

## NEED A PRAYER LIST FOR YOUR PRAYER BLAHS?

To be revised in a month after you've gotten into some kind of rhythm.

In almost 50 years of ministry I've come to the conclusion that most of us in all kinds of churches still feel that we could make much headway in bringing things to the throne. I probably know 200+ pastors by first name. Most I've talked to admit they occupy the I-could've-prayed-better category.

*MY HOMESPUN RUMINATIONS*—Half from Scripture. Half from my Honey who has always been my hero of prayer. Half from homespun wisdom. Half from pastors whose ministry I've tapped. And half from listening to thousands of praying saints like you who rubbed against my shoulders.

- a. Ask God to remind you to pray. Thank Him when He reminds you.
- b. If the problem is the “Big 3” Apathy or Laziness or Disappointment, admit it, confess it, spend four hours straight in your car sitting in a parking lot—just talking and listening *sometime in the next week. Stealing the time from your sleep is probably best.*
- c. Use a list, or not. *see next page.*
- d. Some like a special time, some don't. Just pray a tiny bit better, smarter, and passionately each year.
- e. Pray when you feel like it. Pray when you don't feel like it—until you do feel like it.
- f. Set your phone alarm for a reminder. Make it at a time you can put the brakes on. If you haven't prayed by that time, stop, kneel, take out your “emergency list” and intercede for your pastor or somebody you know who needs help. *Lunch? Mute the TV ads and pray? On the way to school or work? Driving home? Middle of your favorite TV program?*
- g. Even if you're a “list” person already, don't always depend on it. Don't ask for a lot. Just enjoy God.
- h. Put up a sign on the bathroom mirror, dash, desk, locker, shop workbench. Write it on your sleeve.
- i. I've had the same sign on my motorhomes' dash for 20 years,  
“PHIL, YOU GOTTA PRAY BETTER!”  
*We've put 350,000 ministry miles on three motor homes.*
- j. Group your prayers, if you like.  
Sick and unsaved on Sunday. *More people are saved on Sunday than any other day of the week.*  
Missionaries on Mondays or at mealtimes pray for more laborers in the harvest.  
Say something you're thankful for each time you put on your shoes.  
Family members on Friday.
- k. Pray aloud when you're alone working in the garden [*or car, walking, waiting for . . .*]
- l. Read Psalm 119 one-verse-a-day and use the verse as a reminder to pray.
- m. Don't try to beef up your prayer life with a Bible study about prayer. P.P.R.R.A.A.Y.Y.Y.Y.Y.
- n. Read the biography of Praying Hyde and others. Refuse to feel continual guilt. Just ask the Lord to give you a greater hunger to sit at His feet and talk. . .and listen. It IS okay to be quiet while you pray.
- o. Make yourself 3 New Year's Resolutions. Start next week. Prayer has been one of actual New Year's Rez about 4 times over the past 20 years. I worked a whole year at it and each time felt I had made significant progress.
- p. Enjoy knowing that you have joined the ranks of a host of stumbling sinners.
- q. Give you stomach one day off each week—just juices & water. Pray whenever you're hungry.

**Next page. Print. Cut. Fold. Fill it in. Modify it in about a month.**

*EVERY DAY*  
help me pray

THIS IS THE DAY. . .  
My pastor & Church

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My whole family : write initials

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A friend

\_\_\_\_\_

A missionary

\_\_\_\_\_

My favorite verse

\_\_\_\_\_

[write reference]

**SUNDAY**

A favorite song for Sunday



One family member

\_\_\_\_\_

Another friend

\_\_\_\_\_

Pray for myself to love God more

Pray for an unsaved friend [ or

**MONDAY**

A Monday favorite song

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'nother family member

\_\_\_\_\_

Myself - an attitude or habit I have to work on

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Someone who doesn't like you

\_\_\_\_\_



Some ministry or organization you know of

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Philippians 4.6  
In everything, by prayer and supplication, let your requests be

**ΤΥΕΣΔΑΨ**

Tuesday's song

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A distant family member

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People who really need prayer

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Three countries that need missionaries

1 2 3

Luke 10.2

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth laborers into His Harvest.



Psalm 19.14  
Let the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my  
heart  
Be acceptable in Thy sight  
O Lord, my Strength  
and my Redeemer

People you know who are  
faithful in explaining  
salvation to others  
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Someone each week you  
haven't prayed for in a long  
time  
Myself - kindness,  
diligence, sensitive to  
others' needs  
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Saturday's song is

**SATURDAY**

Proverbs 15.8  
The prayer of the upright is  
His [God's] delight.



And a missionary  
you know of  
\_\_\_\_\_

Another country that needs  
missionaries  
\_\_\_\_\_



Family again: pray for the  
person who is hardest to  
pray for  
\_\_\_\_\_



Now sing any song out  
loud [or hum!]  
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Examine your heart. Confess  
what doesn't belong  
there.  
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**FRIDAY**

Psalm 66.18  
If I regard [chensh] iniquity in  
my heart, the Lord will not hear  
me.



And that you'll be faithful  
in reading your Bible  
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Pray that you'll listen  
better  
\_\_\_\_\_

An unsaved friend

\* being sweet  
\* forgiving  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pray that everyone in your  
family [start from your youngest  
cousin to the oldest grandpa]  
will work on  
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A tune for Thursday

**THURSDAY**

Psalm 55.17  
Evening, and morning, and at  
noon, I will pray and He shall  
hear my voice.

Thank God for someone who  
loves you even tho' you mess up  
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Pray for someone  
whom you hardly  
know.  
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Pray for the youth ministry at  
your Church and 2 other  
ministries at Church.  
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Pray for yourself to forgive really  
fast  
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Pray for your parents

Sing "Alleluia!"

**WEDNESDAY**