**Prayer Guide for Prep Prayer Team**

**Pray for the Crafting of the Sermon**

1. Pray that the sermon your pastor is preparing to preach would be an evident part of your own life and his life.

2. Pray for the protection of your pastor’s sermon preparation time.

3. Pray that God will grant your pastor grace and illumination to rightly divide His Word.

4. Pray that the words your pastor chooses to frame the outline would be effective and powerful tools for the Holy Spirit to use.

5. Pray that your pastor would have insight into the needs of the congregation as he prepares the sermon.

**Pray for the Delivery of the Sermon**

6. Pray that people will attend the preaching event.

7. Pray that the congregation would arrive in the right frame of mind.

8. Pray that God would guard against preaching distractions, especially within the preacher.

9. Pray for clarity and power in the pastor’s vocabulary, for clarity of mind and concision of speech.

10. Pray that God will give understanding to all who hear this week’s sermon.

11. Ask God for the most effective and fruitful sermon your pastor has ever preached.

**Pray for the Response to the Sermon**

12. Pray that all, including yourself and your pastor, will put the sermon into practice.

13. Pray that the congregation will not compartmentalize the sermon. Instead, may all put it into practice Sunday through Saturday.

14. Pray that the application of the sermon would be contagious.

15. Pray that the sermon itself will be repeatedly "delivered" through word of mouth, physical copies, and digital social media.

**An Everyday Prayer Guide**

1. **Even those with health issues can pray.**

R. A. Torrey: “The man or the woman who is shut away from the public meeting by sickness can have part in it.”

1. **Anchor prayer in Scripture, follow the Holy Spirit, and keep it simple, saint.**

Charles Spurgeon: “When we pray, the simpler our prayers are the better—the most plain, most humble language which expresses our meaning is the best.”

1. **Pray the Lord’s Prayer secretly every day. (Matt. 6:5-15)**

E.M Bounds: “Secret praying is the test, the gauge, the conserver of man’s relation to God.”

Jonathan Edwards: “If you live in the neglect of secret prayer, you show your good-[intention] to neglect all the worship of God. He that prays only when he prays with others, would not pray at all, were it not that the eyes of others are upon him. He that will not pray where none but God sees him, manifestly does not pray at all out of respect to God, or regard to His all-seeing eye, and therefore does in effect cast off all prayer.”

1. **Pray with your family every day. (Eph. 6:4)**

Jonathan Edwards: “When the business and cares of the world shall again begin to crowd a little upon you…it is probable you will again neglect this duty. After the next frolic to which you go, it is highly probable you will neglect not only secret, but also family prayer.”

1. **Pray the Great Commission and for unity in your church every day. (Matt. 28:18-20; John 17:21-23; 1 Cor. 1:10; Col. 3:13-15)**

E. M. Bounds: “The oneness of God’s people was to be the one credential to the world of the divinity of Christ’s mission on earth. Let us ask in all candor, are we praying for this unity as Christ prayed for it?”

1. **Pray for the lost, baptisms, and discipleship every day. (1 Tim. 2:1-4)**

Pray for the lost to be found, the blind to see, and the oppressed to be set free. Pray that Holy Spirit would grant repentance of their sin and faith in Jesus alone as their Savior and God.