



Eight Points of Prayer Pray Lee County

The Promise

...if My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, **and** require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:13-15 AMP

Pursuing the Promise

1. Pray for the Honor and Glory of God's Name in Lee County as well as in the city and neighborhood where you live. (5 minutes)

Pray that God would make his power known throughout the whole region for His name's sake and ultimate glory.

Pray for His power and provision to be released through the rest of our prayers so that for His name sake, people will be drawn to Him and His perfect plan for their lives.

Scriptural Reading:

Psalm 106:8 God saved Israel at the Red Sea for His name's sake "that He might make His power known.

2 Samuel 7:26 ..."do as you promised, so that your name will be great forever."

Psalm 23:3 and 31:3 King David prayed for guidance. He prayed for help and for God's name sake in Psalm 109:21; 143:11.

Psalm 79:9a Asaph prayed for God to help Israel "for the glory of your name".

Deeper Study: Look for other verses in your concordance that will lead you to a deeper understanding of God's name or names. What's in a name? El Shaddai means God Almighty. Go deep, search for more.



Family or Social Time: Read these verses to your children; put your favorite on the refrigerator or Facebook pages as God's name is to be great among all where we have influence.

2. Pray and acknowledge God's Relationship to us. (5 minutes)

Pray to our **Creator, Helper, Redeemer and Father** for the protection and provision of all who live in Lee County; within your city (name it out loud) and neighborhood (name it out loud) as well.

Pray that the Church (those who know Him) will remember who He is and who we represent. Pray for those that don't know Him to be drawn to him through the illumination of their hearts, minds and eyes to see Him as He is.

God is our **Creator** and we are the work of His hands (Job 10:3, 8-9; 14:15; Ps. 119:73)

God is our **Helper** (Ps. 33:20; 40:17; 63:7).

God is our **Redeemer** (Ps. 19:14; Isa. 41:14; 54:5). He will have compassion on us because He is our redeemer (Isa. 54:8; 63:16)

God is our **Father** (Isa. 64:8; Mal. 3:17; Rom. 8:15), and we are privileged to cry out as children to their father, "Abba" [Daddy!] Father! (Rom 8:15; Gal. 4:6)

Deeper Prayer Time Look up these verses and read them back to God through prayer and in discussion with your spouse or another person. Give thanks back to God that He created us; that He helps us in time of need; that He redeemed 'all that was lost' through Jesus; that He is the Perfect example of a loving Father and that we can run to Him in prayer—in all hours of the day.

Deeper Study during the week Find other verses that show how God has helped others or how His role of creator or redeemer blessed a nation, a city or a family—write them down and thank Him for who He is in our lives.

Family or Social Time Explain to your children or other small group each of the relationship characteristics of God and then ask which one is their favorite and discuss the reasons why they chose that particular one. This is great to do around the dinner table or favorite coffee shop.



3. Pray God's Attributes of righteousness, faithfulness, mercy and love; that those attributes would be seen and felt throughout Lee County; your city, your neighborhood and your street (speak their names out loud, for example; Ft. Myers, Heritage Palms, Sago Palm Drive) (5 Minutes)

Pray that God's attributes would open the flood gates of heaven for healing and shatter the gates of hell that foster misery among the people in the land.

1. Pray God's **righteousness** as *Nehemiah* did. (Neh. 9:33)

In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it — one from the house of David — one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness. Isa 16:5

Seek justice on behalf of others and speed the cause of righteousness

2. Pray to Him on the basis of His **faithfulness** as Ethan did, six times, in Psalm 89.
3. Pray to Him on the basis of **Mercy and Love** as did Moses (Deut. 9:18), David (Ps. 4:1; 27:7; 30:10; 86:6, 15-16), and Daniel and the three Hebrew children. (Dan. 2:18).

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 4:1

Prayer Point: Remember, we are praying for others that cannot or will not pray for themselves. Cities don't pray—people do.

For every positive attribute of God, our enemy produces a polar opposite. Therefore, pray against the spirits of greed and fear; hopelessness, revenge and hate; bind the spirit of unbelief and poverty.

In prayer, release the Spirit of righteousness, faithfulness, belief, mercy, justice, love and provision.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt 16:19



“We shall find every attribute of God Most High to be, as it were, a great battering ram with which we may open the gates of heaven.” *Charles Spurgeon*

4. Pray for the Sorrows and Needs of Others (10-15 minutes)

Now, make a list of other people and how they are suffering: homeless, foreclosure process, financial hardships, job loss, debt, hunger and thirst, broken marriages and broken relationships, those in prison and those that need peace and salvation as well as _____ (fill in the blank).

Pray for a Spirit of repentance to be released over the Church and the people of Lee County; pray for a spirit of humility among God’s people first, then others as we all stand before a Holy and Awesome God so that He will heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Pray against poverty (spiritual, material, relational and motivational) and for God to release His provision to the people and that He would inspire many with His plans for blessing Lee County.

Psalm 35:11-13 David was one who took upon himself the suffering of his people. He even wept for the suffering of his enemies. Nehemiah and Daniel, in particular, also used this plea greatly as they vicariously identified themselves with the sufferings of the people.

Jeremiah, perhaps more than others, used this form of plea as he prevailed for his people. He pleads for God to look and see the sufferings (Lam. 2:20), and to remember, look, and see (**Lam. 5:1**). In great detail he lists for God all the sufferings of the people. He does not try to justify his people, for he knows how deserving they are for God’s judgment.

Neighborhood Time

What are the needs on your street? Make your list from actual needs you find on your street. This will be a stretch for many, but reach out to neighbors and let them know that many people are praying for the people of Lee County—find out what their top two or three needs are and let them know that you will be praying for them over the next 40 days for God to meet their needs. Then let God introduce Himself to them through His power to answer prayer. Be ready to explain that the Kingdom of God has come near them when He answers their prayer (Luke 10). They will be more ready than you think to invite Christ into their lives—be ready.

****Important**** When God shows up in answered prayer, report the outcomes to your prayer coordinators; they in turn will record your/their testimony to encourage others in their faith and belief in the power of God to transform lives.



5. Pray over and through the Past Answers to Prayer (5 minutes)

Don't skip this one. Often we stop praying when we've prayed for someone else, thinking we may have 'done enough'. It is not a lack of faith to keep praying after you've laid the request before the throne of God. It is at this point that we '*reason with God*' for the benefit of others as we remind Him (and ourselves) of how He has answered prayer in the past.

Historically, through scripture, we can recount to God his answers to prayers for the saints of the past. Use the following for reference in your prayers:

- David reminded God of His past mercy: "*Thou hast been my help*" (Ps. 27:9b). "*O God, thou has taught me...even when I am old and gray, O God do not forsake me*" (Ps. 71:17-18a) A number of psalms remind God and the people in detail of His past mercies (Ps. 78; 85:1-7; 105; 106; and 136)
- Make a list of what God has done for you. How have your prayers been answered? How has your life been enriched by knowing His mercy, love, forgiveness? Thank him for those things He has done.
- Once you have your list, and you've thanked Him, apply those promises to the people you've prayed for. Remind Him of His 'miracle' in your life and ask Him for the same miracle(s) to be applied over the people, neighborhood, city and county for which you are praying.

It is acceptable to reason with God, He can handle it. He loves a good respectful argument on the behalf of others for His ultimate glory.

Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD . Isa 1:17-18

6. Pray His Word and the Promises of God (5 minutes)

God is a promise keeper. His Word is powerful and accomplishes the work for which it was sent.

David cried to God reverently, humbly, and lovingly, yet with holy insistence. He pressed for fulfillment of God's promise, "*Do as You have spoken. Let Your name be established and magnified forever...therefore Your servant has found courage to pray before You. Now, O Lord, You are God, and have promised this good thing to Your servant*" (1 Chron. 17:23-26)



Solomon prayed the same way. He held God to the promises that He had made to David, his father in 2Chron. 6:14-17 There was no mincing of words, Solomon respectfully reminded God of His promises and asked for Him to fulfill His Word.

Read/pray God's word back to Him and ask Him to fulfill His promises to you and for all those for which you are praying. Some examples are:

Psalm 3:3-4

Jeremiah 29:7; 29:11; 15:20

Deut. 31:8

Hebrews 4:16

If God has done it once for someone else, last week or in ancient history, He can and will do it again for you and others. The bible says that 'he is no respecter of persons', therefore, what He has done for others can be done for us who believe.

Family or Group Time

Discuss the promises of God over your life. Speak about them at the dinner table, in restaurants and wherever you find yourselves on the road. He is a promise keeper and it is vitally important to embrace those promises for you and those you love.

"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Heb. 4:12

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isa. 55:10-11

7. Pray through the power of the Blood of Jesus (15 minutes)

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8-9

One drop of the blood of Jesus destroyed the entire kingdom of darkness.



There is power in the blood—wonder working power.

Perhaps the greatest, most powerful, most answerable plea of all is the blood of Jesus. No more prevailing argument can we bring before God than the sufferings, blood, and death of His Son. We have no merit of our own. We do not prevail by techniques or past experience. No prayer “know-how” prevails. **It is only through the blood of Jesus.**

Bring before the Father the wounds of Jesus. Remind the Father of the agony of Gethsemane. Recall to the Father the strong cries of the Son of God as He prevailed for Lee County as well as for our salvation. **Remind** the Father of earth’s darkest hour on Calvary, as the Son triumphed alone for you and me. Shout to heaven again Christ’s triumphant cry, “It is finished!” Plead the Cross and His wounds over and over again.

Plead the blood of Jesus. The name of Jesus and the blood of Jesus—glory in them, stake your all on them, and use them to the glory of God and the routing of satan in Lee County. (satan not capitalized on purpose to afford him no proper acknowledgment whatsoever)

Specifically, pray the redemptive power of the blood of Jesus over every sphere of influence on our culture:

1. Government (includes Judicial system and taxing system)
2. Education
3. Business
4. Arts and Entertainment
5. Media
6. Religion
7. Family

Pray for God to give us the answers to problems that Lee County faces. Pray for the Daniels and Josephs to be inspired to bring those answers to those in power and **influence them with God’s ideas for such a time as this.**

God has established these seven areas of influence and these are the areas under attack across the country and our area. Pray for God to redeem/reclaim each of these areas for His purposes for the benefit of the people through His love and for His glory.



8. Pray for Your Local Church (10 minutes)

We have prayed to God for a great many things and it has been focused on Him and others. We can now pray for our individual needs—even though He knows them all.

As directed by your pastor or leadership team, pray for the specific needs of your church and your family.

Rev 12:11

11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

What to do after prayer:

1. Expect and watch for God to show up in response to individual and corporate prayer.
2. Report and record the testimonies to build a foundation of faith and belief.
3. Keep praying.
4. Repeat steps 1-3, because it is necessary

Never give up.

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Mark 14:37-38

Mission of Pray Lee County

Unite the Church of Lee County to pray as one Church for an outpouring of God's Spirit and divine favor to revive the Church and awaken the lost to the total sustaining power, provision and purposes of God Almighty.