**Home Prayer Guide for 8 Days of Prayer, 1/2-9,2024**

Thank you for taking time to pray at home. The home prayer guide is like the material that is at each prayer station at the church. Please take time to go through this Prayer Guide, Station by Station, and watch God work in your life, family, and His FBGS Church family during 2024.

Station #1

…Adoration of The **Father**, **Jesus,** and The **Holy Spirit**

Adore our **Father** by giving Him glory and honor:

• **Father**, I praise you for **creating and sustaining** me. Your word teaches that “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* (Genesis 1:1).

• I praise you for being **Holy**, **set apart**. I understand, as *Joshua said, “…for God is a holy God. He is a jealous God...*” (Joshua 24:19).

• I praise you for being **righteous** - Jehovah-tsidkenu. “…*for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which He does…”*  (Daniel 9:14).

• I praise you for being my **Shepherd** - Jehovah-raah. “*Lord*you are*my shepherd; I shall not want.”*  (Psalm 23:1).

• I praise you for being **God most high**. “*Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer”* (Psalm 78:35 & 56).

• I praise you for being my **provider** – Jehovah-jireh. “*Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide…”* (Genesis 22:14).

Take time to Praise and honor **Jesus**:

• Lord, **Jesus**, I give you praise for being my **Savior**. “*Then they said to the woman, ‘Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ,the Savior of the world”* (John 4:42).

• I praise you for being my **Rock**. ‘…*and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ”* (1 Corinthians 10:4).

• I praise you for being my **Foundation**. “*For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”* (1 Corinthians 3:11).

• I praise you for being my **Strength**. “*I can do all things through Christ, and knowing that gives me strength”* (Philippians 4:13).

• I praise you for **praying for me**. “*Jesus… lifted up His eyes to heaven and said: “I do not pray for the world but for* ***those whom You have given Me****, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine…”* (John 17).

• I praise you for being my **Lord**. “*…every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Philippians 2:11).

• I praise you for being the **way**, the **truth** and the **life**. “*Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6).

Next, give honor and glory to the **Holy Spirit**:

• Holy Spirit, I honor you for **living** in me. *“…your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*”

(1 Corinthians 6:19).

• I honor you being the one who **convicts** me. “*And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment…”* (John 16:8).

• I honor you for being my **counselor**. “*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever”* (John 14:16).

• I honor you for being my **teacher**. “*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you”* (John 14:26).

• I honor you for giving me **words** to speak. “…*do not worry beforehand, what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit”* (Mark 13:11).

• I honor you for being the one who gives us **power to live and witness**. “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”*(Acts 1:8).

Now, take a moment for your own personal time of adoration for who God is.

Next, go to the next page, **Station #2**,

And follow the **Confession Guide**.

Station #2

**Confession Guide**

**FBGS “8 Days of Prayer”**

**January 2-9, 2024**

On the next page is a sheet that is entitled

**“Recording Sins”**.

 As you read through the pages that follow, God will bring unconfessed sins to your mind. Use a pencil provided to write them on the **“Recording Sins”** sheet. Be transparent. God already knows our sin. At the end there will be instructions on claiming His forgiveness and destroying the paper.

Once you print or provide a paper for **“Recording sins”** go to the **“Personal Sins”** page to begin

your time of confession.

Prayer Station #2b

**Recording Sins**

 When we confess our sins, God listens to us and forgives us. As you read through the **“Confession Guide”**, list any sins that come to your mind. Follow the instructions. ***You will destroy this paper at the end.***

**Personal sins**

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**Sins against Christ and His church**

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Do not sign your name!

While you sit or kneel as you work through Station #2, listen to God and honor the Savior who said: “Father, forgive them...”

 1 John 1:9 says that if we will confess our sins, God is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 Once you have recorded and confessed your sins, place this sheet in a shredder or tear it in small pieces and throw in the trash. Know that God has been faithful to forgive your sins and, as Psalm 103:12 says, ***“As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions...”***

**PERSONAL SINS**

Am I willing to

do anything God

wants me to do?

Am I sinning the sin of prayerlessness?

*(“You do not have because you do*

*not ask God.”* James 4:2*)*

Have I neglected the Word of God?

Am I impatient?

Irritable?

Easily offended?

Do my “hurt feelings” keep me from serving God?

Do I get angry easily?

Do I “blow up”?

Do I “swell up” with resentment?

What about covetousness?

Am I too concerned about things?

Have I sought material blessings more than

spiritual blessings?

Is there anything in my life that I would not be willing

to give up for Jesus?

Do I deny myself daily to follow Jesus?

Have I any bad habit which I should forsake?

Have I asked God’s help?

Do I have sinful pride in my heart?

Can I keep a secret?

Is my mind honest and clean in the sight of God?

Am I faithful to my wedding vows in thought and deed?

Is my home a testimony for Jesus?

Am I willing and ready to forgive any wrong against me? My family?

Do I have any secret sin which I excuse but

should forsake?

Did I meet every situation today as a Christian should?

Have I honestly allowed

Jesus to be a witness through me today?

Have I worried and had anxiety over things for

which I had no control?

Do I fret?

Complain?

Am I guilty of the sin of unbelief?

Are there other personal sins I should record and confess?

Am I willing here and now to ask God to help me to put these ***personal* *sins***

out of my life?

 Stop and pray for God to forgive you of all the personal sins you have listed and any that you have forgotten.

 He is faithful and just to forgive the sins you name and cleanse you of all unrighteousness.

Go to the next page and begin to review possible

INTERPERSONAL SINS.

**INTERPERSONAL SINS**

Have I forgiven everyone?

 Not forgiving others is serious to God. Unforgiveness will totally block your prayer life and God’s blessings. Read what Jesus said at the end of the Model (Lord’s) Prayer:

 *“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you* ***do******not*** *forgive men their sins, your Father* ***will******not*** *forgive your sins”* Matthew 6:14 & 15.)

Have I forgiven those who have talked about me?

Talked about my loved ones?

Is all resentment out of my heart?

Am I willing to ask forgiveness from anyone

I have wronged in any way?

Do I bear grudges?

Am I critical of others?

Is the reputation of another safe in my hands?

When I speak the truth, do I do so in love?

Do I become jealous when others succeed?

Am I dishonest with others?

Have I paid my debt to others as I should?

Am I willing to leave a wrong impression if I can

do so without telling a lie?

Do I have anything in my possession which does

not belong to me?

Have I wronged anyone and failed to make restitution?

Am I willing here and now to ask God to help me put

these *interpersonal sins*

out of my life?

 Stop and pray for God to forgive you of the interpersonal sins you have listed and any you may have forgotten. God is faithful. He will forgive the sins you confess and cleanse you of all unrighteousness.

The final section begins on the next page and covers

possible sins against

Christ and His church.

**Possible sins against** **Christ**

**and His church**

Have I in any way been dishonest with God?

With my church?

Have I broken any promise or pledge made to God? To His church?

After my emergency past, did I keep the promises I made in prayer?

Have I hurt someone, or my church by needless talk about another’s faults?

Even if it was true, did I glorify God by telling it?

Did I pray for those involved?

Do I have a right attitude toward my fellow church members?

Toward the Leaders in the church?

Do I resent God’s leaders?

Does the Pastor and the other Ministers know that they can count on me?

Do I really believe in the power of God to...

...cleanse any sinner?

...change any life?

...heal any heart?

Am I willing here and now to ask God to help me put these

***Sins against Christ and***

***His church*** out of my life?

Are there other sins against the church I should record and confess?

 Stop again and pray for God to forgive you of all the sins you have listed against His church and/or her leaders.

 God is faithful and will forgive the sins you name and cleanse you of all unrighteousness.

Next, follow the instructions on the bottom of the **Record of sins** sheet,

And remember:

**“GOD Loves You!”**

Prayer Station #3

**Ask!**

 Spending time in adoration helps us to see God and ourselves more clearly. Ultimately, we are guided to honestly confess where we have fallen short. Now we can boldly come to God, **ask** from God, and expect Him to answer our prayers. James 4:2 says *“You do not have because you do not ask.”* Jesus said in John 16:24 *“Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”*

**Pray for First Baptist Gulf Shores.**

1. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into His harvest through our LIFE ministry.

2. Pray for **2024** to bring in a harvest of souls from the Gulf Shores / Orange Beach / Foley area that is beyond what we have seen in recent years.

3. Pray for a growing unity among our staff and in our congregation.

**Pray for your family and yourself.**

1. Ask God to meet a family need you have and ask Him to get your family where He is blessing.

2. Ask Him to meet needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

3. Ask God to meet a personal need you have and watch Him bless your life.

**Pray for our Nation.**

1. Pray for God to draw these United States back to Him.

2. Pray for the 2024 elections. Ask God to give us what we need, not what we deserve.

3. Pray for God to lead the United States into righteousness so that we can be exalted (“*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”* Proverbs 14:34).

**Pray for our World.**

1. Pray for God to give Israel victory. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6a).

2. Pray for God to remove President Putin from power and bring peace and righteousness to Ukraine.

3. Pray for many people to be saved throughout the world because they witnessed the mighty hand of God.

(***“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”* Hebrews 4:16*.***)

Prayer Station #4

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

As you sit at home, try to locate some Christian music that will help you meditate on God’s goodness. Listen to the music

and spend time in Praise and Thanksgiving.

The following page is for you and family members who may be in your home to record words of praise and thanksgiving as you and/or they listen to the music. You do not need to sign your name, just use one of the five-line sections to send a special message to the Lord.

Once you have completed your hour of prayer, rest in the Lord. He is listening to those in the FBGS family who are taking time to talk to Him. Jesus said to the disciples *“Could you not watch with me one hour?”* You have talked to Him. Jesus will bless you, your family, and His church at First Baptist Gulf Shores.

You have blessed the Father and encouraged your church by taking time to pray during these important **8 Days of Prayer**. May His blessings flood your life during 2024 and into the future because you spent this hour with the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

**Use one of the five sections below to record words of thanks to God.**

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