



PARTNERING WITH JESUS



I N P R A Y E R

A 12-day prayer journey by the
Nampa First Prayer Ministry Team


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INTRODUCTION

Many scriptures describe the Lord as a watch guard standing over us (Ps. 121, 2 Chron. 16:9), and Jesus is also described as our intercessor (Heb. 7:25). Interceding for and being a watch guard are beautiful characteristics of our Lord that flow richly together. And as Jesus is, so also are we in this world. In keeping with becoming like Jesus, this prayer booklet is a guide to aid us in fulfilling our responsibility to be an intercessor watch guard for our church, its ministries, and the leaders who shepherd us. Our pastors and leaders share heavy responsibility and accountability for their ministries and the sheep under their care. With so much responsibility comes a deeper conflict in spiritual battles. Satanic forces can destroy a church if they provoke church leaders to succumb to temptation, evil, and worldly distractions.

Because of the nature of our pastor's leadership, they have heightened visibility and heightened influence over people. We, the church, their sheep, must be fervent in prayer for our leaders' character, their ministries, their relationship with the Lord and each other, and their influences. We certainly want to pray for all of our ministry territories to expand and affect more and more people in our community and congregation. More than that we want our pastors to thrive, experiencing Jesus deeply and fully in their areas of influence and in their personal lives. Let's partner together with Jesus to blanket our pastors, leaders, and ministries in heartfelt, joyous prayers, so that the renown of Jesus will go forth to bring great healing and love to Nampa First Church of the Nazarene and to all of Nampa, Idaho.

LET'S GET STARTED!



Please be aware of two corporate prayer times you may want to attend in person. The first is a noon prayer time on Wednesdays in the Conference Room led by Curt Bowers. The second is a men's prayer time on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm led by Dave Ferdinand in room S4.

Also, wonderful books on prayer may be checked out of the Nampa First Library.

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

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PASTOR BRIAN THOMAS

Lead Pastor since August, 2015

LIFE VERSE: He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” (James 4:6)

MINISTRY VERSE: In their heart’s, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. (Prov. 16:9)

DAY ONE

Lord, we are so thankful for Brian Thomas, his strengths of preaching and leading, his outstanding character of integrity and love, and his devotion to his wife and children. May You strengthen his inner person to experience Your love, wisdom, and power as You nurture him to shepherd our church. Thank you for his vision and goals in several areas to improve our church. We partner with him in asking You to strengthen our welcoming hospitality, empowering our relational connections, and enabling robust communication. Bring these to fruition in our people and the life of our church. May there be harmony and collaboration as he leads the church staff and as he supervises the ministries under his care: the Adult Sunday School, the Men’s Ministry, the Women’s Ministries, the Prayer Teams, the Senior Adults, Wednesday Discipleship Classes, the Single’s Ministries, the Library, the Quilters, the Young Singles Ministry, the Marriage Ministries, and the Learning Center. Allow his territory to expand and flourish in our community and city. Meet the deepest needs of his heart as he seeks Your face. Keep him from temptation and harm. May he prosper in body, soul, and spirit. May Your favor shine on him.



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PASTOR BUD PUGH

Ministry Advancement Pastor since July, 2020

LIFE VERSE: I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death..... (Phil. 3:7-10)

MINISTRY VERSE: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Heavenly Father, we pray for LIFE GROUPS already underway and ask You to raise up new facilitators and coaches to expand these groups that help our people Gather, Grow, and Go. We ask that as groups begin this fall new people will find a place of safety and a "home" in the family of God. As Pastor Bud works with the Finance Committee of the Church Board, we pray they will have wisdom with what people give so generously for the building of the kingdom. Guide them as they arrange for audits and prepare the budgets to support the ministries of our church. Help Pastor Bud as he works with the Global Treasurer and district to send World Evangelism Funds and other general and district obligations that support the outreach of our denomination.

DAY TWO

Lord, we pray for the HR Committee (Human Resources/Relationships) of the Church Board that works with Pastor Bud to generate and maintain the Policy Handbook for the Church Board and Pastoral Staff.

We pray as they oversee and participate in pastoral and staff reviews each year. May our Pastors feel valued and supported in the goals they set for growth.

We pray for Pastor Bud as he completes denominational reporting, coordinates with the facilities team, handles legal issues, and helps to produce major church events, such as the Neighborhood Block Party.

We pray for Pastor Bud's wife Maggie, his partner in ministry, and their family.

We ask all this in the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.



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PASTOR BOB MITCHELL

Sanctuary Worship Arts Leader since August, 2022

LIFE VERSE: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

MINISTRY VERSE: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15: 5-6)

DAY THREE

Lord, we thank you that Bob was so willing to take the role of interim music minister and now is taking the permanent part-time position as the Sanctuary Worship Arts Minister. Thank you for the wonderful musical talent and kind heart you have given him. May you continue to grace him with the ability to lead us in worship and praise to You and to experience You in deeper and richer ways. Help him to develop and encourage the talents of the music groups as they lead in worship. Help Bob as he prepares for the services and the various elements that go into them. Bless his family and his responsibilities to them and his friends. May he continue to experience your loving heart as he seeks to bring your kingdom to this world. May all of our hearts, minds, and voices be united in Your Spirit, binding us all together with peace, so that you will be honored and praised.

In Your name. **Amen**



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CAREY COOK

Early Service Worship Arts Minister since August, 2022

LIFE VERSE: This is my commandment – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

MINISTRY VERSE: Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

DAY FOUR

Lord, we are so grateful for Carey's heart of service and willingness to step into this role as the part-time worship leader for the Early Service. You have gifted him with musical talent and a gracious up-front presence. As he is learning his new responsibilities, may You give him all the abilities he needs to fulfill his responsibilities well. Guide him as he develops the worship service songs each week, so that we experience You in deeper and deeper ways. May the songs in our heart honor You and bring glory to Your name. We ask that he develop the musical talents of the worship teams; knit their hearts together in love and unity as they lead us into Your presence. May he grow closer and closer to You as he experiences Your Father's heart in deeper ways in his life. Help him to fulfill well the other responsibilities he has to his wife, his family, and his friends. We are thankful to You for your provision and protect for Carey.

In Your Name. [Amen](#)



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PASTOR TONY JOHNSON

Care House Partnership -
Director, Community Engagement and
Recovery since January, 2018

LIFE VERSE: Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1: 6-9)

MINISTRY VERSE: If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others. (Phil. 2: 1-4)

DAY FIVE

Thank You, Lord, for how Pastor Tony shows us what love looks like through his work at Nampa First and Care House Partnership ministries. Thank You for his leadership. We pray Pastor Tony will make spending time with Jesus a priority in his life. We ask You would give him knowledge of Your will and power to carry it out.

We pray for Your blessing, favor, protection, and strength for his marriage and family. We pray he will stay in tune with Your call and direct his life accordingly. We pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to be present daily in matters big and small. We pray Pastor Tony will have great clarity and fresh experiences of his calling. We pray You would continue to empower and equip Pastor Tony. Give him energy and encouragement, and may he keep his cheerful attitude. We pray You would send volunteers and provide resources to help support the food bank, Celebrate Recovery, and all the Health Services. We are grateful for these ministries. For all this, we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



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PASTOR LIBBY GERDES

Congregational Care Pastor since June, 2021

LIFE AND MINISTRY VERSE: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

DAY SIX

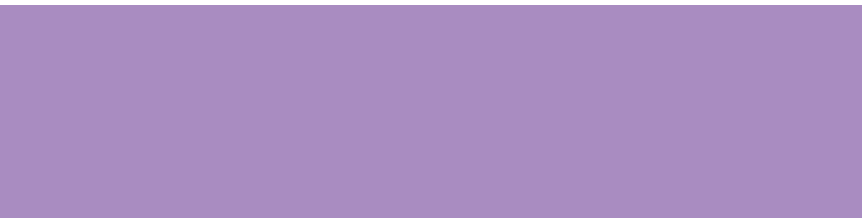
Father, cover Pastor Libby Gerdes with Your spirit of care for the congregation at Nampa First Nazarene Church. Thank You for giving her the spiritual gifts of compassion, caring, and encouragement as she is the face of our church to our community and to all of those in need of their personal connection to God's love. Grant her with the promise of Your scripture as You, Lord, have provided Pastor Libby in 1 Peter 4:10, "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them to serve one another." We pray for each ministry in her care, for those in hospitals, care for shut-ins, visiting those in care facilities, and follow-up for our guests at services.

Lord, we ask for the provision of those who may come alongside as the connect team and assist in each caring task. Thank You, Lord, for the ministry of First Impression Spaces and greeters, for Dinner Hosts – allowing all who enter to feel welcomed and at home.

We pray for all the life changing events within families of our congregation and those from our community needing a heart to lead them through baptism and membership, wedding coordination, and the tenderness and compassion during funerals at the time of home going.

Lord, thank You for Pastor Libby, and all the ministry responsibilities for our families and seekers looking for Your comfort, bringing the community to Your throne room of grace.

In Your name, Amen.



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NEAL MOORE

Facilities Director since 1980

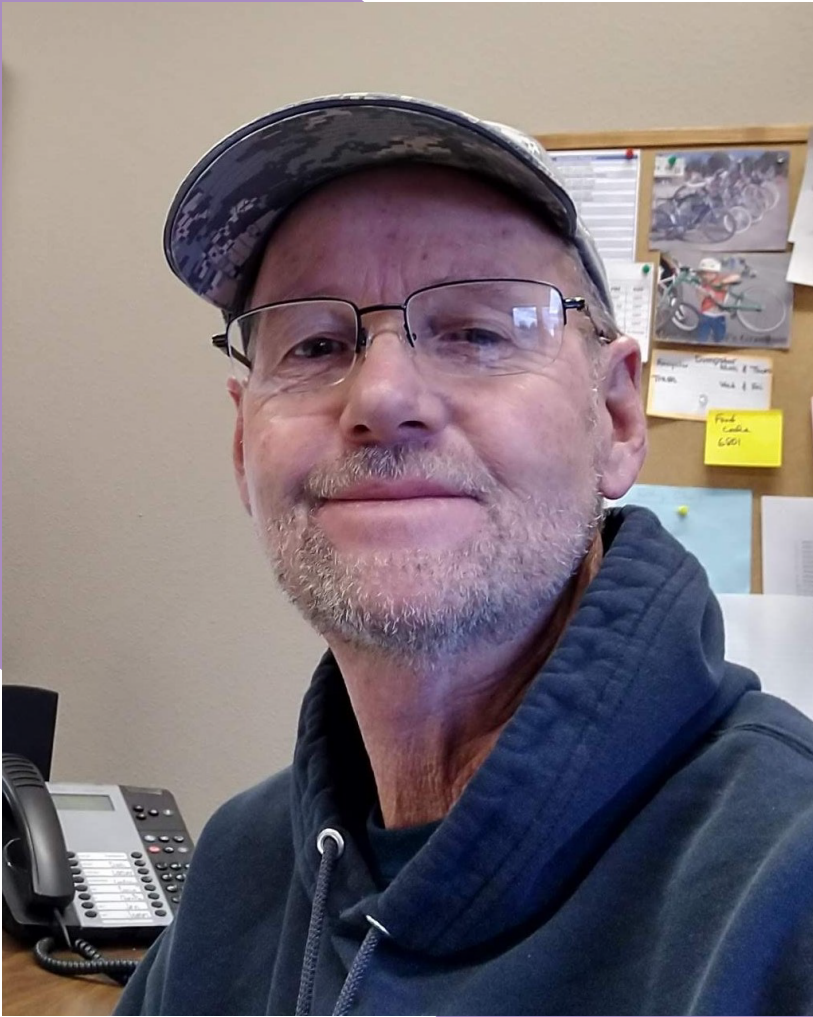
LIFE AND MINISTRY VERSE: Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23: 4)

Father God, Your words in 1 Corinthians 10:31 tell us, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Lord, we pray for all the ministries under the protection and Godly care of our Director of Facilities, Neal Moore. Neal gives You all the glory as he and his ministry team prepare the church buildings, from security to appearance and decoration, cleanliness, facility management, community service, and usage. These are the first impression to those who are broken and need to be refreshed. Help Neal's team to see through Your eyes as we welcome them into Your presence. We pray for his special heart to carry out Your mission to feed the hungry through the Care House Partnership Food Bank and provide a new storage facility to overflow with all the food required to supply the needs of Your children.

DAY SEVEN

Father, make disciples of all the staff and volunteers called to this ministry of Nampa First Nazarene, and gift them with Your transforming Holy Spirit to produce the desire of Your heart as they carry out their duties for our church and community. We ask for Your wisdom in maintaining the transportation fleet, working with the drivers, keeping the kitchen in working order and scheduling use for all ministry events for the highest quality output. Lord, You tell us in John 15:8, "When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." Cover Neal and the facilities crew with these words.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



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PASTOR ERIKA PERRY

Elementary Children's Pastor since August, 2021

LIFE VERSE: If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. (Isaiah 7:9b)

MINISTRY VERSE: I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many children who participate in various activities each week at NFC – Sunday School, Children's Church, Wednesday night Faith Questions, Quizzing, and special events. We ask Your special blessing on the many volunteers who support Pastor Erika and the children through these ministries, including Sunday School teachers, musicians, Treasure Cove Drama Group, Quiz Coaches, etc. Lord, raise up more workers so that the After School Tutoring and a Special Needs ministry can be started again.

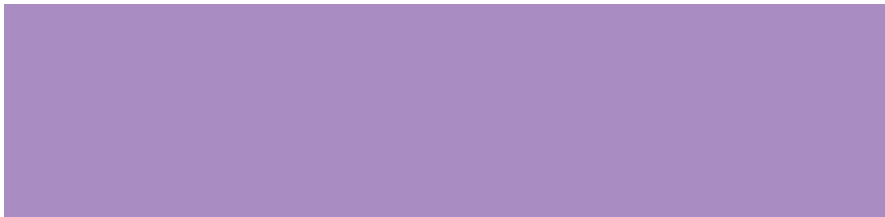
We pray for the parents, grandparents and older siblings of these children as they nurture them in their spiritual walk. Lord, enable many children to participate in the Prayer Wall, sharing their requests and praises with prayer mentors.

Since this summer's Sunday School curriculum was about missions in countries of Asia Pacific, we ask that children who learned about these will feel Your call on their lives to serve You at home or abroad. We pray that many new children who attended VBS will come to Sunday School and other events to grow their faith. Lord, send their families with them and help us to warmly welcome each one. And bless our Boy Scout Troop and their leaders in their good work.

We pray for our partnership with Central Elementary School, our near neighbor, especially as we provide Shoeboxes for the children for Christmas. Lord, show us other ways we can reach out to these children and their families.

Father, help Pastor Erika as she oversees the Adoptive and Foster programs, After School Kids, CR Kids, Puppets, and special events like the Trunk or Treat this fall. Bless her husband, Zach, and their two sons as they support her ministry.

In Jesus' Name we pray, **Amen.**



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PASTOR JEAN THOMAS

Early Childhood Pastor since October, 2019

LIFE VERSE: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 38-39)

MINISTRY VERSES: Do not hinder the little children from coming to me for to such belong the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 19:14)

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Thank You, Father, for Jean Thomas, her sweet spirit and her passionate love for young children. May she continue to create an atmosphere reflecting Your love and caring for each young child in the Early Childhood Department. Give her Your direction to inspire hope, give spiritual guidance, and pastor the leaders, teachers, parents, and volunteers. May she continue to ensure the well-being and safety of each child. Help her in choosing curriculum, and in recruiting and developing new leaders, teachers, and volunteers. As new families come, may they feel welcomed and experience hospitality that helps nurture their souls and spirits. We ask that these young children love you deeply and serve you passionately all the days of their lives.

DAY NINE

Help Jean and her other ministries of Embrace Grace, Special Needs Children, Mom's Connect, CR Child Care, VBS, and special events childcare flourish and thrive. May all in her ministry feel Your compassion for them, so they can build Your kingdom here at Nampa First Church and in our community. Provide the support and stamina she needs to finish her doctoral studies program. May this lead her in a deeper understanding of You and a deeper walk of faith in Your goodness and presence. Continue to meet her deepest needs as a wife, mother, friend, and Your precious daughter. Thank You, Lord, for Jean, Your special servant. May mercy and goodness follow her all the days of her life. It is for Jesus we pray these things. **Amen.**



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PASTOR J. SCOTT DAVIS

Pastor to Youth and Young Adults since June, 2019

LIFE VERSE: I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participate in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. (Philippians 3: 10-12)

MINISTRY VERSE: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

DAY TEN

Father God, I lift Pastor Scott Davis up to You and ask Your anointing on him as he seeks to serve You daily in his ministry to the Youth, Young Adults, Interns, and in Leadership Development and Pastoral Care. Bless him with the time needed to seek answers and direction in Your Word and in prayer. I thank You, Lord, for Pastor Scott's heart of love. Lord, I pray Your Holy Spirit will be upon Pastor Scott as he goes about his ministry from day to day. Remind him of the spiritual war happening all around him. I pray, Lord, that You will continue to give Pastor Scott revelation in how to encourage, strengthen and teach all of the youth and young adults that are put in his path daily. I pray Lord, that You are sending revival to these United States of America and believe that all of the youth will play a major role in your plan, Father. Fill him full of the courage and resolve for the job yet to come. Father, I thank You for this opportunity to pray for Pastor Scott today and ask that the Forum will be filled with joyful youth. I pray that Pastor Scott will continue to encourage the youth in the teen quizzing program, so that their lives will be blessed and their knowledge increased with each practice.

In the precious blood of Jesus, I pray. [Amen.](#)



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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF

NAMPA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

The greatest among you will be your servant. (Matthew 23:11)

God Almighty, You are worthy of all honor and praise. You are holy, righteous, and good. We lift the Administrative Staff of Nampa First Church to You, Lord, and we pray for a special blessing upon Your humble servants: Julia, Sue, Brandy, Patty, and Mary. Make Your light shine on them. Fill their hearts with faith in Your love and grace.

DAY ELEVEN

Thank You for the skill sets You have given them to keep the Church running smoothly. Please provide them with everything they need to do their jobs well. Let Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in the church offices.

We pray for each of their home lives, marriages, families, and other important relationships. We ask for Your protection over them. Please, Lord, keep them healthy and safe. Help them to grow in You. Give them wisdom and knowledge of Your will.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5: 22-23). May the fruit of the Spirit grow in them today and every day.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. [Amen.](#)

CHURCH BOARD

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for all the saints in accordance with God's will." (Rom 8:26-27)

Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit. We thank You for the men and women elected to serve on our church board, and that they each said yes to You.

*Sharon Johnson and Anne DeCloss serving on the Celebrations Committee.

*Sharon Mowry serves representing the Missions Council and as our church's Missions President

*Andrew Kroes serving on the Finance Committee.

*John Emerson, Molly Beech, Brian Read and Lloyd Cartwright serving on the Human Resources Committee.

*Bob Ecker, Tom Dale and Russ Elsbury who serve as Trustees.

*Dave Mangum serving as Board Secretary.

*Anita Field serving as Women's Ministries Director.

We pray Your best for each one as they serve. We believe that You are equipping them for the work they are called to do. We ask that You continue to conform each to the image of Your Son, and that You will help them to know Your perfect will for their lives and for the life of Nampa First. Would you encourage Your faithful ones? Would You give wisdom, creativity, strength and courage?

We humbly pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord. [Amen.](#)

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STATE GOVERNMENT Our Father, as we pause to acknowledge that we are created in Your image and that all governing authorities are placed there by You, we are thankful and give You the praise and glory for providing leaders with Your heart.

Lord, we pray for all state government officials, legislators, and judges, and all of those in authority over us. Most importantly, we pray for their salvation, so we can be led by Christ-centered leaders. Father, give them Your heart. Fill them with Your wisdom, caring, and understanding by Your Holy Spirit. Increase their faith, and as they have the weight of leadership on their hearts, deepen their compassion to make decisions beyond their natural reason.

Lord, You have asked us in Your Word to obey all spiritual leaders, therefore we pray today that all our leaders center their efforts first on You, God. Give them reason to do this with joy - as You show us in your Word.

Help them, Lord, to remember even the smallest decision may have an impact on Your eternal plan. Send Your Holy Spirit to comfort each one now. Increase faith in the Name of Christ and in Your Will. **Amen.**



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DAY FOURTEEN

CITY, COUNTY, & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS Jesus, thank You that You are here – here in our city of Nampa. We ask that our city flourish this year in all ways. Thank You for our mayor, Debbie Kling, and that she loves You and believes in You. Give her wisdom and discernment as she governs our city. May her work and decisions cause all those in Nampa to thrive. Thank You for our city council members, Victor Rodrigues, Darl Bruner, Natalie Jangula, Sandy Levi, Jacob Bowers, and Randy Haverfield. Guide their hearts to implement fair and wise decisions that will allow justice and liberty to prevail for all in our city. May the Mayor, her office, and the city council work in harmony and collaboration as they lead and direct our city. Give our county commissioners, Leslie Van Beek, Keri Smith, and Pam White, Your wisdom and discernment as they lead Canyon County. May they work well and efficiently together to guide our county this year into prosperity and productivity, solving many of our problems in a wise way. We thank You for these leaders and give them into Your sovereign care as You turn their hearts to doing good, being wise, and being people of integrity. May Nampa be a city of light on the hill.

Lord we ask for wisdom for our U.S. senators and representatives, Jim Risch, Mike Crapo, Mike Simpson, and Russ Fulcher. May they have great influence in the direction of our country. Give our President, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Supreme Court Your guidance and wisdom. May more of these leaders come to know You and submit to Your ways for our country. Heal our land, Lord, of disunity and violence. Bind our hearts together as Americans who will trust in You. It is in Your power and authority and name that we pray all these things. **Amen.**



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PRAYERS FROM SCRIPTURE TO PRAY OVER SITUATIONS AND PEOPLE

Ephesians 1:16-22 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 3:16-22 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9-11 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.

I Thessalonians 3:11-13 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Colossians 1:9b-12 We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

I Timothy 2:2 I urge that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made of all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

II Thessalonians 1:11-12 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

