

CREEKSTONE CHURCH

prayer
GUIDE



Welcome from Pastor Branch

Hello family and welcome to our season of prayer and fasting! I'm inviting you to partner with God through the power of prayer and fellowship with Him in a conversation that never ends. God wants to talk to us! He does so through Godly people that He sends; His holy scriptures; and most certainly PRAYER! He wants us to be bold and intentional in our approach to talking with Him, yet come humbly as a child would. It's my prayer that this devotional guide would serve as a tool for you to do both as you walk with God daily. As you take the time to read scripture; sing; pray; and meditate; may you feel God's presence and hear from Him clearly what His good and perfect will is for your life.

As Pastor, I do trust that as you walk with God daily with Creekstone Church's Devotional Guide that your life will be richly blessed. I'd also love for you to get to know us personally if you haven't already. My prayer is that God will touch your heart as you make a decision to both follow him and join us as we reach people for Him and help them to grow. Until then, may God continue to bless you!

For His Fame,

Pastor Kason Branch

Why Creekstone Church?

Creekstone Church is a place where people of all walks of life have an opportunity to meet our Great God! The word “creek” represents water. Water is symbolic in the Christian faith of healing, deliverance, restoration, refreshment, and rebirth. It’s those qualities of life that we believe people will experience when they meet the Savior, Jesus Christ through our church.

The word “stone” is symbolic of our foundation, the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks his disciples “Who do men say that I am?” They answered, and then Jesus asked, “But what about you? Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. The “rock” that Jesus referred to was the truth that Simon Peter spoke. The truth that Jesus is the Messiah. That’s the gospel and that’s what our church is built on!

Ministry Mission

Our mission is to passionately follow and make followers of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:19-20

Ministry Vision

For God to make us a people who will...

- Gather with a passion for Christ Acts 2:44-46
- Extend Grace to each other and the community Matthew 28:19
- Grow in the knowledge of our Lord, personally and corporately Matthew 28:19
- Give generously of their time, talents, and resources Matthew 28:19

Core Values

- Biblical Instruction II Timothy 3:16
- Fellowship Acts 2:44-46
- Worship Romans 12:1-2
- Prayer Philippians 4:4-6
- Evangelism Matthew 28:19-20
- Hospitality Romans 12:13
- Generosity II Corinthians 9:6-8
- Creativity John 1:1-4

What is Prayer?

Prayer is simply personal communication with God. Prayer is not made so that God can find out what we need, because Jesus tells us, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matt. 6:8) God wants us to pray because prayer expresses our trust in God and is a means whereby our trust in Him can increase. Prayer brings us into deeper fellowship with God, and He loves us and delights in our fellowship with him.

Man is helpless without God. We need God every day in all of our affairs. Prayer allows us to approach God and seek His guidance, while enjoying life walking with Him daily. God is holy and we are not; therefore, we have no right to enter into His presence. It's critical for a person to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in order to talk to God through prayer because Jesus is our mediator. Scripture teaches, "There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5) Effective prayer is made possible by our Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Jesus says, "Therefore, I tell you, whenever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24) Jesus is saying that when you ask for something, the kind of prayers that get results are ones prayed with a settled assurance that God has granted our request. In fact, Hebrews 11:1 tells us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Biblical faith is not just a wish, but trust in a person, God himself. God wants to talk to us. When He does, He wants to know that we trust His perfect will for our lives.

Prayer Tips

1. **Choose a specific place to pray** away from distractions so you can concentrate. Ringing phones and crying children will sabotage your "quiet time" before it gets started.
2. **Pray at the same time every day**, if at all possible. Make it part of your regular routine and it will become habit. Write it into your schedule and then treat it just like a daily appointment.
3. **Pray out loud**. Many people can pray under their breath or in their minds for long periods and still maintain intensity, but for most of us it's a quick ticket to dreamland. When we pray out loud we have to form intelligent sentences. We have to concentrate more on what we're praying about.
4. Keep a note pad handy so you can **jot down different things that come to mind while you're before the Lord**. Sometimes you'll get great ideas totally unrelated to what you've been praying about. If you jot them down you can quickly get back to the topic at hand without being too distracted.
5. Make a list to **keep track of your prayer needs**. This can be done several ways. Prayer needs can be listed by category like "Church," "Family," or "Unsaved friends." Or they may be listed by the days of the week. Each day you pray for a different set of needs.

Suggested Prayer Modes A.C.T.S

A.C.T.S. is an easy way to remember key elements of prayer. It's simply prayer in four parts:

Adoration – “Praise be to God!” -Psalms 68:35

Tell God how much you appreciate Him. Express your love for Him. Praise His power and majesty. This is a great way to begin your prayer time. Sometimes I watch the sun rise, and praise God for the beauty of His creation. You should never run out of praise. “How awesome are your deeds!” -Psalms 66:3

Confession – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” -1 John 1:9

Tell Him where you have fallen short. Be specific. I thank Him for the forgiveness I have in Christ, and ask for help and strength to turn away from future temptations.

Thanksgiving – Always “glorify him with thanksgiving” -Psalms 69:30

You have plenty of reasons to be thankful. Thank God for His love, His faithfulness, His patience and a million other things. Express gratitude for what He's doing in your life. Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for you. Thank the Holy Spirit for indwelling you, and never leaving. Thank Him for being your conscience, your counselor and that “still small voice.”

Supplication – “Make your requests known to God.” -Philippians 4:6

Tell God what you want, no matter how small it seems to you. Do you really think any of your requests are big to God the Creator? You should have lots of intercessory prayer here. Remember: As a Promise Keeper, you are committed to pray for your pastor and your church every day.

Prayer Journal

Day 1

Song

Change Me Oh God – Tamela Mann

Scriptures

John 1; Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer Agenda

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What is something you're grateful to God for?

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Song

Grateful – JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise

Scriptures

John 2; Joel 2:12-13

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Deliver Me (Exodus) – Donald Lawrence

Scriptures

John 3; John 3:16; Matthew 17:20-21

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Song

My Worship – Phil Thompson

Scriptures

John 4; II Corinthians 5:17

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Thank You Lord – Dr. E. Dewey Smith

Scriptures

John 5; Romans 8:28

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King of Glory – Todd Dulaney & Shana

Scriptures

John 6; Psalm 27

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You Know My Name – Tasha Cobbs

Scriptures

John 7; Lamentations 3:22-23

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Goodness of God – Cece Winans

Scriptures

John 8; Luke 4:1-4

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More Than Anything – Anita Wilson

Scriptures

John 9; Psalm 37:4-5

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Your Great Name – Todd Dulaney

Scriptures

John 10; Proverbs 3:5-6

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Song

Order My Steps – GMC

Scriptures

John 11; Philippians 4:13; Acts 13:2

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You Are God Alone – Marvin Sapp

Scriptures

John 12; Galatians 2:20

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Song

You Are The Living Word – Fred Hammond

Scriptures

John 13; James 1:22

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Song

Just Want You – Travis Greene

Scriptures

John 14; Colossians 3:23; Daniel 9:3-5

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Amazing God – Kierra Sheard

Scriptures

John 15; I Corinthians 15:58

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Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone) – People and Songs

Scriptures

John 16; James 4:7

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Lord You Are Good – Todd Galberth

Scriptures

John 17; Luke 16:13

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Open My Heart – Yolanda Adam

Scriptures

John 18; I John 4:7-8

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You're All I Need – Hezekiah Walker

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John 19; Hebrews 12:1-2

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You've Been So Faithful – Eddie James

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John 20; Acts 1:8; Luke 18:1

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Victory Belongs to Jesus – Todd Dulane

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John 21; Matthew 28:19-20

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