

## **PRAYER GUIDE FOR JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6**

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### **Let Our First Words This Week Be Words of Praise and Thanksgiving!!**

***“Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.” (Ps 147:1)***

Thank your God for your love and constant presence in all we do. We thank you for the gifts you give to us through the Holy Spirit. Gifts of teaching, gifts of preaching, gifts of healing, gifts of administration, gifts of service and the Fruit of the Spirit which accompanies them. You have blessed us with a group of workers who are daily working in the fields of Harvest. Working diligently to help bring one repentant person to you so that there will be much rejoicing in Heaven (**Luke 15:7**). Hear our prayers for more workers so that more and more of your children may come to you in total faith. Glory be to God, Glory be to the Son, and Glory be to the Holy Spirit.

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### **The Perfect Wisdom of Our God**

*Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend*

### **PSALM 139: FAR TOO WONDERFUL**

Shane and Shane

### **Daily Prayer List**

***It is important to remember that the primary calling of PEPCharvest Prayer Team is to pray for our pastors, elders, deacons, staff and for our church and the Parker Harvest Area as a whole. Pray as you are led, pray daily, and pray that God’s will will permeate each individual and our community.***

God gives us a great privilege in allowing us to bring our praise and prayer to him. Please remember to ask the Lord how to pray for requests presented below. My prayer is that every challenge, need, anxiety, illness, injury or burden will be healed and lifted and lightened. *Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**PRAY FOR CHURCHES, PASTORS, ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF, SCHOOLS, AND GOVERNMENTS, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IN OUR HARVEST AREA OF PARKER, CO.**

Ave Maria Catholic Church –  
Castlewood Canyon Church –  
ChristLife Community Church –  
Cornerstone Church of Parker –  
Crossroad Community Church –  
Encompass Church –  
Franktown Seventh-Day Adventist –  
Grace Baptist Church of Parker –  
Grace Chapel –  
Joy Lutheran –  
Jubilee Fellowship Church –  
Lighthouse –

New Beginning Community Church -  
New Day Seventh-Day Adventist Church –  
Parker Bible Church –  
Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church -  
Parker United Methodist Church –  
Pinecrest Community Church –  
Providence Presbyterian Church -  
Redeemer Presbyterian Church -  
St. Mathews Episcopal Church -  
Southeast Christian Church –  
Spirit of Hope –  
Thrive Church -  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Franktown -  
United Church of Christ Parker Hilltop -

### **Schools and Government**

Douglas County Schools -  
Church and other Schools  
Douglas County Government – Commissioners; Surveyor; Clerk and Recorder; Assessor; Coroner;  
Treasurer; Sheriff  
City of Parker – Mayor; Council members; Staff  
City of Lone Tree – Mayor; Mayor Pro Tem; Council members; Staff  
Parker Adventist Hospital – Chaplain; Doctors; Nurses; Staff  
Skyridge Medical Center – Chaplain; Doctors; Nurses; Staff  
First Responders – Fire; Police; EMT; State Patrol

### **Targeted Prayers for Your Church**

By Sandra Higley

1. Pastor – Lord, I lift up my pastor to You. Thank You for his servant’s heart. Keep him from losing heart when ministry gets tough. Help him prove faithful with the things you have entrusted to him. Teach him Your ways so that he knows You and finds favor with You as He leads us. Keep him open and honest before You and help him to represent the truth plainly. (2 Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 4:1-3; Ex. 33:13)
2. Elders – Lord, I lift up my elders (church board) to You. Help us respect and honor them as they direct the affairs of our church. May they wholeheartedly give their attention to prayer and ministry of the Word. Keep them above reproach, devoted to their families, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach. May they be gentle and honest as they deal with people. (1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 6:4; 1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7)
3. Deacons – Lord, I lift up my deacons to You. May they walk worthy of respect with sincere hearts. Help them keep hold of truth. May they keep a clear conscience with You at their heart. Bless their households with peace and respect. Fill them with Your Spirit and let them operate in wisdom as they carry out their responsibilities. (1 Tim. 3:8-9, 12; Acts 6:3)

4. Adults – Lord, I lift up the adults in my congregation to You. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. As we respond to that call, fulfill every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. May we be clothed in righteousness with hearts that sing for joy and delight greatly in You. We want to walk with You, Jesus, dressed in white, adorned with jewels. (Eph. 4:1; 2 Thes. 1:11; Ps. 132:9; Isa. 61:10; Rev. 3:4)

5. Children/Youth – Lord, I lift up the children and youth in my congregation to You. May the little ones remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You, Creator God. Teach them to declare Your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (Matt. 18:3-4; Prov. 20:11; Eccl. 12:1; Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim. 2:22)

6. Seniors – Lord, I lift up the senior members of our congregation. Thank You for every gray hair attained by righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us to be humbly submissive as we benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process. (Prov. 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:5; Job 12:12; Isa. 40:29, 31)

7. Lost Among Us – Lord, I lift up the lost members of our congregation. Let the gospel be presented to them not only through the sermon but also with power, the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. Teach us to make the most of every opportunity to share Your salvation. Help us to be the fragrance of Christ to them. We stand against the enemy and his attempts to keep them blinded to Your truth. (1 Thes. 1:5; Col. 4:5; 2 Cor. 2:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

8. Worship Leaders – Lord, I lift up our worship leaders. Appoint people to this position who understand the splendor of Your holiness and praise You out of that understanding. Help them lead us faithfully in thanks for Your enduring love. Use their praise to defeat the enemy. May they be the true worshipers You are looking for who worship in spirit and in truth. Let them glory only in You, Jesus, so that they put no confidence in their own flesh. (2 Chron. 20:21-22; Jn. 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3)

9. Speakers/Teachers – Lord, I lift up the speakers and teachers in our church. May everyone who holds that position—pastors, Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, guest speakers—rightly divide Your word of truth. Let them admonish and teach with wisdom. Reveal the mysteries of Your word to them and encourage them to speak those mysteries courageously and fearlessly. Let them speak with a spirit of faith that springs from their relationship with You. (2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 1:28; Dan. 2:47; Phil. 1:14; 2 Cor. 4:13)

10. Women's Ministry – Lord, I lift up our Women's Ministry. Encourage our older women to train the younger in family issues. Teach our women to be virtuous—women with gentle and quiet spirits who put their hope in You. Let this ministry produce women who feel Your passion for them and who choose to spend time at Your feet. Train them to contend for the gospel side by side with the men. (Titus 2:4, 5; Prov. 31:10; 1 Pet. 3:4, 5; Ps. 45:11; Lk. 10:38-42; Phil. 4:3)

11. Men's Ministry – Lord, I lift up our Men's Ministry to You. Use this ministry to build our men in their faith. Teach them to be in right relationship to You and each other, to love their wives sacrificially and to instruct their children with patience. Encourage them to hold each other accountable as they carry each other's burdens. May they speak the truth in love to each other even when it's hard. (Jude 1:20; Titus 2:2; 1 Tim. 5:1; Eph. 5:25, 6:4; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:15; Prov. 27:6)

12. Youth Workers – Lord, I lift up our Youth Workers. Let these young men and women set an example in their speech, life, love, faith and purity. Cause them to be strong, alive-in-the-Word overcomers. Help them to have discernment as they deal with the young people in our church. Help them to notice any youth who lack judgment so they can teach them to value Your life-giving principles. Pour out Your Spirit on them. (1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Jn. 2:14; Prov. 3:21, 7:7, 7:2; Joel 2:28).

13. Behind-the-Scenes Workers – Lord, I lift up the people who work behind the scenes at our church. Thank You for every nursery worker, parking lot attendant, office volunteer, building janitor, etc. who have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. Bless them for the obedience and generosity they have displayed—may You receive praise as a result! Keep them in an attitude of humility that comes from wisdom and wholehearted service to You rather than to be noticed by others. (1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 9:12-13; Jas. 3:13; Eph. 6:7)

14. Children's Ministries – Lord, I lift up our children's ministries to You. Create an atmosphere here that encourages our children to find You. Let the teachers be careful to remind each child of the marvelous things You have done. Cause everything they learn about You to become a part of them forever. May they consistently choose life and blessing each day because of the training they receive in our church. Keep them walking in the truth. (Mk. 10:14; Dt. 4:9; 29:29; 30:19; Prov. 22:6; 3 Jn. 1:4)

15. Prayer Focus – Lord, I lift up the prayer focus in my church. Make us into a house of prayer. We desire to be clear-minded and self-controlled so that we can pray first, always, continually and thankfully. May everyone recognize that this is Your desire for all and not just a few. Use us to stand in the gap for others. Let there be prayer ministry among us that is powerful and effective. (Mk. 11:17; 1 Pet. 4:7; 1 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thes. 5:17; Phil. 4:6; Ps. 32:6; Ezk. 22:30; Jas. 5:16)

16. Spiritual Level – Lord, I lift up the spiritual temperature of my church. Revive us! Refine us so that we burn hot for You. Give us singleness of heart and action so that we always fear You and follow Your precepts. Pour out a spirit of Josiah on us so that we turn to You heart, soul and strength. Open our minds to understand Your Word so that our hearts burn within us. (Ps. 85:6; Rev. 3:14-18; Jer. 32:39; Ps. 111:10; 2 Ki. 23:25; Lk. 24:45, 32)

17. Spirit-Led – Lord, I lift up the issue of our willingness to be led by Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, show us any way we are grieving, quenching or resisting You. Convict us and lead us to level ground. Help us keep in step with You as we live by You. Reign in us so that we experience Your freedom. Lead us into grace, life and peace. (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19; Acts 7:51; Jn. 16:8; Ps. 143:10; Gal. 5:25; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:18; Ro. 8:6)

18. Spiritual Gifts – Lord, I lift up the use of spiritual gifts in our church. We eagerly desire spiritual gifts that You've given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts and how they work. Teach us to use what we've received to serve others and faithfully administer Your grace—whatever form that takes. Help us exercise our gifts in love. Remind us to keep fanning into flame the gifts You've entrusted to us. (1 Cor. 14:1, 12:4-7; 1 Pet. 4:10; 2 Tim. 1:6)

19. Love/Unity – Lord, I lift up our love for one another as a body. Help us purify ourselves by obeying the truth so that our love for each other will be sincere, deep and from the heart. May our love for one another prove that we are Your disciples. Give us a spirit of unity so that we may glorify You with one heart and voice. Help us accept one another as we clothe ourselves in love. (1 Pet. 1:22; Jn. 13:34-35; Ro. 15:5-7; Col. 3:14)

20. Finances – Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. Keep reminding us of your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing on all who bring the whole tithe into Your house. (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mal. 3:10)

21. Outreach/Missions Projects – Lord, I lift up our outreach programs. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Your Son. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel so that the ones we reach might become an acceptable offering to You. (Heb. 13:16; Phil. 2:4; Col. 1:7; Jude 1:23)

22. Single Parents – Lord, I lift up the single parents in our church. May they know You as father to the fatherless and defender of widows! Let us be a real family to them when they are lonely. Show us ways to include them and minister grace to them. Stir up practical ideas in us that show Your love and care. Help them relax in Your grace and provision which is more than enough for every weakness and need. (Ps. 68:5-6, 25:16; Matt. 25:35-40; 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:19)

23. Help for the Hurting – Lord, I lift up those who are hurting right now. May they come to know You as El Roi, the God who sees them. For every situation of rejection, help them feel sonship. Bind up the brokenhearted! In every area of bondage, set the captives free; in every case of mourning, replace it with Your oil of gladness. Comfort them so that they will have a ministry of comfort to others. (Gen. 16:13; Ro. 8:15; Isa. 61:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:3-4)

24. Freedom from Besetting Sins – Lord, I lift up every one of us who struggle with sin issues. Keep us from the enemy's scheme of condemnation. Grant us repentance so that we can escape the trap of the evil one. Thank You that sin was done away with on the cross and that we are no longer slaves to it. Help us to throw off everything that entangles—help us run the race with perseverance. (Ro. 8:1; 2 Tim. 2:25, 26; Ro. 6:6; Heb. 12:1)

25. Kingdom Focus/Priorities – Lord, I lift up our priorities as a congregation. Give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to our church. Open our eyes to see things as You see them. Help us move beyond issues of immediate need to pursuing Kingdom issues. Bring us to a place where “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” is more than just words we say. (Rev. 3:22; 2 Ki. 6:17; Matt. 6:25, 33, 10)

26. Growth through Evangelism – Lord, I lift up our church growth to You. Add to our number daily through new converts. Birth spiritual children through us. Let our actions win people over without words. Use us as Your agents to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son’s kingdom. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us: that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to a lost world. (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 3:1-2; Col. 1:13; 2 Cor. 5:20)

27. Our Neighborhood – Lord, I lift up our community, especially the surrounding neighborhood. Let us love these people as we love ourselves. May our concern for their needs override other things that take our time and focus. Rebuild and restore areas that have been devastated. Renew our community—send Your peace and prosperity into this place where You’ve planted us. Bless each individual home and family. Build each house from the inside out; watch over our city. (Gal. 5:14; Prov. 3:28; Isa. 61:4; Jer. 29:7; Lk. 10:5-6; Ps. 127:1)

28. Connectivity with the Church in Our City – Lord, I lift up the Church in our city. Thank You for creating the body as one unit made up of many parts. Help us understand the value of each part as You have arranged them. We confess that we’ve minimized other parts. Forgive us, for we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. Help us to work at being one: concerned about one another—suffering with and rejoicing with other congregations as appropriate. (1 Cor. 12:12-26)

29. Connectivity with the Church in Our Nation – Lord, I lift up the Church in our nation. We humbly unite and confess as one people—one Church called by Your name—that we have sinned. We’ve operated out of acquired wealth thinking we could do it on our own—but we are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. We seek Your face, O God! Thank You for hearing and forgiving us. We wait on You for the healing of our land! (2 Chron. 7:14; Rev. 3:17)

30. Connectivity with the Church around the World – Lord, I lift up the Church universal. Father, we claim the power of Your name over us so that we will be one, as You and Your Son are one. We want Your joy in full measure just as Your Son, Jesus, prayed for us. Help us live as though we are not of this world; sanctify us by Your word. May we be brought to complete unity so that the world will know the truth of the gospel. (Jn. 17:11-23)

31. Protection from the Enemy – Lord, I lift up our need for protection. Protect and deliver us from the evil one. Help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves as we deal with the wolves around us. Show us how to test every spirit to see if they are from You. Help us recognize the enemy’s disguises and schemes so that he won’t outwit us. (Jn. 17:15; Matt. 6:13, 10:14; 1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Cor. 11:14, 2:11)

**For all the Pastors, Staff, Elders, and Deacons we offer this song:**

**Before You I kneel, and Offer the Work of My Hands**

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**Somebody's Praying Me Through**

Allen Asbury

**SOUL ON FIRE**

Third Day

**Praying with Audacity**

*makes regular people behave with “boldness or daring, especially with confident disregard for personal comfort or conventional thought.”*

**By Steven Furtick**

A few years ago, I started realizing that I prayed some pretty dumb prayers. Not that I think God needs me to be eloquent or profound when I talk to Him. It's just that a lot of stuff I was praying was rather pointless and obtuse.

**See if you can relate to this one: *God, just be with me today.***

Now, before you go getting all insulted (because I know you've prayed this one yourself), let me say that I understand the heart behind this prayer. What we *mean* is that we want to experience His presence and power in our lives. God fills heaven and earth. Every inch on this planet belongs to Him. And if we're believers in Jesus, God lives in us in the form of the Holy Spirit. Do we really need to make sure He's going to *be with us*?

Or, how about this one? I used to prequalify my big prayers with the introduction: ***God, if it be Thy will...*** So, does God need an opt-out clause before He's willing to sign on the line and cut a deal with me? Again, we don't mean any harm. On the surface, this whole idea seems very humble. Over time, though, I realized I wasn't buffering my prayers with this condition because I was humble. I was doing it because I was scared. What I was really praying was, ***God, I'm asking You to do this, but I'm not really expecting that You will. So, just in case You don't, let me acknowledge up front that You might not.***

**A Sun Stand Still Prayer**

When it comes to prayer, a lot of us have the standard stuff down. But learning to pray with audacious faith takes us into a new, unfamiliar, often intimidating territory.

Consider Joshua, who summoned up his courage and delivered one of the most gloriously unorthodox prayers in the entire Bible:

On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: “O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar.

The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel! (Joshua 10:12-14)

A Sun Stand Still prayer is wrapped with urgency. It's filled with possibility. For most of us, it's a whole new way to pray.

I call it praying like a juggernaut. A juggernaut is defined as "a massive inexorable force, campaign, movement, or object that crushes whatever is in its path." It's often used to describe an unstoppable movement. I like that image.

Joshua's Sun Stand Still prayer shows us a bold way to address God that we can emulate. And this is true of all the great prayers of the Bible. They're recorded in Scripture to set an all-time prayer standard for us. To force us out of our defensive prayer posture. To inspire us to rise *up and begin to pray*—like juggernauts.

Juggernauts like Moses, who stood in God's way and prayed that God wouldn't kill the Israelites after they worshiped the golden calf.

Juggernauts like the apostles, who asked for and expected miracles, and who spoke out boldly in the face of persecution so that the name of Jesus could be lifted high.

Juggernauts like Elijah, whose prayer both caused and ended a three-and-a-half-year drought.

You may push back on this, but I suggest that the prayers of these people are not abnormal. They are not the exception. At least they were never meant to be. The tragedy of our time is that we have taken what was meant to be ordinary and made it to be exceptional. We've put audacity on the highest shelf, out of reach, and declared it off limits. James 5:17 makes this eye-opening statement:

*"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years."*

It's too bad that we focus on the second part of this verse. We're stunned by the superior power of Elijah's prayer life. We'd love to have an ounce of that power flowing in our prayer lives. But we *don't* have to wish. That's the whole point of this passage. We *are* just like Elijah. We *are* just like Joshua.

### **Prayers Worthy of God**

Think about it. Elijah had access to an all-powerful God who could stop the rain. Joshua had access to an all-powerful God who could make the sun stand still. We have access to an all-powerful God who can stop the rain and make the sun stand still. The only difference is that Elijah and Joshua had the audacity to pray prayers that lived up to God's character, God's heart, God's resources, God's will, and God's abilities.

That's what it means to pray like a juggernaut; to pray prayers worthy of the God we're praying to. After all, we're praying to a God whose capability always exceeds our audacity. You don't have to worry about ever putting God in an awkward or embarrassing position. You won't ever challenge Him to do something beyond His aptitude.

Prayer is the arena where our faith meets God's abilities. Is it really worthy of our God to ask Him for a *good day*? Or to ask Him to make our job more tolerable? You and I are called to pray *beyond* that. Not just that God would give us a good day, but that He would show us His greatness throughout the day. Not just that we will find the strength to tolerate our work, but that we will find a purpose that can drive us to excel in our jobs for His glory.

### **Sunset on the Loading Dock**

One of the most discouraging days of my pastoral career was in 2008 when our church was scheduled to sign a contract to occupy a 42,000-square foot facility in a local shopping center. We had big plans to retrofit the space and turn it into a worship center and ministry headquarters. But at the last minute, one of the other tenants chose to exercise a clause in its lease to deny us occupancy. We pleaded. The tenant wouldn't budge. So we prayed. Not like beggars. Like juggernauts. We went to the facility that very night. We got down on our knees on the oil-stained loading docks behind the building and asked God to give us the property—in Jesus' name. For a solid year, nothing happened. Still, almost every day, when I drove by that building, I just couldn't let it go. I

sensed that this space was supposed to be ours. So I prayed. Every time I passed it. Out loud. I must have stretched my hand toward that warehouse 300 times. And each time, I spoke these words of faith: “Father, I thank You that our church *will* have worship services in that warehouse and we *will* reach thousands of people for Jesus Christ, according to Your perfect plan, in Your perfect timing.” By September 2009, we were conducting worship services with thousands of people in that building. Not only that, but we also had the opportunity to baptize a couple hundred people on the very oil-stained loading docks where we had lifted our voices in bold prayer 18 months earlier. God had come through for us against all odds.

*When it comes to standing on God’s purposes and promises, why shouldn’t we push the limits and aggressively pursue new territory? It’s the approach taken by the great juggernauts of prayer in the amazing events recorded in the Bible. And it’s the same approach that can enable you to become a juggernaut of prayer in our day.*

### ***Reconcile Your Dreams with God’s Desires***

First John 5:14-15 is a classic juggernaut prayer passage: This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. Notice that it doesn’t say “if we ask anything we desire” or “if we ask anything audaciously,” but “if we ask anything *according to his will.*” In other words, God wants our agenda to align with His agenda. Our audacity must be in sync with God’s purposes. Joshua prayed that the sun would stand still because God had promised the Israelites to fight for them and defeat their enemies. Joshua’s bold request was based on a promise that God had made to him. He wanted to see God’s purposes accomplished. Sun Stand Still prayers are about changing your heart, activating your faith, and developing your confidence in God’s Word and character. As this hap-pens, the audacity of your prayers will increase because you will repeatedly en-counter a God who has acted audaciously in the past and longs to do so today. He still longs to make the sun stand still. In the past, it was a juggernaut named Joshua who acted on that promise. Now it’s your turn.