

PRAYER GUIDE

OCTOBER 24, 2022 | BARTLETT BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for your commitment to pray for 30 minutes on the twenty-fourth day of the month.



PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

"Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:11-12 ESV).

If there was ever a time to be spiritually alert, it is now! Rebellion, ungodliness, violence, sin of every kind is coming forth. NOW, TODAY is the day to wake up from the doldrums of complacency and apathy and get engaged in the spiritual battle.

- Pray against a spirit of slumber. *"According as it is written, God hath given them the **spirit of slumber**, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear."* (Romans 11:8 KJV). A spirit of slumber is an evil spirit, one that God will allow to come upon those who are not alert and clothed in spiritual armor. This spirit causes people to be lethargic, immobilized, in a fog, or spiritually or mentally dull.
- Our battle is a spiritual one. In Ephesians 6:12 Paul says, *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."* Pray we will be spiritually awake, alert and clothed with the armor of God.

PRAY FOR AN OUTPOURING OF GOD'S SPIRIT

In 1 Kings we see an encounter between Elijah the prophet and the prophets of Baal.

*"Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, He is God." And all the people said, 'That is a good idea.'... Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come near to me.' So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD which had been torn down.... At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again.' Then the **fire of the LORD fell** and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, 'The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God'" (1 Kings 18:24, 30, 36-39).*

It is one thing for a glass to be clean. It is another to be filled. It is one thing to be spiritually alert and armed. It is another thing to be anointed by God's Spirit.

We need the fire of God to fall upon people and churches.

- Pray God's people will hunger for His presence and power and will not be satisfied with anything but God Himself. "*Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, That the mountains might quake at Your presence*" (Isaiah 64:1).
- Pray God, the Holy Spirit, will breathe life upon us. "*The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' And I answered, 'O Lord GOD, You know.' So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army*" (Ezekiel 37:1-3, 10).
- Pray God will revive His people. "*Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?*" (Psalm 85:6).

PRAY FOR THE 2022 ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH

*"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, '**Because you have prayed** to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him"* (Isaiah 37:21-22).

Judah was surrounded by an army that wanted to overthrow them. In the same way, Christ-centered values are being constantly attacked. God gave deliverance to Judah because the King prayed. We need to pray for godly, praying leaders.

- Pray that God will give us leaders who are:
 - Pro-life. "*For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well*" (Psalm 139:13-14).
 - Pro-biblical marriage (marriage is between one man and one woman). "*For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh*" (Genesis 2:24).
 - Pro-religious freedom. "*I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity*" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
 - Pro-biblical values. "*I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the level*" (Isaiah 28:17).
- Pray that Christians will see that our ultimate allegiance is to God and His Kingdom and our deliverance is from the Lord, not any man or political party. "*O give us help against the adversary, for deliverance by man is in vain. Through God we shall do valiantly, and it is He who will tread down our adversaries*" (Psalm 60:11-12).
- Pray for those who are presently leading.

PRAY FOR BARTLETT SCHOOLS

Schools were once places of learning and friendships. Today, many schools are like war zones or social experiment labs. Fights are common place and many school administrators force non-biblical beliefs upon faculty and students in an attempt to move culture in a godless direction.

- Pray for superintendent David Stephens. Ask the Lord to give him godly wisdom as he leads BCS.
- Pray for principals as they set the direction for their schools:

Marva Johnson – Alturia Elementary

Page Watson – Bartlett Elementary

Katie McCain – Ninth Grade Academy

Cody Duncan – Bon Linn Middle

Ethan Randall – Elmore Park Middle

Sharonda Rose – Rivercrest Elementary

Keshia Y. McMickens – Appling Middle

Tim Jones – Bartlett High

Thomas McClellan – Bon Linn Elementary

Michelle S. Bardos – Ellendale Elementary

Stephanie Beach – Oak Elementary

- Pray for the safety of teachers and students.
- Pray that Christian educators, administrators, and students would live their faith before unbelievers and use every opportunity to share Jesus.

PRAY FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We have been commanded to pray, “*for kings and all who are in authority*” (1 Timothy 2:2).

- Pray those who are saved will lead with righteous values and will share the Gospel of Christ with other political leaders.
- Pray the pressures of leading will cause lost politicians and judges to call on Jesus to be saved.
- Pray that our leaders will set aside partisan politics and fulfill their roles out of a sense of duty to the American people based upon what is just and right.

PRESIDENT Joe Biden

VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States

Clarence Thomas

Stephen G. Breyer

Samuel A. Alito

Sonia Sotomayer

Elena Kagan

Neil M. Gorsuch

Brett M. Kavanaugh

Amy Coney Barrett

GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE Bill Lee

TENNESSEE SENATORS Marsha Blackburn & Bill Hagerty

WEST TENNESSEE CONGRESSMEN Steve Cohen & David Kustoff MEMPHIS/SHELBY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor:

Jim Strickland

Director of Police:

Cerelyn "CJ" Davis

Director of Fire Services:

Gina Y. Sweat

City Court Clerk:

Myron Lowery

Shelby County Mayor:

Lee Harris

Shelby County Sheriff:

Floyd Bonner, Jr.

CITY COUNCIL

District 1:

Rhonda Logan

District 2:

Frank Colvett, Jr., Chairman

District 3:

Patrice J. Robinson

District 4:

Jamita Swearengen, Vice Chair

District 5:

Worth Morgan

District 6:

Edmund Ford, Sr.

District 7:

Michalyn Easter-Thomas

Super District 8-1

JB Smiley, Jr.

Super District 8-2:

Cheyenne Johnson

Super District 8-3:

Martavius Jones

Super District 9-1:

Chase Carlisle

Super District 9-2:

J. Ford Canale

Super District 9-3:

Dr. Jeff Warren

SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 1:

Amber Mills

District 2:

David C. Bradford

District 3:

Mick Wright

District 4:

Mark Billingsley

District 5:

Michael Whaley

District 6:

Willie F. Brooks, Jr.

District 8:

Mickell M. Lowery

District 9:

Edmund Ford, Jr.

District 10:

Reginald Milton

District 11:

Eddie Jones

District 12:

Van Turner

District 13:

Van Turner

District 7:
Tami Sawyer

BARTLETT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor:
Keith McDonald

Police Chief:
Jeff Cox

Chief Administrative Officer:
Mark Brown

Fire Chief:
Terry Wiggins

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Position 1:
W.C. (Bubba) Pleasant

Position 2:
Emily Elliott

Position 3:
David Parsons

Position 4:
Bobby Simmons

Position 5:
Jack Young

Position 6:
Kevin Quinn