



Day Five September 16

I am often convicted of personal secret prayer. How about you? Do we pray in secret enough? Do we spend time everyday seeking God in prayer? I am always blessed through your example of praying. Continue to ask, seek, and knock. Don't give up. Pray in secret where only the Father knows what you are doing and requests.

Today's Scripture Romans 8:26-30

"In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified."



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Special points of interest

- Create your own personal prayer list.
- Daily pray for a lost friend.
- Keep your eyes on the Kingdom and mission prayer.
- Daily ask God to "breathe" on FSBC.

Personal Prayer List*

1. Your One: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

* 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:

What would a time of silence and solitude look like for me?

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” – Martin Luther

Pray for the Monpa in India *

Population: 47,000

Christian: .94%

Primary Religion: Buddhism

Monpa means, "blessed by a horse." Monpa people are known as friendly and hard working. They work in agriculture, trading and breeding of yak and cattle. They grow potatoes in Arunachal Pradesh, in northeastern India.

Ministry Obstacles:

The Monpa people are Buddhists. The Tawang monastery is the spiritual mainstay of their lives which includes spirit worship and animal sacrifices. This situation leaves no room for a Savior who pays for the sins of all mankind.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that Monpa believers would be filled with the power and zeal of the Holy Spirit to take Christ to their community. Pray that Monpa people would see that their old systems of ethics and religion are not working, and that their only hope is in Jesus Christ. Pray that intercessors worldwide would regularly pray for the salvation of the Monpa people. Pray that churches would be planted and disciples would flourish who will reach their own people with truth of the gospel.

* From the "Joshua Unreached of the Day" App. Please download for more information

Pray for your "One"

We continue to pray for our "One." As you pray, ask God to bring others to your mind to pray for. Are there people in your circle of life that need Jesus?

Would you accept the 1@1 challenge?

Here is another prayer reminder. At 1:00 pm, pray for the salvation of the lost in Salina and around the world. Pray in a "large net" type of way and then pray in a single fish type of way. Ask God to do a powerful evangelistic work in our church and ask Him to use you in that process. Invest, Invite, Inquire.

Prayer Reminders:

- Prayer 9:38—Join Greg in praying every morning at 9:38 for workers in the harvest field.

- - 1@1—I saw this idea on the Texas Baptist website and really liked it. Join me everyday in praying for the lost in our area and around the world.

FSBC Prayer Focus

Let's continue praying for our Children's Ministry. As we build a children's ministry, our desire is to have a ministry that touches the hearts of children, to equip them with tools to remain in the faith, and to encourage them to be bold witnesses for Christ. Here are some of the highlights of our children's ministry.

1. **Awana**—We are around the 100 children mark with our Wednesday Night Ministry.
2. **Sunday School**
3. **Children's Church**—We are having between 25-35 children every Sunday.
4. **Children's Choir**—Begins on September 18th at 5:00 pm. They are in need of someone who can help creating props. Concert—Dec 4 @ 6:30 pm
5. **Nursery and Extended Session**

Prayer Requests:

- Pastor Jed
- Volunteers—Special thanks to everyone who volunteers
- Spiritual growth in our children
- Parents—as you know, parenting is a challenging work
- Trunk-or-Treat—October 30 at 3:00 pm

Bibliography

I'll give you a few titles of books you may want to read or add to your collection.

1. *Habits of Holiness: How the Spiritual Disciplines Grow Us Up, Draw Us Together, and Send us Out* by Philip Nation

Mission Focused Prayer

Today pray for Shawn McCool. Many of you know Shawn. Currently he is at KSU working with the Christian Challenge at KSU. Shawn is one of the missionaries the church is currently sponsoring.

Prayer Needs:

1. For God to use Christian Challenge to help students at KSU know and love Jesus.
2. That we would abide in Jesus as we start to work full-time and be married.
3. For the ten students in our misnsitry team to be encouraged and equipped to walk with Jesus and help people do the same.
4. That we would trust God as we raise financial support to continue working at campus at K-State



My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers**

Praying to God in Secret

When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place... —Matthew 6:6

The primary thought in the area of religion is— keep your eyes on God, not on people. Your motivation should not be the desire to be known as a praying person. Find an inner room in which to pray where no one even knows you are praying, shut the door, and talk to God in secret. Have no motivation other than to know your Father in heaven. It is impossible to carry on your life as a disciple without definite times of secret prayer.

“When you pray, do not use vain repetitions...” ([Matthew 6:7](#)). God does not hear us because we pray earnestly— He hears us solely on the basis of redemption. God is never impressed by our earnestness. Prayer is not simply getting things from God— that is only the most elementary kind of prayer. Prayer is coming into perfect fellowship and oneness with God. If the Son of God has been formed in us through regeneration ([see Galatians 4:19](#)), then He will continue to press on beyond our common sense and will change our attitude about the things for which we pray.

Utmost for His Highest (Con't)

“Everyone who *asks* receives...” ([Matthew 7:8](#)). We pray religious nonsense without even involving our will, and then we say that God did not answer— but in reality we have never *asked* for anything. Jesus said, “...you will ask what you *desire*...” ([John 15:7](#)). Asking means that our will must be involved. Whenever Jesus talked about prayer, He spoke with wonderful childlike simplicity. Then we respond with our critical attitude, saying, “Yes, but even Jesus said that we must *ask*.” But remember that we have to ask things of God that are in keeping with the God whom Jesus Christ revealed.

Romans 8:26 “In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.”

Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

Spirit Interceding Part 1

In prayer, few thoughts encourage me more than the Holy Spirit helping me in prayer. He intercedes for me. He pleads my case before the Father with “inexpressible groanings.”

I’ve had this thought and chewed on it a few times. How often do you find the Holy Spirit interceding for you?

Note Scripture says, “because we do not know what to pray...” Maybe we have fewer Spirit-filled prayers because we always know what to pray.

Let me clarify a little. How often

do you sit silently before God?

How often do you sit in solitude, asking the Spirit to lead your prayers? In your prayers, are you always talking? Always asking?

There is nothing wrong with talking and asking. The Bible tells us to ask, seek, and knock. However, if we are never silent and always talking, we think we know what to pray for. The Spirit intercedes when we don’t know what to pray for.

Make silence and solitude a part of your prayer life. Sit before God. Silently meditate on your favorite scripture and allow the Spirit to pray for you.