



## Day One, September 12

Welcome to **21 Days of Prayer**. I am genuinely happy you are joining me. I've looked forward to these days for months. I am praying the time with God will spur your heart, fan the embers of revival fire, and impact our church for the coming months, if not years. Take part every day for 21 days. I would encourage you to journal every morning, creating an ongoing prayer list, and even take time each week to fast. Use this time to connect with God. Ask God to bless our church, to advance His kingdom through FSBC. Throughout the weeks, I'll have various prayer needs for our church. Most needs will be prayed for at least two days. Thank you for joining in the journey of renewal.

### Today's Scripture Matthew 6:5-8

“Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you pray, don't babble like the Gentiles, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words. Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him” (CSB).



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#### Special points of interest

- Briefly highlight your point of interest here.

## Personal Prayer List\*

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\* Email Greg if you would like him to join you in praying for these needs.

## Journal Prompt

Consider spending time everyday writing. Even if it's only for 3-5 minutes, you will find it a real blessing. Everyday during our time of prayer, there will be a Journal Prompt. One idea to help stir your mind and affec-

tions toward God.

### **Prompt:**

Where have you seen God work today? This week?

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*“You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed”. — John Bunyan*

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## Pray for the Chhetri in Nepal \*

**Population:** 4,982,000

**Christian:** 0.14%

**Primary Religion:** Hinduism

The Chhetri are a majority people in Nepal, whose name is a corrupted form of the Sanskrit word kshatriya, meaning “warrior.” The Chhetri worship a pantheon of gods. In marriage, the bridal couple will sit together before the holy fire while a Brahmin priest worships the sacred fire.

**Ministry Obstacles:** Spiritual opposition can be expected as Jesus is presented to the Hindu Chhetri. Pray against this, so people would experience freedom to understand and believe.

**Prayer Focus:**

A few Chhetri have reported themselves as Christians to the Nepala census. These individuals need prayer support. Pray the Lord would give them understanding as they read or listen to scripture. Pray they would clearly understand the gospel of grace offered through faith in Jesus. Pray for a rising literacy rate among the Chhetri community and for improved medical care.

\* From the “Joshua Unreached of the Day” App. Please download for more information

## Pray for your “One”

During this prayer focus, ask God to show you who your “one” is. Begin thinking about the people under your roof. Is there anyone who lives with you that needs Christ? Then expand your circles. Is there anyone in your everyday sphere of influence who needs to know Christ?

As you pray, ask God to reveal to you who He wants you to invest, invite, and inquire. Inquiring goes beyond the investing and inviting them. At some point, lovingly inquire into spiritual status. Is God working in their hearts?

Who’s your one? \_\_\_\_\_

## FSBC Prayer Focus

As we grow, we continue to have an increase need in volunteers. We have many areas where you would be helpful. For instance, here are a few on Sunday mornings:

1. Nursery
2. Sound Booth
3. Worship Team
4. Greeters
5. Coffee Bar
6. Prayer Ministry
7. Substitutes in Sunday School

Please contact the church office if you would want to know about these ministry opportunities.

Prayer 9:38

Matthew 9:38 “Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.” Would you join me every morning and ask God for workers for the harvest? Set a reminder for 9:3 am and say a short prayer asking God

## Prayer Reminders:

- Prayer 9:38—Join Greg in praying every morning at 9:38 for workers in the harvest field.
- Pray for your “One”
- Pray for Gelvi and Sandra

## Mission Focused Prayer

Pray for Sandra and Gelvi Urribarri

Gelvi is the Pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toronto, Canada. This is a church we have chosen to partner with. We have not been able to be back with them since Covid, but making plans to go to Toronto this summer. If you are looking for a great mission trip to be a part of, please plan on going with us next summer.

Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for Gelvi and his wife, Sandra
2. Pray for their evangelistic efforts
3. Ministry in Canada can be difficult. Pray for an open door to fruitful ministry.
4. Pray for the discipleship efforts.

## My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers\*\*

Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask." —[Matthew 20:22](#)

There are times in your spiritual life when there is confusion, and the way out of it is not simply to say that you should not be confused. It is not a matter of right and wrong, but a matter of God taking you through a way that you temporarily do not understand. And it is only by going through the spiritual confusion that you will come to the understanding of what God wants for you.

**The Shrouding of His Friendship** (see [Luke 11:5-8](#)). Jesus gave the illustration here of a man who appears not to care for his friend. He was saying, in effect, that is how the heavenly Father will appear to you at times. You will think that He is an unkind friend, but remember— He is not. The time will come when everything will be explained. There seems to be a cloud on the friendship of the heart, and often even love itself has to wait in pain and tears for the blessing of fuller fellowship and oneness. When God appears to be completely shrouded, will you hang on with confidence in Him?

**The Shadow on His Fatherhood** (see [Luke 11:11-13](#)). Jesus said that there are times when your Father will appear as if He were an unnatural father— as if He were callous and indifferent— but remember, He is not. "Everyone who asks receives..." ([Luke 11:10](#)). If all you see is a shadow on the face of the Father right now, hang on to the fact that He will ultimately give you clear understanding and will fully justify Himself in everything that He has allowed into your life.

**The Strangeness of His Faithfulness** (see [Luke 18:1-8](#)). "When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" ([Luke 18:8](#)). Will He find the kind of faith that counts on Him in spite of the confusion? Stand firm in faith, believing that what Jesus said is true, although in the meantime you do not understand what God is doing. He has bigger issues at stake than the particular things you are asking of Him right now.

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*“Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished” by Oswald Chambers*

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## Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

How would you describe your prayer life? Consider a few of these words. Which best describe your prayer life?

- Irregular
- Crisis
- Dynamic
- Personal
- Shallow
- Powerful
- Spirit-filled
- Self-centered
- Impersonal
- Non-existent

It is my hope that during these 21 Days, the Spirit of God will spur you on to prayerfulness. For FSBC to become everything God desires, prayer needs to be front and center. John 15:5 reminds us that apart from Christ, we can do nothing. I’m overwhelmed when I consider that verse. It is my prayer for you that during these 21 days, your connection with God is a real and personal way. I pray your prayer life will be characterized by words like, powerful, dynamic, personal, regular, and Spirit-filled. Enjoy these days. Please let me know if you have specific prayer needs.