

PRAYER GUIDE FOR June 27 – July 4

We are to be the prayer team to Pray for the Laborers of the Harvest

(Luke 10:1 After this the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two into every town and place where he was about to go. And he said to them “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore *pray earnestly to The Lord of The Harvest to send out laborers* into His harvest

Pray for those:

who are obeying the call of our Lord
who are praying for the sick,
who are sharing the gospel that 'The Kingdom of God is near'
who are praying for open minds and hearts that all will know God and come to accept him
who pray for the leaders guiding and loving the people in our community.

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance for how, when, and for whom to pray.

You Revive Me

Christy Nockels

What The Lord Has Done In Me

Hillsong

The Indwelling Holy Spirit

How I thank You, Father, for the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Thank You for bringing me, by the blood of the Lord Jesus, from death to life, and from being under the law to being under Your grace. May Your great love and tenderness compel me toward greater obedience.

I ask, Father, that You forgive me for the ways that I have allowed sin to continue to reign in my life . . . For attitudes that I have nurtured that are full of self and detrimental to my relationship with You and others . . .

For focusing on the darkness of this world, instead of the light of Your presence, Lord Jesus, forgive me.

May my mind and attitudes be controlled by the Spirit and produce life and peace.

For actions and habits in my life that do not push me toward greater Christlikeness, forgive me, Lord. Crush the walls of excuses that I have erected that keep them so firmly in place!

O God, may Your Word dwell in me richly and may whatever I do or say be done in Your name, that You might receive glory and praise.

Make me to be, I pray, a slave to righteousness and lead me toward holiness!

Help me to live under the law of the Spirit, to live and move and have my very being in You alone, for I know it is Your desire that I be holy and blameless.

Make me alive in Your Spirit that I might be like a tree planted by the water and never fail to bear fruit.

May I live by the Spirit so that I will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature and keep in step with what the Spirit is doing.

May the fruit of the Spirit be born in my life in ever-increasing measure.

May love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control be evident in my words, actions, and reactions.

Conform me, I pray, to the image of Jesus, for I ask these things in His name. Amen.

1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 6:13; Romans 8:6; Colossians 3:16-17; Romans 6:19; Acts 17:28; Ephesians 5:26-27; Jeremiah 17:8; Galatians 5:16, 25, 22-23

From Pray the Word – 31 Prayers That Touch the Heart of God by Tiece L. King, PrayerShop Publishing, 2014

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.” **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Waiting Here for You

Christy Nickoles

Let It Be Jesus

Christy Nickoles

Healing Is In Your Hands

Christy Nickoles

**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

Prayer Requests:

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

Dear God, your faithfulness is sure and steady. Your being is whole and complete.

When I feel incomplete, like there are holes in me, I try and fill them with things that are not of you. But you have called me to something greater.

Show me what that is and allow me to find fulfillment in you.

Protect my friends' hearts who have been in destructive relationships. They feel broken and frightened. Mend their wounds and give them peace.

I give thanks for your faithfulness. It is my rock. When everything feels shaky like sand, thank you for being solid.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Max Lucado, Pocket Prayers

THE PRAYER COURSE **Lesson Three - Petition** **by 24/7 International Prayer**

Prayer Tool: Palms Up, Palms Down

What?

This prayer tool explains "Palms Up, Palms Down" ; a simple tool to partner with God in prayer.

Why?

"To cast our burden upon God, is to rest upon his providence and promise. And if we do so, he will carry us in the arms of his power, as a nurse carries a child; and will strengthen our spirits by his Spirit, so that they shall sustain the trial." Matthew Henry

Bible reference:

“Cast your cares on the Lord, and he will sustain you.” Psalm 55:22

A quick introduction to Palms Up, Palms Down

A simple tool we can use which helps us develop a life of fruitful partnership with God in prayer while simultaneously deepening our trust in His constant care is called ‘palms up, palms down’.

The contemplatives referred to this kind of prayer as ‘re-collection’, which is a form of centering prayer.

However this tool enables us to remain in ‘the rest of God’ but then to flow into a place of petitioning and asking God. It is particularly useful in the mornings because you can bring your requests, dreams and fears for the impending day, to the Lord.

Do it: Palms Up, Palms Down

Palms Down

Sit in a comfortable position, not rigid but not slouched either, and invite the presence of God. Begin by placing your hands, palms facing down, on your legs. This ‘palms down’ posture is a symbolic indication that you want to ‘hand over’ your requests to God.

As you sit before the Lord, begin to name any worries or anxieties you may have about the day ahead. Speak out your concerns for a meeting you will lead, a family member who is ill, a report you have to give in work, or a person you will need particular grace for! Remember, don’t pray what you think God wants to hear, pray what is inside you. Whatever is weighing on your heart or on your mind, name it in prayer before God and imagine yourself releasing it on to God. You may even want to picture the hands of your Heavenly Father under your hands, receiving those things you are handing over to Him. As you engage with the presence of God notice any sensation in your body or spirit - perhaps a sense of relief or release – as you surrender to His love and care.

Palms Up

After a number of minutes in silence, turn your hands around, palms facing up, the backs of your hands gently resting on your legs. As you do, begin to ask Jesus for His peace, His courage, His presence, His love or His direct action, in place of the worry, concern, anticipation or request that you had released to the Lord only moments before this.

In the quiet, rest in this divine exchange, receiving fresh peace, presence and power in place of the natural concerns and requests. Be open to receive a particular promise from scripture, a sense of direction or an impression in your imagination concerning some of these requests.

Rest

Finally, remain a few more moments without asking for anything. Simply rest in His love, and as you have handed your petitions to God remember He has still got the whole world in His hands. Believe that God is loving you in these moments and allow His presence to be more than enough.

Books related to Palms Up, Palms Down

- Inspiration for this prayer tool comes from Richard Foster’s book, “Celebration of Discipline”.

Prayer Tool: How to Maintain a Prayer List

What?

A prayer list helps to develop a deeper, more consistent and therefore more effective prayer life. This prayer tool will show you how to get started.

Why?

“God in heaven will hear your prayers, and will answer them. He has never failed, if a man has been honest in his petitions and honest in his confessions. Let your faith beget patience. God is never in a hurry, said St.

Augustine, because He has all eternity

to work.” E. M. Bounds

Bible reference:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

A quick introduction to Maintaining a Prayer List

A prayer list focuses your intention to pray without overwhelming you, allowing you to flow in and out of prayer throughout the day. With a prayer list, when you step back and assess what you are praying for, you realize you’re covering quite a lot in prayer. The beauty of a prayer list is also that you get to celebrate the answers to prayer along the way, in both incremental and more dramatic ways you will become more aware of how much God is at work!

Do it: How to Maintain a Prayer List

A simple technique is to write each day of the week on a page in a journal. Under each day, write 4 – 6 different items, people or places that you want to commit to Prayer Tool: Maintaining a Prayer list praying for. These can be prayed through in a quiet time, or when you’re going about your day.

You also might like to use the 24-7 Prayer app, Inner Room, to create prayer lists for different days; and set reminders on the app to be reminded to pray.

A healthy prayer list is made up of some of the following things:

A workplace/vocational sphere: At least one day a week, pray for the place you work or the sphere of influence you have been positioned to contribute in. Ask God to move in that place and that your life would be a sweet fragrance of His presence there.

Miscellaneous tasks/assignments:

Pray for a particular project you are working on, sales pitch you are giving, exam you are studying for, or ministry you are leading. As there may be numerous things you are working on or influencing, sometimes splitting these tasks up over the days of a week and praying for one each day is releasing.

A family member:

Pray for a different member of your family specifically each day.

A wider family member or close friend:

Pray for the different people you are committed to walking through life with. It could be a close friend, a niece or nephew, grandparent or god-child, or a young person in your church. Pick one person from this category of people each day.

Leaders:

The Bible exhorts us to pray for our leaders, no matter how much we like them or not! Why not pray for your church leaders one of the days of the week, your boss one day of the week, and your civic or political leaders another day of the week.

Non-Christian friends:

It is so important that we are actively praying for people who don’t know Jesus. Name at least one person who you live beside, work alongside or play football with, before Jesus each day, asking God for their salvation and that they might know His relentless pursuit of them. Commit your heart to being part of the secret history of their journey toward Jesus.

Cities/Regions/Nations:

Following the pattern of the Great Commission, it is a good idea to pray each day for a particular geographical area. Take a separate day to pray for each of the following:

- ‘Jerusalem’ – your village/town/city: pray for the peace of the city and particular issues within your area that require a movement of God.
- ‘Judea and Samaria’ – your county/region/province – particularly parts of it that are different in culture or ethnicity: pray for the gospel to take root in new places and for new opportunities to show the love of Jesus in your wider region.

- 'The Nations' - what particular nations is God putting on your heart. Pray for the people, churches and governments of these nations. Intercede for missionaries or church-partners in these nations.

Books on Maintaining a Prayer List

- The Soul of Prayer - P. T. Forsyth
- Prayer: A Force That Causes Change; Time to Pray, Volume 5 – David Williamson

Prayer Tool: How To Pray the Promises of God

What?

Praying God's promises over our lives and situations is a powerful thing to do. This prayer tool will help you to pray God's promises in your life.

Why?

"It is grand praying when our mouth is full of God's Word, for there is no word that can prevail with him like his own." Charles Spurgeon

Bible reference:

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 1:20

A quick introduction to the Promises of God

The Bible is clear that 'without faith it is impossible to please God' (Heb 11:6), yet also full of stories revealing just how difficult it is to live by faith in the midst of our fallen and rebellious world. Nevertheless, the life of faith is what we are called to. Faith in this context only grows and strengthens within us through prayer. And therefore, prayerful meditation on and declaration of the promises of God over our lives is our primary method for building a life of faith. Like a daily workout in the gym building our physical muscles gradually, so our faith will only grow through a daily habit of prayerful meditation on God's promises over our lives.

Why can we trust in these promises?

There are many promises of God that are simply ours because of who God is. These promises are timeless truths built on the absolute reality that God is a covenant keeping and unchanging Father of immense goodness. The word of the Lord in Balaam's mouth declared:

"God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?" Numbers 23:19

God is both Promise-Maker and Promise-Keeper.

We see many signs of this in the Old Testament. God will never leave His people, nor forget His covenant towards them. We can say yes to God's good purposes in our lives because 'every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly realms' (Ephesians 1:3) has become ours in Christ. This draws us into the Biblical theme of inheritance. God has a 'promised land' for us to live in, an inheritance and destiny in Christ for us to access that is immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

The journey into our destiny however can only be accessed through faith, and faith can only be strengthened in the promises of God, and these promises can only be known and appropriated to our lives in the place of prayer.

Put simply: prayer is the process through which the promise is discerned, carried and eventually fulfilled.

Do it: How to pray the Promises of God

Firstly, it's important that we remember which promises of God are conditional – which require a premise of obedience from us to fully unlock the reality of that promise on our lives.

Secondly, it might be helpful to think of the promises of God in two distinct yet complimentary ways:

Timeless Truths

These promises could be described as general promises that help to saturate your spirit and mind in a God-immersed reality for your life. These promises are most likely associated with the fidelity of God's character, His covenantal love and His commitment towards us in a myriad of ways, which we can pray over our lives regardless of the season of life you find yourself in.

The Bible contains promises for provision (Luke 12:22-32), for protection (Psalm 91), of new creation (2 Cor 5:17), of His unfailing love (Lam 3:22-23), for health (Psalm 103:1-3) of His non-forsaking presence (Heb 13:5). The result of this will be a stirring of faith, an anchoring of our souls in the character of God, a sureness about our sonship, and a renewal of our minds onto a sanctified imagination. These promises are our rightful inheritance through the work of Jesus.

Situational or Seasonal Promises

God also likes to give us more specific promises for particular areas of our lives, people we are praying for, or seasons we are moving through. Sometimes as we are seeking God for His direction in our lives, or when we are interceding for a specific child, friend or even city, He grants us an 'epiphany-like' moment. This is where God gives us a window into what He sees for our lives, a person we are praying for, or a particular situation. This can come in word, a picture, an inner sense or a scripture and should result in giving us a preferred future, 'a vision over visibility.'

The point is God wants us to see something we can't currently see in the natural and then pray it through. This is the promise we cling to, sometimes by our broken fingernails when reality is screaming in our faces the complete opposite. This is contending for the promise, like Abraham who despite the barrenness of his wife and the disqualification of his age, prayed and believed for the promise of a son: "being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised" - Romans 4:21

Books on How to Pray the Promises of God

- Praying the Promises – Max Lucado
- Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home - Richard Foster

Fall Down

Mercy Me

King of the World

Natalie Grant

Old Church Choir

Zach Williams

The Discipline of Service

Aside from the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the most remembered event of His life on earth took place on the night before his crucifixion. You may hear about this night every time you partake of Communion, for this was the time of the Last Supper. Christians spend a good deal of time reflecting

upon that meal that Jesus ate with His closest friends; we take seriously his instruction, “Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the 13th chapter of his gospel, the apostle John tells about another part of that evening. Those gathered in the Upper Room had gotten their feet dirty walking to the meeting place. The custom of the day was for a host to provide for guests’ feet to be washed, usually by having a servant wash their feet. There was apparently no one available to perform this menial service for the company present at the Last Supper, so Jesus does it himself.

The apostles are amazed that Jesus would perform this act of servitude, of course, and Jesus converses with them about what it means to offer one’s self in love and humility. Jesus knew that the apostles needed to hear this message. Jesus spoke to them about abiding in him, about keeping his commandments, and about the unity he desired for them. In modeling humble service, he provided for them not only a lesson in humility, but a key practice for being able to do those very things about which He spoke: the practice of **service**.

You know, it’s quite easy for me to wish I were more humble. I read “He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way” (Psalm 25:9) and I think to myself “Yes. I should be more humble.” But humility isn’t a state into which I can wish myself. It’s an attribute that can be gained, though, by practicing the discipline of service. In performing acts of service, I practice putting my own needs second to those of others. In doing something that needs to be done, however menial the task, I practice being a servant rather than a master.

Since God is the ruler and I am a part of his Kingdom, I don’t have to be the master. In the process of serving, I learn that my interests and well-being survive just fine even when I’m not making them my top priority. This is extremely good news for those of us who might find ourselves in life situations which require a great deal of service to others. Parents of small children, for instance, may sometimes feel as though they simply don’t have enough time to employ as many spiritual practices as they would like. But we can learn to practice the presence of God as we’re performing our tasks. We submit ourselves to obedience in service, and we find that service can be a tool for forming our souls.

Perhaps the most excellent example of one who learned to practice the presence of God even in the midst of mundane tasks was Brother Lawrence, a 17th century Carmelite monk. Lacking the education to be a cleric, Brother Lawrence spent most of his time working in the kitchen of the priory. Lawrence resolved to seek God at every turn, determined to live his life in awareness of God’s presence. Brother Lawrence advised: “Never tire of doing even the smallest things for him, because he isn’t impressed so much with the dimensions of our work as with the love in which it is done.”¹⁴ In offering himself in humble service, Lawrence learned to be like Christ, “who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6-8, NIV).

I remember vividly one time when I was pressed into urgent service. I had three small children to tend, and we were expecting company. I was grumpy and feeling put upon, but I offered a quick prayer

entreating God to help me finish the tasks. Suddenly, my mind was filled with a song we'd sung in church that week: "In my life, Lord, be glorified." As I vacuumed, I began to sing, adding new verses as they whispered themselves to my heart: "In my home, Lord, be glorified. In my work, Lord, be glorified." The peace that settled over me was amazing. When I surrendered myself to performing an act of service in love and faithfulness, God met me there.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because He cares for you" (I Peter 5:6-7). Practicing the discipline of service teaches me that I can trust God and His care.

By Richella Parham, "A Spiritual Formation Primer", Renovare

Ten Simple Rules

Mercy Me

A Prayer for Loving Difficult People

By Mary Southerland

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

True love is God’s love. It looks beyond abrasive behavior to see and meet the real needs hidden there. Meeting a need in the life of a sandpaper person can be messy and usually demands a sacrifice of some kind on our part. It is easier to simply placate or avoid difficult people than it is to love them the way they need to be loved – not in a way that makes our life easier. For example, when we see that sandpaper person coming, we turn around and head in the opposite direction. When the caller ID shows the name of a sandpaper person in our life, we do not answer. Hurried conversations replace a listening heart. We offer tolerance instead of acceptance.

And God is not pleased. He is committed to our character – not our comfort.

God wants us to love each other in the same way that He loves – unconditionally. In fact, God wants us to love in such a way that the people around us will know we are fully devoted followers of Christ. I wonder what our relationships would look like if we did love the way Jesus loves us.

Nowhere in the **Bible** will you find the words, “When you feel like it, love others.” Nope! It is not in there.

The **Bible** tells us to *practice* love. Love is an ongoing and very deliberate choice – not an emotion or a feeling. I challenge you to step out in **faith** today and choose to love that difficult person in your life the way Jesus loves you.

Let’s Pray:

Father, I have to thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You.

In Jesus’ Name,

Amen.