

Introduction

Welcome to 2018. We are coming into the year with a renewed sense that this (McLaurin) is God's church and He has a plan for us. He is present, working and ordering all of creation to His plans. Our desire/work is not to lead the change but rather to follow Him as He invites us to see His work unfold around us.

Jesus told his followers three things. (He said more than that but these three have been echoing with me [Pastor Peter] for a while now):

I will build my church [not you will build my church]. - Matt. 16:18

My house will be called a house of PRAYER. - Matt. 21:13

My sheep will hear my voice. - John 10:27

What God has been burdening me with is the difference between mission and revelation. Mission is something we produce, revelation is something we receive. Sadly, too often, our mission is really *our* plans for God, hoping God will bless them and come along for the ride. Waiting for revelation is asking and waiting on God, trusting God will reveal to us what He is doing and we get to go along for the ride.

Our desire is to see God build His church. We would be a people who recognizes without a doubt that God is present and active in our midst...so much so that prayer is second nature, like the air we breathe, like greeting your friend when he/she enters the room...only God is always in the room (so to speak). We desire to see God permeate our lives. Prayer is the visible evidence of God's presence. We would hear His voice and seek His face... serve, follow...

Our primary calling is to be with Jesus in deep fellowship and humble dependence and then to serve as the overflow of that life changing encounter. Everything flows out of that intimacy...restoration, healing, transformation. That is where we find our true selves, identity, and worth. Where shame meets the God who loves us and cares for us. Where guilt collides with His unmoveable grace! Where we see God's compassion and follow Him in His mission. The world needs the God who is calling and pursuing us, who loves us and made us His own.

So we hope this is just the beginning of our deeper walk with God. We are using this time early in the year to praise Him to seek the Lord for our needs, ask the Lord direction and most of all wait on the Lord.

A word about Prayer

Prayer is always a declaration that He is worthy and I am needy. We this pattern in the Lord's Prayer. It is not based on how we feel, what our need is, wanting something from God or renewal.

Prayer is about consistency over time (Luke 8:1-8)

Foundation of prayer is God speaks. The Bible is His word to us. Hence we respond; then prayer is a two way conversation; God always starts. This is what we call 'Scripture fed prayer'. The focus is always seeking Him, not just presenting a long list of needs, but pursuing His face first and foremost. Hence praise is an essential response to what God reveals about Himself/essential part of prayer.

How to use this guide

Pattern for prayer during the 40 days is simple.

Read His Word:

acknowledge that this is God speaking and revealing Himself to us.

Then we 'pray' which is our response to what God has spoken/revealed

Hence, the flow/pattern of prayer will follow:

Acknowledging

- a. Who is God? What does God reveal about Himself
- b. How do You want me to respond?
- c. What shall we pray about?
- d. Where do we go from here?

Focus: each day - pray one theme (so as not to over load or be laundry list focussed) Use the guide, start here and feel free to go further. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. That is where we start and share with others.

For example: Read Matthew 6:19-33 (taken from Daniel Henderson)

Who is God...Praise Him

The eternal rewarder and preserver of real treasure (v. 20)

The one who knows our hearts (v. 21)

Our source of Light (v. 22-23)

Worthy of our undivided loyalty (v. 24)

The One who dispels anxiety and worry (v. 25, 28, 31)

The provider for His creation (v. 26)

Our caring and attentive Heavenly Father (v. 26)

The One who ultimately values us (v.26)

Creator of beauty—clothes us with beauty (v. 28-31)

The One who knows us and our deepest needs (v. 32)

Lord of the Eternal Kingdom (v. 33)

Fully sufficient for all things (v. 33)

How shall we respond (example)

"Because you are my Father, I will treasure You above _____ and make you the greatest treasure in my heart."

Now where do we go from here...

For our time we will be going into 4 movements.

Praise
Wait
Confession
Intercession

I will not explain these right now but rather these will be more apparent as we pray.

Time “JUST DO IT” pray that is!

Dedicate time:

- A. We are suggesting prayer at 8:18pm
Times at the church TBA
Both are a way of signifying we pray together.
- B. Find a time that works for you
Maybe in the morning
Keep it in mind throughout the day
Maybe read the Scripture in the morning
Focus prayer time in the evening.

Dedicate Space:

Make a space
Quiet yourself and ask for Him to still your heart and mind so that you might listen.
Read Scripture
Leave space afterwards for 1 minute of silence

Sharing:

Find others to pray with. [life groups, partners]
Make notes [there is room in the body and also at the back of the booklet]
We are also asking you to share some of your experiences with us...submit them to the office.

Psalm 115

¹Not to us, LORD, not to us to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

²Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”

³Our God is in heaven; does whatever pleases him.

⁴But their idols are silver and gold, by human hands.

⁵They have mouths, but cannot speak, but cannot see.

⁶They have ears, but cannot hear, but cannot smell.

⁷They have hands, but cannot feel, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

⁸Those who make them will be like them, so will all who trust in them.

⁹All you Israelites, trust the LORD—is their help and shield.

¹⁰House of Aaron, in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

¹¹You who fear him, in the LORD—is their help and shield.

¹²The LORD and will bless us: will bless his people Israel,

will bless the house of Aaron,

¹³he will bless those who fear LORD—and great alike.
¹⁴May the LORD you to flourish, you and your children.
¹⁵May you be blessed by the LORD, Maker of heaven earth.
¹⁶The highest heavens belong to the LORD, the earth he has given to mankind.
¹⁷It is not the dead praise the LORD, who go down to the place of silence;
¹⁸it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.
Praise the LORD.

Psalm 33

¹Sing joyfully the LORD, you righteous; is fitting for the upright praise him.
²Praise the LORD the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
³Sing to him a new song; skillfully, and shout for joy.
⁴For the word of the LORD right true; is faithful all he does.
⁵The LORD righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
⁶By the word the LORD heavens were made, starry host the breath of his mouth.
⁷He gathers the water the sea into jars; puts the deep into storehouses.
⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; all the people of the world him.
⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; commanded, it stood firm.
¹⁰The LORD plan the nations; thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
¹¹But the plans of the LORD firm, purposes his heart through all generations.
¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose his inheritance.
¹³From heaven the LORD down sees all mankind;
¹⁴from his dwelling place watches who live on earth—
¹⁵he who forms hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
¹⁶No king is saved by the size of his army; warrior escapes by his great strength.
¹⁷A horse a vain hope for deliverance; all its great strength it cannot save.
¹⁸But the eye the LORD on those who fear him, those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
¹⁹to deliver them from death keep them alive in famine.
²⁰We wait hope for the LORD; is our help and our shield.
²¹In him our hearts rejoice, we trust in his holy name.
²²May your unfailing love with us, LORD, as we put our hope in you.

Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, whole body will be full of light.²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are not much more valuable than they?²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor dressed like one of these.³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’

or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.³³But seek first his kingdomhis righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Psalm 103

¹Praise theLORD,soul;my inmost being, praise his holy name.

²Praise theLORD,soul,forget nothis benefits—

³who forgives all your sinshealsyour diseases,

⁴who redeems your lifethe pitcrowns you with love and compassion,

⁵who satisfiesdesires with good thingsthat your youth is renewedthe eagle's.

⁶The LORD righteous justice for all the oppressed.
⁷He made known ways Moses, deeds to the people of Israel:
⁸The LORD compassionate and gracious, to anger, abounding in love.
⁹He will not always accuse, will he harbor his anger forever;
¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve; repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, great is his love those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions.
¹³As a father has compassion his children, the LORD compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴for he knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵The life of mortals is like grass, flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶the wind blows it and it is gone, its place it no more.
¹⁷But from everlasting to everlasting LORD's love is with those who fear him, his righteousness with their children's children—
¹⁸with those who keep his covenant, remember obey his precepts.
¹⁹The LORD established his throne heaven, and his kingdom rules all.
²⁰Praise the LORD, his angels, mighty ones do his bidding, obey his word.
²¹Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, his servants do his will.
²²Praise the LORD, all his works in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.¹³Bear with each other; forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. Be thankful.¹⁶Let the message of Christ among you richly abound as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, psalms, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 6:5-13

⁵"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰your kingdom,
your will be done,
earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us today our daily bread.
¹²And forgive us our debts,
we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³And lead us not into temptation,^[a]
deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 28

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Marys went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples

came during the night and stole him away we were asleep.¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

² We always thank God for all of you continually mention you in our prayers.³ We remember before our God and Father work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters^[a] by God, he has chosen you,⁵ because our gospel to you not simply with words but also with power, the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know we lived

among you for your sake.⁶You became imitators of us of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy by the Holy Spirit.⁷And so you became a model all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.⁸The Lord's message went out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. We do not need to say anything about it,⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned from idols to serve the living and true God,¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's, everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? may stand in his holy place?

⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, does not trust in an idol, swear by a false god.

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, seek your face, of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, you gates; lifted up, you ancient doors,
the King of glory come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? LORD and mighty, LORD in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, you gates; them up, you ancient doors, the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory? LORD—is the King of glory.

Psalm 27

¹The LORD my light, my salvation—shall I fear?

The LORD the stronghold, my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

²When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, then I will be confident.

⁴One thing I ask from the LORD, only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to seek him in his temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me, the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

⁶Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, I call, LORD; merciful to me and answer me.

⁸My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, my Savior.

¹⁰Though my father and mother forsake me, LORD receive me.

¹¹Teach me your way, LORD; me in a straight path of my oppressors.

¹²Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, false witnesses up against me,
malicious accusations.

¹³I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

WEEK 1

DAY 1 PRAISE

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

Prayer is not about bringing a list. Prayer is not about us first. Prayer is not about when we feel like it...when we have something to say..when we are in trouble...when we need something.

Prayer is first about GOD. He is worthy. We come because He is worthy.

It is about GOD. God is everything. It is all about His Glory.

“Because You are LORD, we will praise your name above _____ and [make our desire to] make your name great in my / McLaurin’s life.”

DAY 2 PRAISE—BELOVED

Read Colossians 3 -page 14

We come / pray because God has chosen us and made us holy and dearly loved children.

“Praise you, God, who pursues and loves His people, thank you for rescuing me from _____ [before God got you] OR when I was in / am in _____ [a mess]. “

“God bind us in your love.”

DAY 3 PRAISE—HOPE

Read Psalm 33 -page 8

Sing / Read / Pray

Sing ‘ The Solid Rock’

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name
On Christ the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.
"God, You are my cornerstone in changing times. Because You are righteous, I will
follow You. When I am _____ [uncertain, scared], in those times I will trust
in You and in your commands and laws, because You are righteous.

DAY 4 PRAISE

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

God is the greatest treasure, God is worthy of all our affections,

"Because You are my Father in heaven,

I will treasure you above _____,

and

make You the greatest treasure in my life"

DAY 5 PRAISE- WAIT

Read I Thessalonians -page 18

WAIT- is the time of being in the presence of our God. This is our first foray into our
time of waiting in prayer. We respond to God by rejoicing in God and his character. We then
allow God to speak in our lives. We sit in His Presence. We wait.

V. 5: God come to us in power to transform and convict. Thank God for sending us the Holy Spirit.

*"HOLY SPIRIT search us / our hearts. Open our life. Begin to show us where you are
moving. What _____ are you prompting us by your love.*

DAY 6

Pray the Lord's Prayer -page 15

WEEK 2

DAY 1 PRAISE

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

Let us recognize where our God is. God is enthroned in Heaven... He does as He pleases.

*"Steadfast God of the universe, you are Lord in heaven and earth, your plans are certain,
your promises are never broken. Where I feel _____ [insecure, untrusting, name
those places] I will trust You because You are LORD!"*

Sing "How Great is Our God"

DAY 2 PRAISE – WAIT for compassion to come on us

Read Colossians 3 -page 14

God is compassionate and slow to anger, forgiving and merciful. Where have I experienced God's compassion? _____ Thank Him.

"Where _____ have I /McLaurin not been compassionate and kind, Lord dwell with us richly and teach us and administer to us your compassion."

DAY 3 PRAISE– WAIT

Read Psalm 33 -page 8

God' word to us is right and true. God is sovereign and creator

"Lord you spoke and the universe came to be. I thank you that I am wonderfully and fearfully made. I marvel at creation _____ [bring to mind the things of creation that stir awe in you]. Magnify that your ways would be greater than my ways.

Read Genesis 1 and 2 (as time permits)

DAY 4 CONFESSION

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

God, Great Master

"God you are a good and loving Father, forgive me when I/we have given myself to money... I have held onto and believed that my stuff/money could save me. Lord show your self to us as our loving Father in heaven."

DAY 5 INTERCESSION / THANKSGIVING

Read I Thessalonians 1 -page 18

V. 2: *"We always thank God for all you _____ [name the people you are thankful for and be specific] and continue to mention you in constant prayer"*

Pray for those you are thankful for. Thank God they are in your life. Pray for those God brings to your mind. Those whom you are asked to bless and pray for them.

DAY 6

Lord's Prayer -page 15

WEEK 3

DAY 1 PRAISE

Read Psalm 103 -page 12

"Praise the LORD, my soul; my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul,

and forget not his benefits"

Recall / remember how God is good to you this week.

"Thank you God for _____ [His benefits]"

Sing "How Great Thou Art"

DAY 2 PRAISE – WAIT / CONFESSION

Read Colossians 3 -page 14

God has clothed you with _____ [Ponder each characteristic of God...compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience]

" Thank you God for clothing me/us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Call us to bear with each other. "

"Where are you calling us to be _____ compassionate, kind, humble, gentle and patient?"

DAY 3 PRAISE – WAIT / INTERCESSION

Read Psalm 33 -page 8

The earth is full of His unfailing love.

God is sovereign over creation vs. 6-9

God is sovereign over nations vs. 10-13

"God the earth is full of your unfailing love, _____ [name some of His love in creation that you see]. You watch over nations and generations.

I pray for this nation of Canada, _____ [list praises and concerns]. Conclude with affirming that Your(God)plans are certain."

DAY 4 WAIT/ CONFESSION

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

Idols are things that are *idle*. [not moving] God is our help and our shield. He is everlasting.

"God reveal to me the things/places/desires that are idols [idle and not moving] in my life.

DAY 5 WAIT—CONFESSION

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

Idols are things that are idle [not moving]. God is our help and our shield. He is everlasting.

“God reveal to McLaurin the plans/things that have been/are our idos [idle and not moving].”

DAY 6

Lord’s Prayer -page 15

WEEK 4

DAY 1 PRAISE

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

GOD is King/ Great Provider

God is King. He is the one who provides food, clothes, beauty, needs, joys...

“Thank you for providing _____ for me, my family and McLaurin.”

DAY 2 PRAISE—CONFESSION—WORRY

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

GOD is King/ Great Provider

Because You, God are King, You are the one who provides food, clothes, beauty, needs, joys...

“When I am worried about _____, remind me of your steadfast love.”

DAY 3 PRAISE—KINGDOM IS HERE

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

Jesus says (Matt 11:4-6) "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

"I have seen your kingdom come _____ [be specific ...kindness, miracle, transforming, love, care]. Your kingdom come!"

DAY 4 PRAISE—WAIT

Read Colossians 3 -page 14

v.15- 16 "Let the peace of Christ in your hearts, since as members of one body were called to peace. be thankful. Let the message of Christ among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom psalms,, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Pray: That your peace rest on McLaurin and that Christ dwell with us richly.

We: "united in Christ and focussed on Christ"

DAY 5 WAIT— CONFESSION

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

Your Kingdom come. Your kingdom makes all things new, right . [consider Day and 3 and 4]

"Reveal to us what it looks like to seek your kingdom first in our life and in McLaurin"

Sing "Be Thou My Vision"

DAY 6

Lord's Prayer -page 15

WEEK 5

DAY 1 PRAISE

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

V. 17 –18 “It is not the dead who praise the Lord...It is we who extol the Lord both now and forevermore”

“We are alive in you through Jesus our Lord, your Son. Death is not the final word, but we are alive in You! Where there is darkness Lord remind us of your life/light.”

Sing “In Christ Alone”

DAY 2 PRAISE—WAIT

Read Matthew 28 -page 16

What does the passage say about God? examples

The One who seeks and saves the lost

The One who has all power and authority

The One who calls us his own

The one who will never leave us

“Praise God, I am never alone.” [are you feeling alone?]

DAY 3 INTERCESSION

Read Matthew 6 -page 10

Your Kingdom come

“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.”

Vs. 33 *“ We seek your Kingdom. Reveal to us Your Kingdom coming _____ in McLaurin.”*

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“Reveal to us what my / McLaurin’s role is in this passage.”

What is His desire for us?

Ask God to reveal His desire to you/us.

DAY 5 INTERCESSION

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May your peace rest on McLaurin and may Christ dwell with us richly”

Pray for: Pastor/leaders: “faithful to teach the message of Christ”

Worship/leaders: “we worship with gratitude and thanksgiving...sundays and everyday.”

DAY 6

Lord’s Prayer -page 15

WEEK 6

DAY 1 PRAISE—WAIT

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

V.12 The Lord remembers and will bless us.

“You know the hair on our heads, we are fearfully made. You have chosen us. You promise to bless Your people.”

Thank God for his faithfulness.

“Reveal to us where your blessing is moving forth.”

Sing “Faithful One”

DAY 2 INTERCESSION

Read Psalm 33 -page 8

V. 18-19 But the eye the LORD on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death keep them alive in famine.

“Bring to mind those who are facing/ experiencing _____ [death, famine]” Pray for them.

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“Praise God, I am never alone.” [are you feeling alone?]

Sometimes we make church about something else other than Jesus. (comforts, programs, strategy etc...)

“Forgive us. Redirect our eyes to you Jesus”.

DAY 4 WAIT—COMPASSION

Read Colossians 3 -page 8

Praise God who is compassionate, kind, humble, gentle and patient

He has removed (forgiven you) your sins as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12)

Praise and thank Him.

“Lord bring to mind any pains/hurts/offenses in my/our life.”

Submit them first to God . Ask for courage to seek/give forgiveness to others.

DAY 5 PRAISE—WAIT

Read Matthew 28 -page 16

V. 18 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Praise God, Jesus has all authority

His plans are certain

I can trust the One who has all power and authority

All authority...God has all authority. Praise Jesus, his plans are certain, and desires His people to go.

“Reveal to us where we should go, how we should go and to whom we should go.”

DAY 6

Lord’s Prayer -page 15

WEEK 7

DAY 1 PRAISE—WAIT

Read Psalm 115 -page 7

God remembers and see us. He is our help and shield. The Psalmist eagerly anticipates that God will bless us.

Where have you experienced God’s blessing on you/McLaurin. Ask God to reveal how He is blessing

us.

DAY 2 PRAISE—WAIT

Read Psalm 33 -page 8

V. 20-22 “We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Praise God for how He is your hope in times of _____

“Great sovereign Lord, thank you. Your eyes are on those who fear you, hope in you.”

Sing “The Solid Rock” (My hope is built on nothing less...)

DAY 3 PRAISE—CONFESSION

Read Psalm 24 -page 19

V. 4 “He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.”

Thank God; He is the King of Glory. He is also the one who is found by those who seek Him.

“I will declare that You are my heart’s one desire.”

Sing “Refiner’s Fire” (Purify my heart....)

DAY 4

Read Psalm 103 -page 12

God remembers and sees us. He is our help and shield. The Psalmist eagerly anticipates that God will bless us.

Where have you experienced God’s blessing on you/McLaurin. Ask God to reveal how He is blessing us.

DAY 5 INTERCESSION Great Commission

Read Matthew 28 -page 16

DAY 6

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Come together

PRAYER

2018

PRAY EACH DAY AT 2018 hr.

(8:18 pm)

What if His people prayed intentionally

each day for 40 days?

Join together with us

as we earnestly listen

and discern God's leading.

Prayer

is not the only thing we do, but it is the first thing we do.

Prayer is always declaring -

God is worthy

We are needy

*Good prayer is consistent, persistent, faithful prayer
... that means it takes effort.*

*I don't believe in prayer. I believe in the God who is always with us and He
hears us.*

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