25
- 23:26-31
- 23:32-37
- 23:38-43
- 23:44-49
- 23:50-56
- 24:1-12
- 24:13-27
- 24:28-35
- 24:36-44
- 24:45-53

▶ HEBREWS

- 1:1-9
- 1:10-14
- 2:1-9
- 2:10-18
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- 4:1-11
- 4:12-16
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- 6:1-12
- 6:13-20
- 7:1-10
- 7:11-28
- 8:1-6
- 8:7-13
- 9:1-10
- 9:11-28
- 10:1-18
- 10:19-39
- 11:1-16
- 11:17-31
- 11:32-40
- 12:1-13
- 12:14-29
- 13:1-8
- 13:9-25

OLD TESTAMENT

▶ PROVERBS

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- 19:1-14
- 19:15-29
- 20:1-15
- 20:16-30
- 21:1-16
- 21:17-31
- 22:1-16
- 22:17-29
- 23:1-18
- 23:19-35
- 24:1-22
- 24:23-34
- 25:1-14
- 25:15-28
- 26:1-16
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▶ ISAIAH

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FORGIVENESS & REPENTANCE

Lord, please help me to be a good father and husband. I will always forgive and be in unity. Please grant me the joy and freedom that forgiveness can bring to my family.

PERSONAL

Father, Ephesians 5:16 encourages us to "make the most of every opportunity." Please help me to be wise and purposeful in how I live for You today.

MY FRIENDS

Lord Jesus, Proverbs 17:17 tells us that a friend loves at all times. May it be said of me that I seek my friend's greatest good at all times!

FORGIVENESS & REPENTANCE

Heard, indeed You, Father, forgive my transgression and cleanse my conscience from all unrighteousness that I may be faithful to my family and to my time on this earth (Psalm 51)!

PERSONAL

Father, John 15:2 reminds me that You will prune away that which is harmful in my life. Help me be mindful that the outcome of this pruning is ultimately for my good.

MY FRIENDS

I pray, Lord Jesus, that my friends would see Your love overflowing through every word and action in my life as we seek to "love one another" (1 John 4:7).

LOCAL & GLOBAL COMMISSIONS

Lord, Matthew 28:19 is in Latin: "Christus vobis ait: Ego mitto vos in mundum et evangelizate in omni terra." Please grant our other commissions the character of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).

OUR TESTIMONY

Here in Lutheran lands, we have faith in the resurrection and the life of Christ. We have hope in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. We have faith in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. We have faith in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

LOCAL & GLOBAL COMMISSIONS

Heavenly Father, help us rise to the challenge of expanding Your Kingdom community and unity to all nations (Acts 1:8).

OUR COMMUNITY

Lord, thank You for the love and unity of the Body of Christ. Help us to love and serve one another as You have loved and served us (John 13:34-35).

PRAY WITH & FOR SHANDON

For more information about the following opportunities, contact
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or visit shandon.org/prayer.

JOIN A PRAYER GROUP

- ◇ **GAPS** (Growing a Praying Shandon)
Weekly, Wednesdays at 6:35pm in room B202
- ◇ **Sunday Morning Prayer Team**
Weekly, Sundays at 8:30-8:45am in room B129
- ◇ **Kids Prayer Team**
Weekly during the school year, Wednesdays at 6:45pm
in room B103 (The Zone)
- ◇ **Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfast**
Weekly, Mondays at 7am at the Lizard's Thicket on Beltline
Blvd.

JOIN OUR ONLINE PRAYER MINISTRY

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USE OUR 24-HOUR PRAYER ROOM

Shandon has a 24-hour prayer room. With secret codes to open doors, touch screen computers and 24-hour access, you can feel like a secret prayer agent.