

## Upcoming Meetings

October 13: Men's Business Meeting at 2:00 p.m.  
Ladies' Bible Class at 4:00 p.m.

## Quotation about Prayer

*"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all.*

- Oswald Chambers -

## September Birthdays

21 Arnold Morales      30 Kurt Hoffman      30 Dortha Gentry

## October Birthdays

1 Brandon Taylor	9 Esmeralda McCullum
1 Angeles Lomeli	25 Christina Bruni
3 Betty Heitmeyer	25 Kaila Pena
4 Jacob Lopez	28 Allan Brown

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## On Prayer

Paul, being a man of prayer, went to find others who believed in prayer (Acts 16). They met daily by the riverbank. Prayer is our greatest weapon against the devil. Paul had begun his Christian life on his knees (cf. Acts 9:11). Jesus spent whole nights in prayer (Luke 6:12). Whenever a man loses faith in prayer, he has lost his greatest element of power. Queen Mary declared she feared the prayers of John Knox more than the armies of her enemies. Though neither were New Testament Christians, they both believed in the power of prayer. Certainly we have greater belief in it!

## Practical Suggestions for Prayer

Batsell Barrett Baxter

Pray immediately upon rising. In what better way can we begin the day than by thanking God for His protection and care during the night and by asking His guidance and help during the coming day.

**A prayer at the beginning of the day** will be a kind of insulation against evil through the entire day.

**Pray before every meal.** God has provided for our every need in such a bountiful manner. Surely, the least we can do is express our gratitude as we sit down to enjoy each meal! When we eat in restaurants, a few moments of silent prayer may serve for the audible prayer which we pray around our tables at home.

**Pray at set times.** The ancient Jews, and others, found it helpful to reserve certain periods of the day for prayer. We may find it helpful, too. Those regular times serve as reminders and help to keep the busy, on-rushing world from crowding out our periods of communion with God.

**Pray with your whole family.** There is something particularly wonderful about a prayer in which both children and parents have a part.

**Pray when you feel discouraged.** Most of us need little encouragement to pray when we feel discouraged or when we face some special problem. At such times prayer comes unsought. It is a great comfort to know God listens to our prayers in times of crisis. One of the greatest privileges of the Christian is the privilege of leaning upon the Lord in times of difficulty.

**Pray at odd times.** Pray whenever you feel the desire. The real Christian will often find cause to pray - while driving his car, while working at his desk, while waiting for a friend, or while doing a host of other things. When the desire comes, pray. The prayer need not be long - perhaps only a sentence or two. It does not need to be spoken aloud, for God can hear silent prayers, too.

**Pray when you are happy.** It is easy to pray in times of crisis, and equally easy to forget to pray when the affairs of life are going well. Most Christians need to thank God for their happy, prosperous lives far more often than they do.

*“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint”*

Luke 18:1

## **A Grandparent’s Prayer**

(from Husetohouse.com)

Dear Lord,

Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all...but Thou knowest, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details...give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter. I dare not ask for improved memory, but a growing humility when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be

a holier-than-thou saint ...but a sour old person is one of the crowning works for the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

## **Five Fingers of Prayer**

By Glen Hitchcock

The fingers on your hands can help you remember who to pray for:

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is a 'sweet duty.'

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, ministers, and our elders. They need wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our secular leaders. Pray for our president and congress, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will explain, it should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. Last comes the little finger; the smallest finger of all. This is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, *'The least shall be the greatest among you.'* Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively. Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

*“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing. in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18