

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

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WEEK FIVE
November 15-21, 2009

PR (Praise), **IN** (Intercession), **CF** (Confession), **SG** (Spiritual Growth), **MN** (Ministry Needs)

□ DAY TWENTY-NINE (SUNDAY, Nov. 15):

MEDITATION: "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you" - John 17:20

- **IN:** We pray today for the church of Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus assemble around the world in his name today, we know that the Lord is grieved by personal disputes and denominational doctrines that divide believers.
- We pray that we might be more successful in our goal of being genuinely undenominational, and might be able to communicate that goal more clearly. We pray that we might more perfectly strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Help us to remember to exhibit true love for every sincere believer, while also seeking common ground for all believers on the Word of God, and it only. Enable us to model, in our own lives and in our mutual relationships, that unity for which Jesus prayed.
- **MN:** Ask God's blessings today on the work of our World Bible School program, and on Frank & Vivian Smith as they lead it.

□ DAY THIRTY (MONDAY, Nov. 16):

MEDITATION: "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" - Psalm 13:1

- **CF:** Father, we confess that sometimes you seem so far away from us, and the sense of your presence we felt on Sunday morning in the assembly somehow has evaporated by the time we go to work on Monday. Dear God, in those times when our feelings are fading, we pray for revival. Remind us of your past blessings, strengthen our commitment, and refresh our spirit.
- **IN:** We pray today for the teachers in all of the schools here in Union County. Grant them wisdom and patience as they instruct their students and bless their work as they develop the minds and lives of young people.
- **IN:** We pray today for the poor in our community, and especially for those children who are destitute because they have been abandoned by one or more of their parents. We especially ask that you would lead us to ways to be a blessing to them.

□ DAY THIRTY-ONE (TUESDAY, NOV. 17):

MEDITATION: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other" - Galatians 5:25-26

- **SG:** We ask today that the fruits of the Spirit might grow in us. Help us to be willing to yield to your Spirit, Father, so that we might increase in love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, and faith.
- **CF:** We confess that we sometimes judge people by their external appearance, rather than their hearts. Help us, God, to see others as You see them.
- **MN:** Lord, please bless all our Bible class teachers as they prepare their class for tomorrow night, that they might communicate God's Word effectively and faithfully. We pray for our deacon Lewis Whatley as he works with our Education program.

□ DAY THIRTY-TWO (WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18):

*MEDITATION: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners- of whom I am the worst.....but by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect."
- 1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Corinthians 15:10*

- SG: Father, help us to be more honest in our prayer life. Remind us, Lord, that we can't fool you, anyway, so there's no sense in trying to pretend to be something that we're not when we talk to you. Dear God, today we bring our weaknesses before you. Help us to learn from our sins that we are absolutely dependent on your grace, and when we have learned to trust in you, enable us to see your grace at work in our lives.
- IN: We pray for parents who are raising their children in a society saturated with sensuality, violence, and greed. Bless our homes, Father, that in them we might create a counter-culture based on Christian values. Bless the ministries of this church that they might strengthen and support the work of godly parents.

□ DAY THIRTY-THREE (THURSDAY, NOV. 19):

MEDITATION: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." - Psalm 51:12

- SG: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, that we might once again learn to serve you with gladness; remind us, God, of the wonder we felt when we first realized that Jesus died for us, taking OUR place on that cross; help us to recall the terror of feeling our lostness, that we might once again feel the relief of being saved. We pray for revival: make our old, calloused hearts tender once again, that we might give You the joyful praise You deserve.
- IN: We pray today for those Christians who were once faithful, but who have now wandered away from the Lord and no longer are practicing their faith. We pray, Father, that you will touch their hearts, and that we might have the opportunity to speak a word of concern to them, that they might be restored to your grace.
- MN: We are thankful for the work of Gail Albritton and Joan Holmes in our church office, and ask God to bless them as they support our ministries and represent our congregation to the many folks from the community who call or visit our offices.

□ DAY THIRTY-FOUR (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20):

MEDITATION: "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit" - Ephesians 5:18

- PR: We thank you for the power and presence of your Holy Spirit, and his sanctifying work in our hearts..
- IN: As the weekend approaches we know many here in Union County will be seeking fulfillment in a bottle or at a bar. We pray, O God, that you will redirect their hearts to find true satisfaction in being filled with your Spirit. Until then, we ask that you enable the police to be successful in keeping the intoxicated off the streets.
- MN: We thank you, Father, for all those who work with our Recovery Ministry. We pray also for the staff of the South Arkansas Substance Abuse Center. Bless the work of everyone who assists in these vital programs.

□ DAY THIRTY-FIVE (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21):

MEDITATION: "Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus"- Ephesians 6:24

- IN: We pray today especially for those who must come to church alone because they have been widowed or have been abandoned by their mates. Bless them, Father, and grant that they might find a place of welcome in this church family. We thank God for the growth of our "Single on Sunday" class and pray that it might continue its good work.
- IN: We thank you, Father, for the loving care provided to small children in our nursery during each service, and pray that you would bless the work of all the sweet ladies who serve in this ministry. We pray, Father, for our children's ministries that will meet tomorrow night and for all those dedicated workers who staff them. We especially ask your blessings on Paul Choate as he directs the Middle School Group.
- MN: We thank God for the many guests who visit our worship services each week, and pray that we might be missionaries in our congregation by extending a genuine welcome to them.