



CMA CHURCH
OF MORGANTOWN

PRAYER BOOKLET

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the CMA Prayer Booklet! Here at CMA, we promote prayer to be essential, powerful, and the primary work of God's people!

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2

Prayer does not have to be complicated. It is simply talking with God. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to “pray without ceasing.” Andrew Murray states, “if our spiritual life be healthy, under the full power of the Holy Spirit, praying without ceasing will be natural.” It is like breathing. God desires constant communication, fellowship with Him and prayer is a key component in connecting with God.

Imagine as our church body prays for these topics each day, we will have constant intercession before the throne of God. Imagine your prayers, along with others, being gathered in a bowl and someday poured out before God as a sweet-smelling incense. The church stands on and moves forward with two legs of prayer (personal & corporate). As you cannot walk with only one leg functioning, neither can the church move forward with only one aspect of prayer functioning. You have an opportunity to pray as an individual and to know that corporately we are bringing our requests to God daily as well. Imagine the impact! It will change the life of our church and Morgantown!

This booklet has two sections for each day. The first section is What To Pray and the second section is How To Pray. Each day has a different petition and a different prayer principle by which you can approach God's throne. Thank you for joining us as we seek God to advance His Kingdom together through prayer!

"Nothing can stop prayer except us not doing it and nothing can stop God from answering it." Jim Maxim

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**In Him,
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**“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2**

DAY ONE

WHAT TO PRAY

GREATEST COMMANDMENT

“Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ESV

Our God, the God of all creation, sovereign over all things has chosen us and desires a relationship with us. His word tells us that of all the commandments, the most important is to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Josiah was considered one of the greatest kings because of his great love for God and his obedience to God's commands. 2 Kings 23:25 ESV states: “before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might according to all the law of Moses nor did any like him arise after him.” May he be our example!

Therefore, verbalize your love to Him and pray that our church will be full of people who love the Lord with their whole being, then demonstrate your love by how you live.

DAY ONE

HOW TO PRAY

IN HUMILITY OF HEART

“When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?” Psalm 8:3-4 ESV

As you pray, consider that the sovereign God of the universe, has been “mindful” of you, so much so that He would suffer the penalty for your sins, to restore a personal relationship with you. In the knowledge of this great truth and in deep humility, approach His throne in prayer, pondering that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). You do not want God to oppose you as you approach Him in prayer, but grant you His wonderful grace as you humbly seek to love Him with your whole being!

DAY TWO

WHAT TO PRAY

WORSHIP & PRAISE

“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made...”

Romans 1:19-20 ESV

If we were truly aware of the majesty of God, our praise and worship would flow more naturally than even our breathing. God is continually revealing Himself to us, but if we would know Him, we must seek Him with all our heart. A.W. Tozer, back in the first half of the 1900s, believed the church had already begun to lose the sense of the majesty of God. He writes, “with our loss of the sense of majesty has come the further loss of religious awe and consciousness of the Divine presence. We have lost our spirit of worship and our ability to withdraw inwardly to meet God in adoring silence.”

Pray that our church will be aware of the awesome majestic Presence of God when we gather for worship! Pray that you will grow in your awareness of His majestic presence in your life as well!

DAY TWO

HOW TO PRAY

WITH YOUR MOUTH AND UPLIFTED HANDS

“I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory. Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name, I will lift up my hands. ”

Psalm 63:2-4 NIV

If we hope to experience the majestic presence of God, in our personal lives and in our church, we must become seekers and worshippers, aware of who He truly is in all His holy glory!

Get alone now, meditate on scriptures like Isaiah 6:1-5 or Psalm 8, that reveal the majesty and glory of God. Then take time to worship aloud with lifted hands to the Lord. Feel free to sing and to worship Him during this time. Ask God for a greater awareness of His majesty in your heart and in our church. Truly, He is worthy of our praise!

DAY THREE

WHAT TO PRAY

SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT

“And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, ‘you heard from Me’ ”

Acts 1:4 ESV

Just as an oil lamp, without oil cannot be lit and will give no light, the church without the Holy Spirit cannot be a light in the darkness and represents no hope to a lost world. But, on the day of Pentecost things changed! The Holy Spirit came upon the believers, and they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. They became the living body of Christ, the church impacting the world! Pray for yourself and our church to be fully empowered by the Holy Spirit. Jesus declared, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

DAY THREE

HOW TO PRAY

AS A CHILD ASKS A FATHER

“If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone?... How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?”

Luke 11:11, 13 KJV

God the Father wants to empower us to reach this lost world. Come to Him now as a little child, confidently believing that He will grant you the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in your life and ministry. Trust that He will empower our church everywhere it has an influence to make an impact for the advancement of the Kingdom of God!

“Ask in faith, believe you have received it, and it will be yours” (Mark 11:24). It is God’s will. Ephesians 5:18 states: “...instead, be filled with the Spirit.” In the Greek, this phrase is in the imperative mode (command) and in the present tense (continuous action). Therefore, we are commanded to be continuously filled with the Spirit. Now, since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:23).

DAY FOUR

WHAT TO PRAY

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed...”

1 Corinthians 12:1-31, Romans 12:1-8 NIV

The Lord has gifted each person within His body, the church. These gifts are to work within and among us to benefit believers and glorify God. As a body has different parts to it and each part of the body has a certain function and place, each person does as well, in our relationship with Jesus. Christ is the head of the church, and we are His body. He directs and empowers everyone with His Holy Spirit. It is vital for us to abide in Him so each of us can be effective in ministry. Pray that each of us in our local body will be in step with the Spirit so His supernatural work would be evident within each church ministry.

DAY FOUR

HOW TO PRAY

WITH EQUAL CONCERN FOR EACH OTHER

“...there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.”

1 Corinthians 12:25 NIV

As you pray for the gifts of the Spirit to be at work within our church ministries, pray with concern for those ministering. Jesus said, “without Him we can do nothing.” He has given us His Spirit to pray that each person will abide in Him so that His Spirit can lead and empower without being hindered. Pray for pastors, leaders, teachers, and helpers with a heart burdened to see God’s supernatural workings among them. Put yourself in their shoes and intercede for them like you would want others to intercede for you!

DAY FIVE

WHAT TO PRAY

TALENTS

“For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

Matthew 25:29 ESV

God owns everything and we are called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. As we use our gifts and talents to build up the church and glorify God, we are trusted with more from God, but if we neglect what God has given us long enough, we will lose the opportunity to invest those gifts. Let us pray that we use what God has given us to advance His kingdom and bring Him honor!

DAY FIVE

HOW TO PRAY

WITH AN ATTITUDE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 12:24 NIV

Today as you pray for others, may your prayers be filled with encouragement. Ask God to stir our church body to use the talents He has given to each one of us. Pray for new people coming into our fellowship that they will participate at the level of their spiritual maturity. Ask for the Lord to endow us with the Spirit's grace and power so that we can see the Kingdom of God advance in our personal lives, our church, and our community. In addition, ask God who you can encourage to use their talents for the Lord's glory.

DAY SIX

WHAT TO PRAY

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

“Rather clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ...”

Romans 13:14 NIV

Lift up the women in our church to walk in the grace and the beauty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray that they would be grounded in the Word and filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

Women bring glory to God in a special way; they display the tenderness, love and nurturing side of God that brings honor to His character and glory to His name. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to endow women to live in a culture that attacks their roles, family, and identity. Pray also that they would be blessed with an enhanced awareness of the love of the Father for themselves so that they can display His love to their loved ones and the culture that so desperately needs it.

DAY SIX

HOW TO PRAY

WITH A BLESSING

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13 NIV

As we pray for the women in our church let us use scripture like the one above to pray on their behalf as a blessing.

“Father in heaven, You are the God of hope. Fill the women in our church with your joy and peace as they trust in You. We ask this in order that they may overflow with Your hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to walk in a godly manner bringing honor and glory to your name. Amen.”

DAY SEVEN

WHAT TO PRAY

MEN IN THE CHURCH

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8 NKJV

Pray for the men in our church to be godly men who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord. God has a special role for men in this world. They are to be examples of what a godly man looks like in society, the church, and the home. The family for centuries has been under attack. The role of men in this world has been under attack as well. Pray for men to be ministered to, encouraged, and mentored into being the examples that God wants them to be. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to use them to bless our culture, their wives and children.

DAY SEVEN

HOW TO PRAY

WITH ALL OUR HEART

“Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart.”

Psalm 119:2 NIV

God lives and listens to every petition with His whole heart. Each time we pray, we have His full attention, the infinite God in His fullness is there to hear us. He asks when we pray that we would cry out with all of our heart on behalf of those we are praying for. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) is able to accomplish much (when put into action and made effective by God - it is dynamic and can have tremendous power) (James 5:16 AMP).

Jesus gave Himself to God the Father for mankind. And now Jesus, being seated at the right hand of the Father, takes every need we present into His intercession on our behalf. Cry out with all that is within you on behalf of the men within our church!

DAY EIGHT

WHAT TO PRAY

SINGLES

“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33 NIV

Single people face many challenges in life. Friendships, companionship, future (career, employment, ministry) and finances are to name a few. It will be compounded if the person is a single parent.

Pray the Lord will direct them in these areas and that they will find all their needs met by Christ. Concerning their relationships and companionship, pray they would be blessed with spiritually mature people who will be a part of their life and be an encouragement to their walk with the Lord.

In addition, pray that they will live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit having His vision as to how they can have a lasting impact upon their world in advancing the kingdom of God.

DAY EIGHT

HOW TO PRAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER AS A PATTERN

“Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, we lift our single brothers and sisters to You. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth in their lives as it is in heaven. Grant to them their daily bread in all aspects of life. May they enjoy Your forgiveness as they forgive others who have wronged them. Keep them from entering into temptation and deliver them from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen!”

DAY NINE

WHAT TO PRAY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NIV

Pray that parents/guardians of children would grow in their relationship with Christ and for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they lead their children in the Lord's ways.

Pray that God will be the most important thing in the family even though life is busy. Pray the teachers and volunteers will grow in their faith as they prepare to teach young hearts and that they will see ways that God is using them to make a difference in children's lives. Pray for strength, energy and health as they teach and make wonderful relationships with kids.

Pray for the Children's Director and for wisdom to communicate their heart for ministry to children and families. Pray their relationship with Christ will deepen and grow. Pray for spiritual protection over their family. Pray they build solid relationships with volunteers, teachers and families within the church body.

DAY NINE

HOW TO PRAY

WITH DEFINITE REQUESTS

“...Jesus asked him, “what do you want Me to do for you?”

Luke 18:40-41 NIV

Jesus knew what the blind beggar needed, but He wanted a specific request to come from him. This teaches us to be specific in our prayers asking definite requests for God to answer. Bring before the throne of grace the names of those in children's ministry. Ask for their spiritual growth, healthy relationships with the children; strength, energy, and health as they teach. Pray for fruit in their ministry. Lift up the children's director to have wisdom, vision and unity with the workers and parents to lead children into a vital relationship with Jesus. And finally, pray for God's protection against the enemy's attacks on the ministry workers and the children.

DAY TEN

WHAT TO PRAY

YOUTH MINISTRY

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NIV

Pray for our youth that they would become disciples of Jesus, walk daily with the Holy Spirit, and be grounded in the Word. Parents are the primary ministers to their children; pray that God would encourage their hearts and give them wisdom as they lead their families. Pray for the youth leader and the volunteers to be empowered by the Spirit, thank God for the volunteers and staff. May God bless them, strengthen them, and protect them from the evil one as they minister to the teens.

DAY TEN

HOW TO PRAY

WITH THANKSGIVING

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

Philippians 4:6 NIV

The above verse encourages us to not be anxious about anything. Parents raising teens and youth leaders ministering to teenagers can be full of challenges, especially in a world that wants to influence them away from the things of God.

Pray specifically for the power of the Holy Spirit to be upon the youth workers, parents, and teens along with the Word of God to be their solid foundation. Do so with an attitude of thanksgiving. We say thank you when a transaction takes place. Praying specific petitions for the youth ministry is a transaction with almighty God when accompanied with thanking Him for answering!

We can pray with thankful hearts that He will be working in the youth ministry and in families to raise the teens up in the way that they should go.

DAY ELEVEN

WHAT TO PRAY

COLLEGE STUDENTS

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10 NIV

College is a time of hopes, good intentions, and freedom. It's a time to discover what a person wants from life as well as what they will contribute to life. Many students will step into decisions with good intentions looking for life only to discover pain, addiction, and regret. This is the tactic of Satan who robs people of life. Jesus came that we might have real life in the full. Pray that we can be examples and point college students to Jesus as the source of the abundant life so they can make a difference in our world!

DAY ELEVEN

HOW TO PRAY

TARGETING SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

Philippians 1:9-11 NIV

Paul's prayer provides insight as to how we can pray for college students. Pray that their love for Christ may grow in knowledge and depth of insight of who He is. Pray that they will grow in discernment as to what is best, pure, and blameless in all areas of life. Thus, resulting in living a righteous life, bearing fruit that brings God glory wherever He may lead them.

DAY TWELVE

WHAT TO PRAY

PERSONAL RENEWAL

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

2 Corinthians 4:16 NKJV

Are you tired or troubled? Turn your prayers toward the renewing heart of God. Are you weak or worried? Study God's word and contemplate its meaning for your life. Are you spiritually depleted? Call upon fellow Christians to lift you up and call upon Christ to renew your faith and your strength. When you do, you'll discover that your heavenly Father is, indeed, a God of renewal. And you will discover that He is always willing to create a new sense of wonderment and joy in you.

Joy is not the absence of problems, but the Presence of God! Therefore, humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (James 4:10 NKJV).

DAY TWELVE

HOW TO PRAY

WAITING EXPECTANTLY ON THE LORD

“but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31 NIV

Today, take some extended time to wait upon the Lord by thinking about this verse and praying; “Dear Lord, You can make all things new. I am a new creature in Christ Jesus, and when I fall short of my commitment, You can renew my effort and my enthusiasm. When I am weak or worried, restore my strength; when I feel like giving up, renew my resolve--for my own sake and for the sake of Your Kingdom. Amen.”

Now take time to connect with the Lord through meditating on His Word and enjoying His Presence in prayer.

DAY THIRTEEN

WHAT TO PRAY FAMILIES

“And they said to me, ‘The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are destroyed by fire.’”

Nehemiah 1:3 ESV

During the exile, Israel’s children were starving for lack of food. In today’s culture, Christian children are starving for lack of spiritual food. What little they get is being plundered by the enemy. He seeks to devour through gates open, unattended or walls torn down meant to protect. Ps. 89:40-41 (NASB), “You have broken down all his walls; you have brought his strongholds to ruin. All who pass along the way plunder him.” If we stand by, social media, entertainment and technology bring our godly strongholds to ruin. Permitting all who pass along the way to plunder our families and especially our children. How long will we stand by and watch? As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven (Neh. 1:4).

“Then I said to them, ‘You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.’ And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’” (Neh. 2:17-18 ESV). Pray for the walls of protection to be strong around our families!

DAY THIRTEEN

HOW TO PRAY

POURING OUT YOUR HEART

“Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him...”

Lamentations 2:19 ESV

The night watches were critical for Israel’s safety and survival. We live in dark days spiritually. It is nighttime all the time now. Pour out your heart for your family and other families. The family structure is under attack because it was established by God and it's the foundation of society. Pray that parents will have wisdom to discern what is the difference between good and almost good in what they do and allow their children to be exposed to. Pray for the unity of parents in raising their children and governing their home with a Biblical foundation. Ask God to show you where there might be openings in the wall of protection of your home.

DAY FOURTEEN

WHAT TO PRAY

PARENTS

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 NIV

“The parent who tries to train without setting a good example is building with one hand and pulling down with the other.” J. C. Ryle

Pray parents/guardians would grow in their relationship with Christ. They cannot lead their children any further than they are spiritually. Pray for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they train their children in the Lord's ways. Pray that God will be the most important thing in the family even though life is busy.

DAY FOURTEEN

HOW TO PRAY

IN JESUS' NAME

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I (Jesus) will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

John 14:13-14 NKJV

What a powerful promise to have in lifting up parents as they seek to raise their children in the ways of the Lord. Jesus gave us His name to bring before the Father because we are co-heirs with Christ. We are seated with Him in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing which includes the use of His name. The name of Jesus gives you the authority to pray in power before the Father on behalf of parents/guardians. Thank God that they will be given wisdom to train their children and be a Godly example with their words and actions in the process.

DAY FIFTEEN

WHAT TO PRAY

CMA TO BE A PRAYING CHURCH

“Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 NIV

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

“We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little; many services, but few conversions; much machinery, but few results.” R.A. Torrey.

May this quote not be true of our church! A core value of the Christian & Missionary Alliance is: “Prayer is the primary work of God’s people.” Pray that the Lord will stir us to be a people of prayer, praying together and in private seeking His face. We need to be sure that prayer is at the core of all we do before we set out to preach, teach, meet or serve in any way.

DAY FIFTEEN

HOW TO PRAY

IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

Ask the Lord to fill you afresh with His Holy Spirit. Spend time in His presence pondering on Colossians 4:2 and Ephesians 6:18. Wait upon Him to grant you His vision of a praying church and what it could look like at all levels of our church ministries at CMA. Remember God can do more than we could ask or imagine in our classrooms, services, and everyday life of our church! As you receive His vision, pray for God’s desire to become a reality in your ministry and at CMA!

DAY SIXTEEN

WHAT TO PRAY

TEACHING MINISTRIES

“We watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because you will save yourself and your hearers.”

1 Timothy 4:16 NIV

Pray for everyone who is in a teaching role, that God would anoint them with the power of the Holy Spirit and teach the pure Word of God. They will be held accountable for what they teach so pray that they will present the truth based upon the scriptures and with clarity. Pray that their lives would be an example to follow. The Lord is building His church and those who teach are a very critical part of His plan. Pray for the teachers you have over you to be guided by the Spirit and to teach sound doctrine effectively.

Also, lift up those in the classes that they will understand the lesson and apply it to their lives. James 1:22, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

DAY SIXTEEN

HOW TO PRAY

COME BOLDLY TO GOD'S THRONE

“We have a great high priest... Jesus the Son of God... Let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace.”

Hebrews 4:14, 16 NIV

God invites us, even commands us to come to Him in a bold way. It is not in our goodness that we come, but in the righteousness of our High Priest Jesus that we come boldly! We have a hearing before God as Jesus does because of His righteousness. As we pray, we will learn to pray, believe, and expect with great increasing boldness. Hold on to this invitation to come boldly before the throne of grace. It is at God's command and Jesus by His Spirit will give you the ability to pray effectively with the witness that you have been heard! We want the Word of God to be fruitful in people's lives as it is presented.

DAY SEVENTEEN

WHAT TO PRAY

MISSIONS (INTERNATIONAL WORKERS)

“You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be My witnesses...to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NIV

Andrew Murray said, “What the world needs today is not only more missionaries, but the outpouring of God's Spirit on everyone whom He has sent out to work for Him in the mission field.” God always gives His servants power equal to the task He asks of them. Think of the greatness and difficulty of their task like confronting satanic strongholds, persecution, governmental opposition, disease, hardness of heart in people, separation from family and even unified team work on the field.

Therefore, pray that everyone may receive and do all their work in the power of the Holy Spirit and stay true to the Word of God. Think of the difficulties of the International Worker's that our church supports and pray for them by name as well.

DAY SEVENTEEN

HOW TO PRAY

TRUSTING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

“And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.”

Hebrews 11:11 NIV

We serve a faithful God who fulfills His promises despite the difficulty. Pray, trusting in His faithfulness to supply the power of the Holy Spirit and the provisions that our international workers need for ministry. Thank Him for His protection, provision and production in building His church around the world.

Today trust His faithfulness for yourself and begin to pray for and witness to those that you know are lost.

DAY EIGHTEEN

WHAT TO PRAY

OUR CHURCH ON MISSION

“CMA Vision: “Through Christ we will create a loving environment where people are introduced to Jesus and equipped to reach our world for Christ.”

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded us to “go and make disciples of all nations.” He also declared, “a new command I give to you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35 NIV

As we faithfully declare the Word of God and show the love of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is free to work in the hearts of people to come to faith in Christ and to grow in their relationship with Him. We are commanded to make disciples and teach everyone to obey the Lord in everything.

Pray that as a church body, we will stay on the mission that the Lord has given us to fulfill! Remember: “and now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor. 13:13).

DAY EIGHTEEN

HOW TO PRAY

AS IN A WRESTLING MATCH

“Epaphras... He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”

Colossians 4:12 NIV

Epaphras wrestled in prayer against the powers of darkness. We must combat our enemy like that as well! Satan would want to sidetrack us from the pure calling that God has for our church.

To wrestle indicates an intense close combat that requires everything of you to fight against your opponent. Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and keep on praying for all the Saints. Being alert and praying in the power of the Spirit will help keep us on track as we fix our eyes on Jesus and obey His word!

DAY NINETEEN

WHAT TO PRAY

MORE WORKERS

“... Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”

Matthew 9:38 NIV

Jesus commanded His disciples to pray for more workers to be sent out into the harvest field! This command applies to us as well, so pray for workers to be called into ministry from within our church and from other churches too. A lost world is ready to be reached! The Body of Christ needs to be built up! Pray the Holy Spirit calls forth those who will surrender to Him and go where He leads.

Pray that everyone in our church would be open and willing to step into ministry as the Spirit calls them. Pray for our Alliance Bible colleges to teach and train their students to be workers that are solid in the Word and fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

DAY NINETEEN

HOW TO PRAY

PRAY IN FAITH, NOT DOUBTING

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.”

Mark 11:22-23 NIV

Jesus said to have faith in God! Ask God to make Himself known to you as the faithful mighty God who works in everything. Then you can be encouraged to believe that He will call and equip workers to go into the harvest field. God is looking for those who will pray in faith and not doubt that He is hearing and answering your prayers. If you see a vacancy needing to be filled within our church, pray specifically for that ministry that God will call a worker to fill that gap. Then praise Him that He will provide!

DAY TWENTY

WHAT TO PRAY

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

Hebrews 13:3 NIV

We live in a world that is hostile to the gospel! Many believers around the world are being persecuted just because they follow Christ. Jesus said that since they persecuted Him, they will persecute His followers. Many are beaten, lose their jobs, homes, families and even their lives! May we pray for our fellow believers who are being mistreated (even as you read this). For current prayer requests of the persecuted church go to vom.org (The Voice of the Martyrs).

DAY TWENTY

HOW TO PRAY

ALWAYS PRAY AND NOT GIVE UP

“Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”

Luke 18:1 NIV

(Read Luke 18:1-8)

You have been praying for the needs of our church and for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Knowing there are believers being persecuted right now should cause your heart to be burdened to be a person of prayer for them. This world needs you to pray persistently. The persecuted church needs you to be praying for their faithfulness and encouragement in the midst of circumstances that are overwhelming. Give yourself fully to be a prayer warrior for them and their persecutors.

DAY TWENTY-ONE

WHAT TO PRAY

EVANGELISM

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV

God has chosen to use people to reach the lost world for Christ and prayer is a vital part of His plan. There are 1.8 million people in West Virginia that need to hear about Jesus Christ with Morgantown having about 31,000. WVU draws many people from around the world to our doorstep as well!

A.B. Simpson said, “the early church was born in prayer; its whole ministry and progress were a result of prayer. Since they excelled in prayer; and because they employed prayer more often than any other means to spread the gospel to their world, supernatural results followed.”

Pray that the Lord would draw the lost to Himself, for salvation is in no other name but in the name of Jesus! Pray for our church body to be walking in the Spirit so we will be alert to divine appointments to share the gospel whenever He prompts us.

DAY TWENTY-ONE

HOW TO PRAY

WITH CONFIDENCE

“This This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us..”

1 John 5:14 NIV

We can pray with confidence that the Lord of the Harvest is hearing our plea for the lost! It is His heartbeat. He is not willing that any should perish, but that everyone would come to Him to be saved from their sin.

When you pray for the lost in your circle of influence, bring their names before the throne of God. You can have confidence that He is hearing and responding to your requests, therefore, thank and praise Him for the work He will do in those you are praying for.

DAY TWENTY-TWO

WHAT TO PRAY

DISCIPLESHIP

“Jesus declares: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

The Lord wants people to be saved, but that is not the main goal. The main goal is to make disciples of those who accept Christ as Savior and Lord. Pray for the heart of our church to have “making disciples as a priority.” Pray for all our ministries to have as part of their mission “to make disciples.” We want to see disciples who will in turn also make disciples. This will have a great impact on our city! Are you pouring into someone to be a disciple of Jesus?

DAY TWENTY-TWO

HOW TO PRAY

IN THE WILL OF GOD

“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.”

1 John 5:14-15 NIV

Christ instructed His followers to go and make disciples. Therefore, praying in line with His command is praying in accordance with God’s will. This gives us the assurance that our prayer will be answered. As you pray for our church and its ministries, you can pray with confidence that the Lord of the Church will be at work in the hearts of His children because it is His desire for them to be His disciples.

DAY TWENTY-THREE

WHAT TO PRAY

PASTORS

“I urge you...to join me (Paul) in my struggle by praying to God for me.”

Romans 15:30 NIV

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ... pray that I may declare it fearlessly as I should.”

Ephesians 6:19-20 NIV

Pastors have a holy calling to shepherd the flock of Jesus Christ. Pray that they would be clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit to live a holy life, preach the uncompromising Word of God and do the work of the ministry. It is not by their might nor power, but by God's Spirit that such a task of leading, feeding, and caring for the Body of Christ can be done.

In addition, they have targets on their backs, for the enemy, Satan, seeks to discourage, take them down or harm their families. Paul described the key role of prayer as he faced hardships and suffering by writing, “...He (the Lord) will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers...” (2 Corinthians 1:10-11).

DAY TWENTY-THREE

HOW TO PRAY

JOINING WITH THEM

“I urge you...to join me (Paul) in my struggle by praying to God for me.”

Romans 15:30 NIV

Join with your pastors in heart as you lift them up before the Lord today. Realize when you're praying, you're joining with them in building up the church of Jesus Christ and in turn advancing the Kingdom of God in Morgantown. Place yourself in their shoes and pray for them as you would want someone praying for you.

Ask the Lord to give you a deeper realization of the weight your pastors carry concerning ministry, family, and personal attacks. Then intercede in accordance with the insights that you can sense. Finally, thank God that you are participating in their ministry as you support them in prayer and serving alongside with them.

DAY TWENTY-FOUR

WHAT TO PRAY

CHURCH LEADERS

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”

Ephesians 4:1 NIV

Today, pray for the leadership (elders, deaconesses, trustees, administrative board) of our church. Lift them up as a group or by name. Those in leadership will be held more responsible before God on judgment day. Therefore, they must be men and women full of the Spirit and living a lifestyle that is worthy of the Lord's approval. Pray that they will be given wisdom to lead and the anointing of the Lord to do the work of the ministry He has placed them in. Pray for their families as well, for they will be Satan's targets too.

DAY TWENTY-FOUR

HOW TO PRAY

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

“...pray without ceasing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

**“God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to
pray for you.”**

1 Samuel 12:23 KJV

The prophet Samuel’s words are piercing! To stop praying for others is sin in the eyes of the Lord. Andrew Murray writes, “when once we begin to see how absolutely indispensable intercession (praying for others) is, it’s just as much a duty as loving God or believing in Christ, and how we are called and bound to it as believers. We shall feel that to cease intercession is a grievous sin.” Therefore, with this in mind, we need to ask God for the Spirit of consistent prayer so that we will take our rightful place as priests before the throne of God, empowered with His burden and insight as we pray for our leadership.

DAY TWENTY-FIVE

WHAT TO PRAY

SERVANTS IN THE CHURCH

“The body is a unit, though it is made-up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ... But in fact, God has arranged the parts of the body, everyone of them just as He wanted them to be.”

1 Corinthians 12:18 NIV

The church is known as the body of Christ. As Jesus is the head of the church, He is the head of the body of Christ which is us. Each part of our physical body has a specific function, some parts are seen and upfront while other parts are covered and hidden. The same is within our church, pray for those servants of God who are behind the scenes and sometimes up front that they would be blessed and used of the Lord. He sees their service and we want to support them in prayer.

Pray for our worship team who spends many hours in preparation to lead us in worship to our Almighty God. Pray for our technical and media director with his team. Pray for our office staff who have many duties and our janitorial person as well. In Acts 6:3, the early church chose people in these positions to be full of the Holy Spirit. Pray that our servants will be blessed as they serve the Lord with a selfless heart and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

DAY TWENTY-FIVE

HOW TO PRAY

WITH THE UNDERSTANDING

“So what shall I do? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding...”

1 Corinthians 14:15 NIV

Andrew Murray writes, “We need to pray with the spirit, as the vehicle of the intercession of God's Spirit, if we are to take hold of God in faith and power. We need to pray with our mind, if we are really going to enter deeply into the needs we bring before Him.” Take time to apprehend intelligently the roles of our servants within our church. Place yourself in their shoes and pray according to those needs that you understand they might have. Lift them up as a group or by name! Now, let your comprehension of the situations they face affect the heart of your prayers.

DAY TWENTY-SIX

WHAT TO PRAY

PERSONAL GROWTH

“... we will in all things grow up into Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Ephesians 4:15-16 NIV

Pray that the body of believers (including yourself) in our church will grow in God's grace and the experiential knowledge of knowing Him personally and deeply. Pray that each person will become more like Christ as we look to Him as our Author and Perfecter of our faith. Pray that all of us will be in sync with the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can do our part which builds each of us up within our fellowship. The goal is that we all become more like Christ in our words and actions.

DAY TWENTY-SIX

HOW TO PRAY

BEING ALERT

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

Our Lord wants us to be more like Him, for He continuously intercedes for us before the Father. Therefore, an area that we can become more like Christ is when we pray for others and intercede on their behalf for their spiritual growth. We are encouraged to be on the alert to pray for one another and live with a continuous attitude of holding our brothers and sisters up in prayer. Pray specifically for people by bringing their names before the throne of grace with promises from Scripture for God to bless and work in their lives.

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN

WHAT TO PRAY

AMERICA'S RETURN TO GOD

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...”

Psalm 33:12 NIV

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

We were a blessed nation but now we have turned our backs on God. In the above passage, the Lord gave Solomon this directive to the nation Israel concerning when they would turn away from Him. Even though we need to be good stewards and vote for the platforms that best reflect biblical values, our main hope is in our humility turning from sin and receiving God's mercy. Therefore, pray that our country will humble itself before God, pray seeking His face, realize our sin, and turn from our wicked ways. Then God will hear, forgive and heal our land!

Since it is directed to God's people, we do not want to contribute to His displeasure. Ask the Lord to show you everything that displeases Him, then turn from it and walk in holiness for we want our land healed!

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN

HOW TO PRAY

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NIV

Personal Prayer: “Dear God of peace, may You sanctify (set me apart unto Yourself & purify) me through and through. May my whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for calling me to Yourself and You will do it. Amen.”

Ezekiel 36: 25-27, “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful keep my laws.”

National Prayer: “Father in heaven, cleanse our country and remove our impurities and idols. Create in us a new heart and a new spirit for You by removing our heart of stone and giving us a new heart that is tender towards you. Place Your Spirit within us that we may walk in Your ways. Amen.”

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT

WHAT TO PRAY

CMA OUTREACH MINISTRIES

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NIV

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ we are authorized and commissioned to be His witnesses to those outside the Church, both locally and globally. This includes proclaiming the Gospel message and representing the truth and love of Jesus in word and deed, making disciples and expanding the Church and God's Kingdom. Pray that we would be courageous witnesses in a society that is increasingly hostile to Christianity. Pray that we would be sensitive and obedient to the Spirit's leading in making the most of every opportunity, and that we would be Christ's head, heart, and hands to the world in ways that have redemptive impact in the lives of many.

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT

HOW TO PRAY

NOT LIMITING GOD

“He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”

Matthew 13:58 KJV

Andrew Murray wrote, “Beware, in your prayer, above everything, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by thinking that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things above all that we ask or think. Each time you intercede, be quiet first and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, of how He delights to hear Christ, and think of your place in Christ; and expect great things! Is there anything too hard for the Lord?” Don’t limit Him, pray and live in faith expecting that He will use you and our church to reach Morgantown!

DAY TWENTY-NINE

WHAT TO PRAY

CMA CHURCH FELLOWSHIP LIFE

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42 NIV

The Church is called to be a unique community in which all members share all of life together, united in Christ and growing towards maturity as they serve one another according to their gifts. Pray that we would be a church growing in depth of true biblical community and spiritual maturity. Pray that we would be diligent in combatting the enemies that threaten the fellowship life of the church, including sin, false teaching, and interpersonal conflict, and that our fellowship would be marked by a unity and love that draws nonbelievers to Christ.

DAY TWENTY-NINE

HOW TO PRAY

IN THE LOVE OF THE SPIRIT

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:35 NIV

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:5-6 NIV

Love is to be the major characteristic of the body of Christ towards one another. This includes our prayer life. Pray asking the Holy Spirit to build your heart's affection to your brothers and sisters in Christ and pray in the love of the Spirit for them. “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

DAY THIRTY

WHAT TO PRAY

WIDOWS AND SHUT-INS

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...”

James 1:27a NIV

The church has a responsibility to look after widows and shut-ins. To pray for them is our first step in that direction. Pray that they will feel loved and cared for by our Fellowship. They face many challenges that the average person does not. Loneliness, personal health issues, or financial concerns can weigh heavily on a person. Pray their needs be met and the Lord's presence would be felt by them in the situations they face. If you know someone in these circumstances, encourage them in some way.

DAY THIRTY

HOW TO PRAY

ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER

“Plead the case of the widow.”

Isaiah 1:17b NIV

The Lord was correcting Israel because of their sin. One of the directives He gave was to “plead the case of the widow.” To plead is to represent them with passion before a higher court about the situation they have. Think about what it would be like if you were in their situation and pray on their behalf accordingly. Represent our widows and shut-ins before the throne of God and know that His heart is tender to them and will minister to them as we intercede on their behalf. Plead (make a strong request) on their behalf today.

DAY THIRTY-ONE

WHAT TO PRAY

FINANCIAL GIVING

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

God has chosen to use people and their resources to reach the world. All that we have belongs to Him, including our money. He desires that we give out of cheerful hearts from what He has given to us. Our response to His loving care is to be faithful in supporting the various ministries within the church and around the world by prayer, serving, and giving.

Pray for our church body to catch a vision of what God can do through our giving. In Malachi 3, the Lord corrected Israel for not bringing in the tithes and offerings. We do not want to be disobedient, but faithful stewards of the money that He has given to us.

DAY THIRTY-ONE

HOW TO PRAY

WITH A THANKFUL HEART OF PRAISE

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100:4-5 NIV

As you pray to the Lord, thank Him for all He has blessed you with. Lift your voice with a heart of gratitude and focus on His goodness. Thank Him that He will supply all the needs of the church and International Workers as we give cheerfully to Him. In addition, tell Him how grateful you are to be able to worship Him in your financial support to build His kingdom.



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