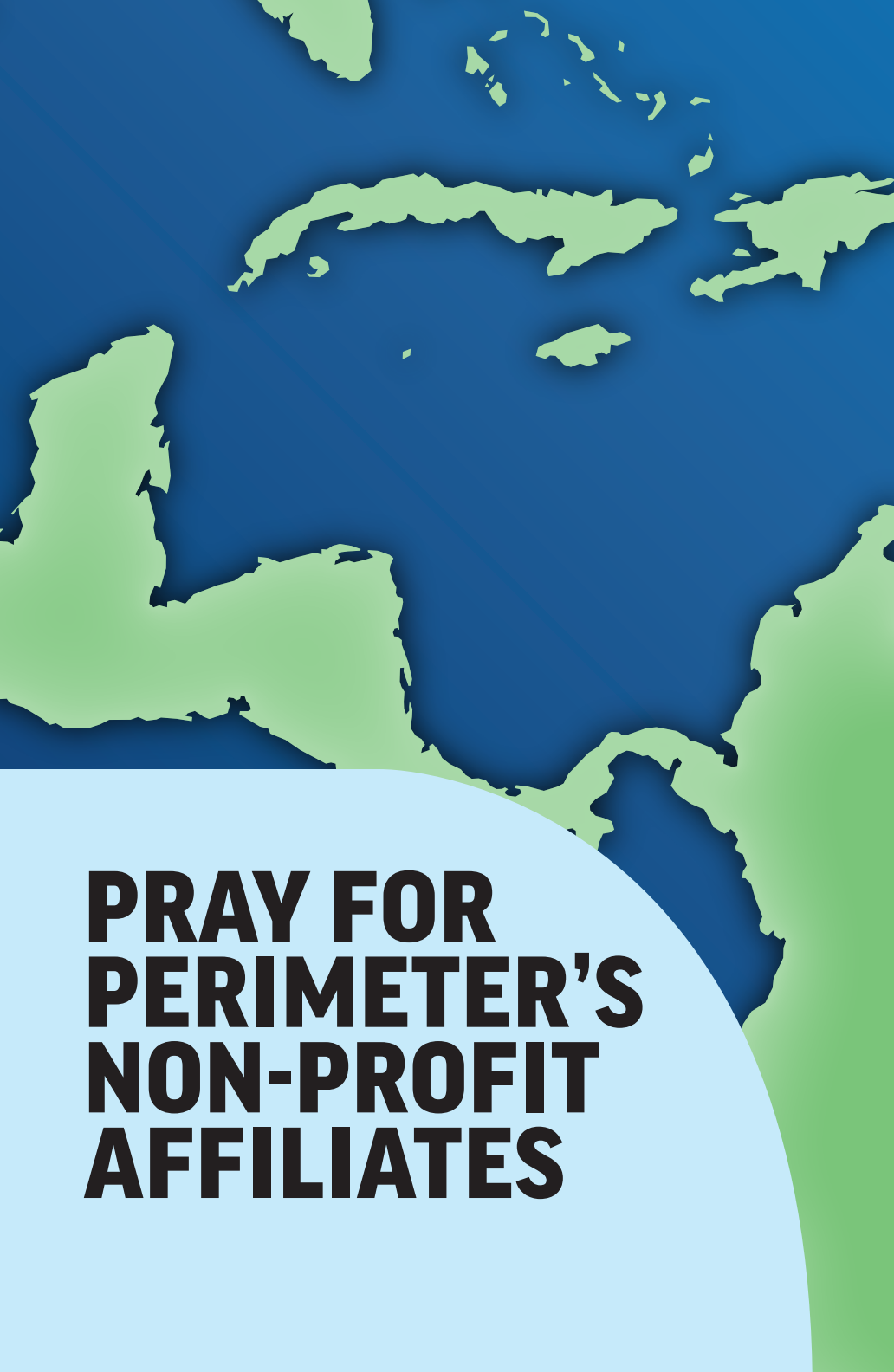




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[a prayer guide]

JEREMIAH 29:7



**PRAY FOR
PERIMETER'S
NON-PROFIT
AFFILIATES**

MANY PERIMETER PRAYER WARRIORS CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME WEAVING TOGETHER SCRIPTURES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF PRAYER TO CREATE THIS GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

In order for us to love our families, neighbors, and cities, we must first draw on the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. As we draw close to God, He will fill us with His peace, joy and assurance. The foundation of our families and cities begins with prayer. We pray that God will give us eyes to see, hearts to love and hands to serve so that His kingdom will come on earth as it is in Heaven. We pray that God will break barriers and cast out sin so that our cities may be transformed for His glory.

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FOUNDATIONS

Prayer requires and creates honesty and self-knowledge. Prayer requires and creates both restful trust and confident hope. Prayer requires and creates surrender of the whole life in love to God.

Prayer is accepting one's weakness and dependence.

Prayer is a duty and a discipline. It is conversing with God. Prayer is adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.



FOR PRAYER

Prayer orients your view toward God and is spiritual union with God. Prayer seeks a heart sense of the presence of God.

Prayer is made “in Jesus’ name,” based on the Gospel with a heart engaged in loving awe.

Paul prays for the church in Ephesians 1:17-20, *“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to those who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.”*

This resurrection power that emptied the grave has given us access into the very throne room of God as Hebrews 4:16 tells us, *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.”*

PRAYING FOR OUR CITIES



SUNDAY

Pray that the Gospel would be boldly and unashamedly proclaimed in our local churches. That our churches would be places for the broken, unwanted and hurting. That Christ will be offered as the only remedy for the very thing we cannot do, make ourselves better or save ourselves.

MONDAY

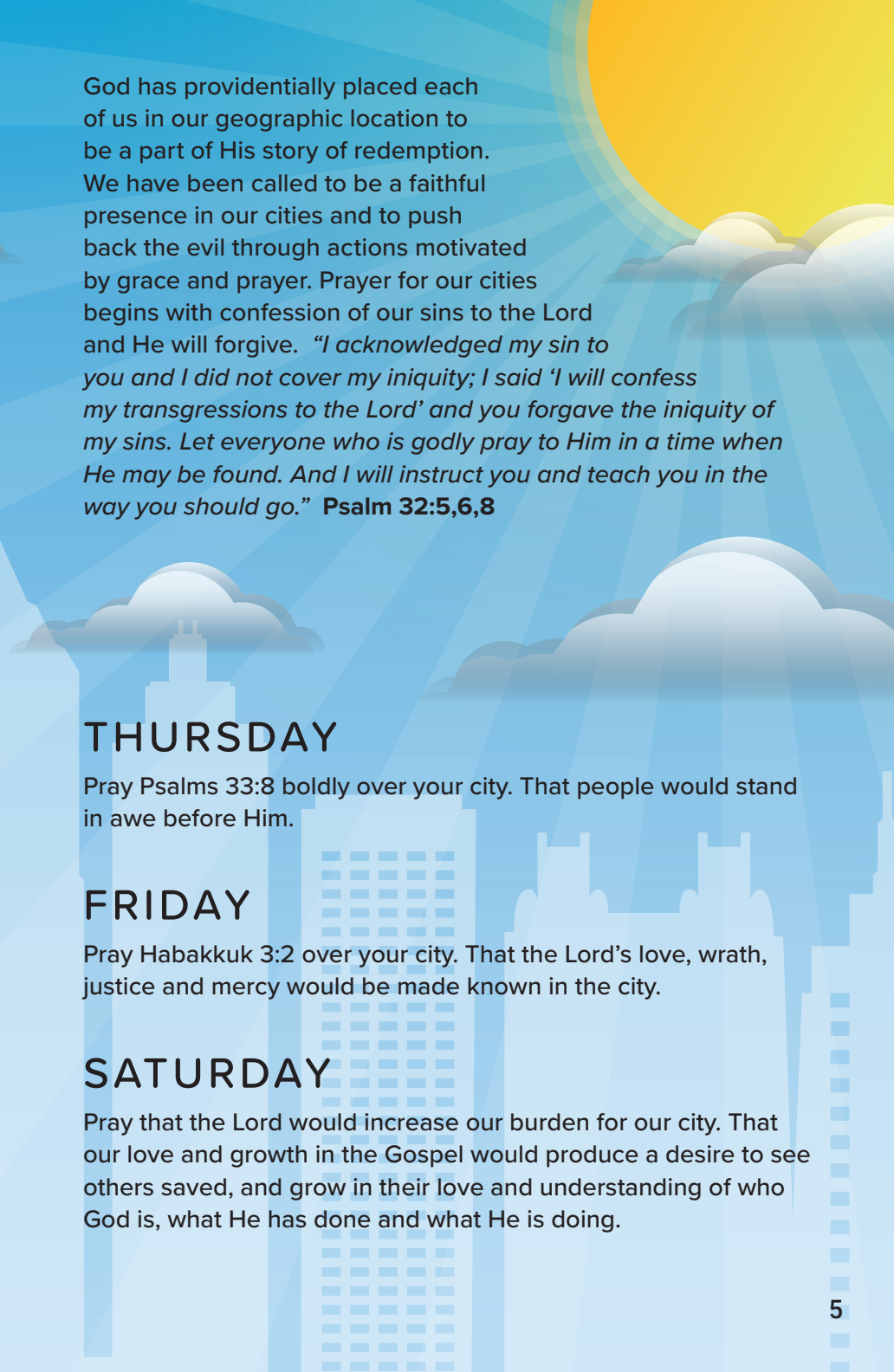
Pray that Romans 8:35-39 would become a reality. Pray for yourself, for your family, for your pastors, for your church. That our hope would be found in Christ and in Christ alone and that His hope would produce Gospel boldness in our lives.

TUESDAY

Pray Matthew 6:10 over your city. Spend this day replacing the word “earth” with the name of your city... for example “In Sugar Hill as it is in heaven.”

WEDNESDAY

Pray that the Spirit would weed out the sin in your life that has kept you from living a life on mission. That He would open up opportunities for you to be present and intentional with the Gospel in your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors by name.



God has providentially placed each of us in our geographic location to be a part of His story of redemption. We have been called to be a faithful presence in our cities and to push back the evil through actions motivated by grace and prayer. Prayer for our cities begins with confession of our sins to the Lord and He will forgive. *“I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity; I said ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sins. Let everyone who is godly pray to Him in a time when He may be found. And I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.”* **Psalms 32:5,6,8**

THURSDAY

Pray Psalms 33:8 boldly over your city. That people would stand in awe before Him.

FRIDAY

Pray Habakkuk 3:2 over your city. That the Lord’s love, wrath, justice and mercy would be made known in the city.

SATURDAY

Pray that the Lord would increase our burden for our city. That our love and growth in the Gospel would produce a desire to see others saved, and grow in their love and understanding of who God is, what He has done and what He is doing.

WHO SHOULD I PRAY FOR IN MY CITY?

- City Leaders
- Churches
- Citizens
- Non-Profits
- Children
- Police Departments
- Businesses
- Fire Department

Work for the peace and well-being for the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its peace you will have peace. Jeremiah 29:7

PRAYING FOR REDEMPTION FOR YOUR CITY

Every city has areas of brokenness and idols because all of us have brokenness and idols. Praying against idols in our cities is praying the very heart of God. Pray that God would reveal the brokenness so that it can be healed. We ask that God would remove the idols that sit on the thrones of His people's hearts because we do not have the power to change hearts. May God use His redeemed people to be agents of redemption where they live, work and play.

Pray that God will reveal and remove anything that the people in our cities want more, treasure more or love more than God.

“So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.” Colossians 3:5

Pray that they would not exchange the truth about God for lies and that God would have mercy on us.

“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or consider Him worth knowing as their Creator, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do things which are improper and repulsive, until they were filled with every kind of unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice and mean-spiritedness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient and disrespectful to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful. Although they know God's

righteous degree and His judgment, that those who do such things deserve death, yet they not only do them, but they even enthusiastically approve and tolerate others who practice them.” Romans 1:28-32

PRAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Isaiah 61:1 *“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners;”* Proverbs 31:8 *“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.”*

PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION – Colossians 2:2 *“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.”*


PRAY AGAINST THE LOVE OF WEALTH – Mark 10:22 *“At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth;”* Proverbs 3:9 *“Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce.”*

PRAY FOR FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION – Zechariah 2:2 *“Gather before judgment begins, before your time to repent is blown away like chaff. Act now, before the fierce fury of the LORD falls and the terrible day of the LORD’s anger begins.”*


PRAY FOR THOSE IN POVERTY – Psalms 35:10 *“My whole being will exclaim, ‘Who is like you, LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.’”*

PRAY FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION – Isaiah 54:2 *“Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense!”* Psalm 68:6 *“God places the lonely in families.”*

PRAYERS AGAINST SATAN



2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - *“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”*



We battle the evil one on our knees with the heart of a warrior. God is Sovereign and His victory is assured. Our adversary's days are numbered, but we know he is not going down without a fight. While Ephesians 6 tells us that there is a battle raging against the powers of darkness in the heavenly places, God has equipped us to join in the battle with prayer. God has already given us the most powerful weapon of all – His Word. God tells us that “my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it”. As you pray God's very words on these pages, be assured that they will not return void.



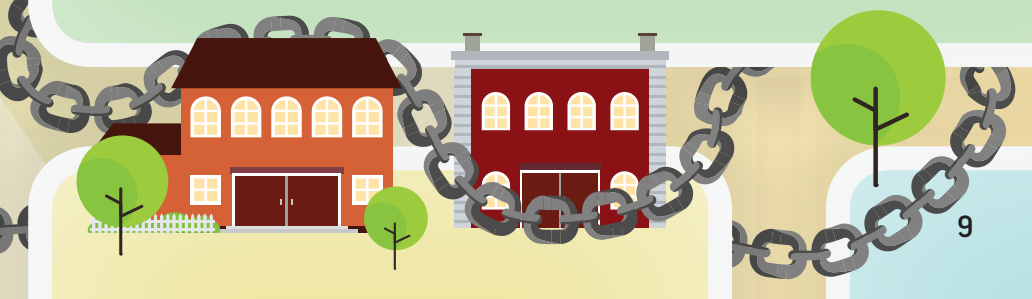
- **We enter God's presence with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Praise releases God's power in battle which we read in Psalm 149.**

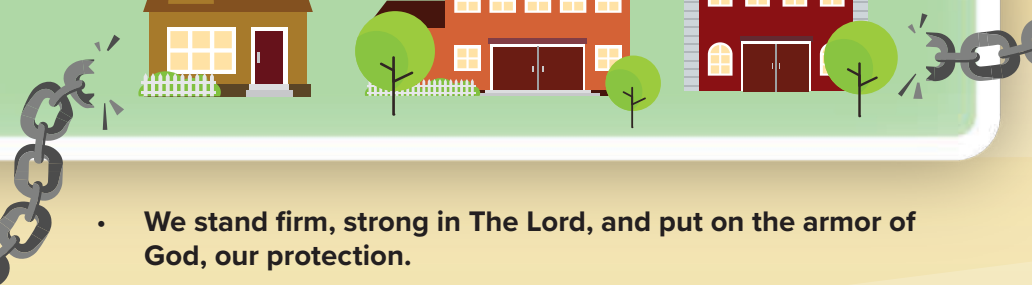
Psalm 144:1 - *"Blessed be The Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle."* In 2 Chronicles 20, the armies of Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, defeated their enemies when they made the choir of Levites and Korahites their front line troops. Their powerful praise threw the enemy into confusion and brought about their defeat. *"Give thanks to The Lord for His steadfast love endures forever."*



- **We enter God's presence with hearts cleansed from sin through confession and repentance.**

Psalm 66:18-20 - *"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, The Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me."*





- **We stand firm, strong in The Lord, and put on the armor of God, our protection.**

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 - *“Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm...having fastened on the belt of truth...having put on the breastplate of righteousness...put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace...take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one... take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication.”*

- **We lift up the powerful Word of God and pray with the authority of Christ and in His name.**

ISAIAH 55:11 - *“... so shall My Word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it;”* **JOHN 14:20** - *“In that day you will know that I am in My Father and you in Me and I in you.”* Christ is our armor, our strength, our victory against the “flaming darts of the evil one” leveled against us, especially in the battle for our mind.

- **We pray for victory and defeat of our enemy in unity and agreement with other believers.**

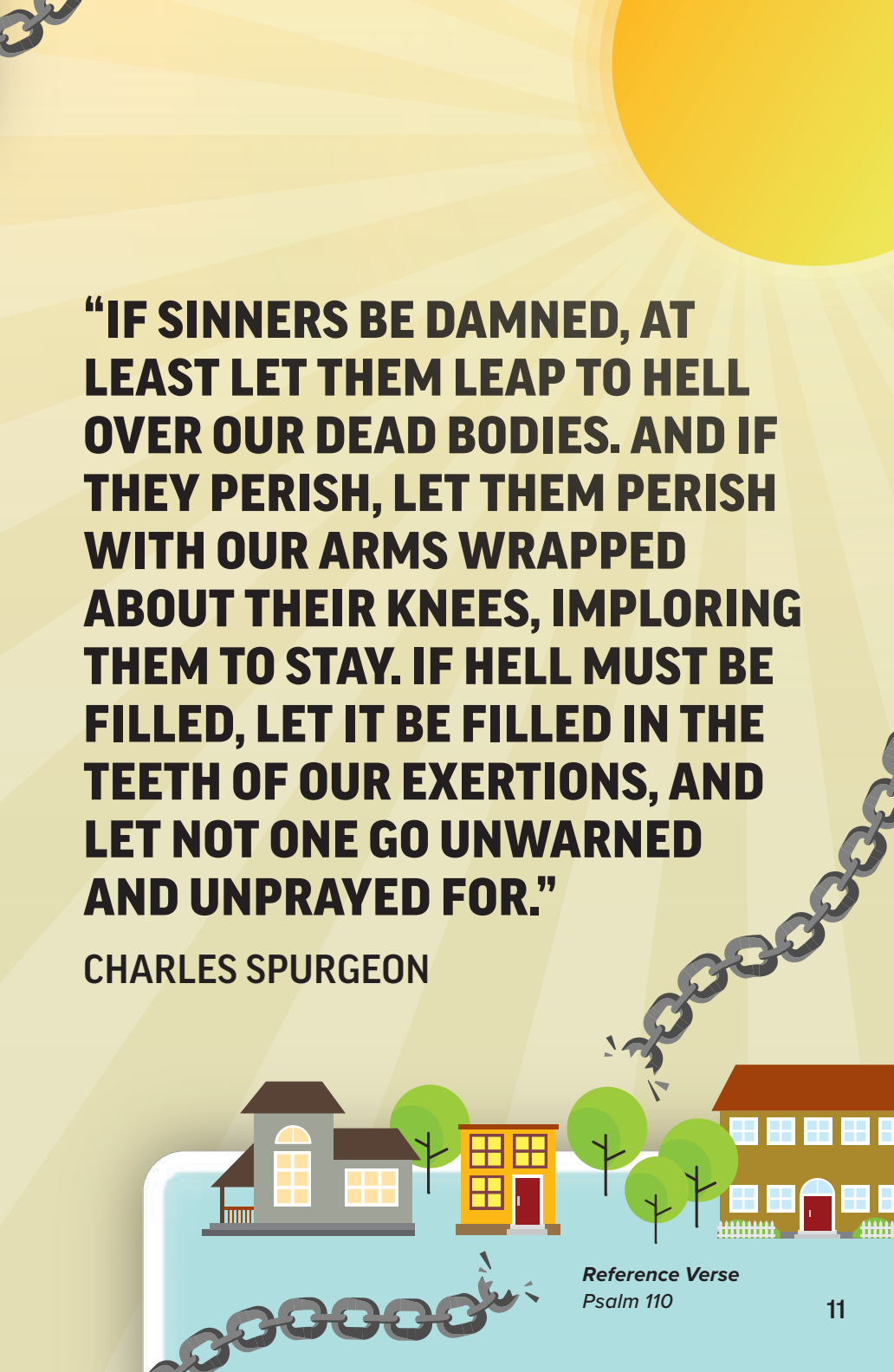
MATTHEW 12:25 - *“Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste and no city or house divided against itself will stand;”*

MATTHEW 18:19-20 - *“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”*

- **We persevere in prayer until the answer comes.**

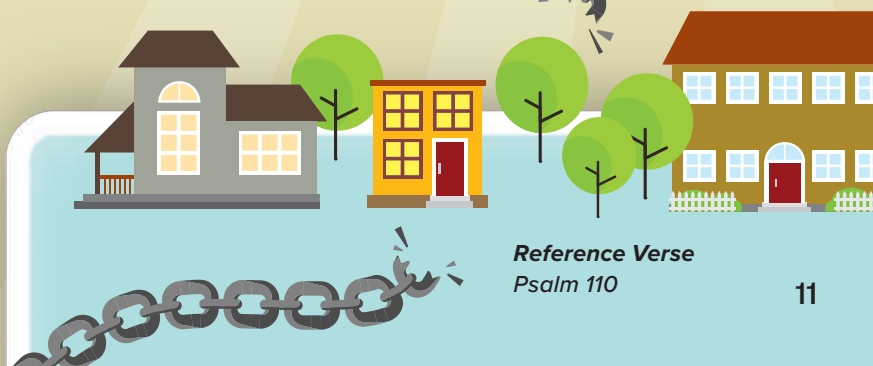
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 - *“...pray without ceasing...;”*

GALATIANS 6:9 - *“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up;”* **1 JOHN 4:4B** - *“... greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”*



**“IF SINNERS BE DAMNED, AT
LEAST LET THEM LEAP TO HELL
OVER OUR DEAD BODIES. AND IF
THEY PERISH, LET THEM PERISH
WITH OUR ARMS WRAPPED
ABOUT THEIR KNEES, IMPLORING
THEM TO STAY. IF HELL MUST BE
FILLED, LET IT BE FILLED IN THE
TEETH OF OUR EXERTIONS, AND
LET NOT ONE GO UNWARNED
AND UNPRAYED FOR.”**

CHARLES SPURGEON



Reference Verse
Psalm 110

PRAYERS FOR

PRAY FOR:

STUDENTS

Proverbs 3:5-6

STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

Philippians 1:9-11

CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

Matthew 5:14-16

SCHOOL BOARD & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proverbs 16:9

CLOSING PRAYER

PSALM 91:11 - *"For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways."*

OUR SCHOOLS

A stylized illustration of a yellow school bus with a black wheel, driving on a grey road with white dashed lines. In the background, there is an orange schoolhouse with a clock tower, green trees, and a blue sky with white clouds.

**AGAINST EVIL,
VIOLENCE AND
BULLYING**

Matthew 5:14-16

**LAND & PHYSICAL
BUILDING**

Isaiah 54:2

FAMILIES

Matthew 11:28

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 - *“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.”*

PRAYERS FOR



LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

"The first church your neighbor visits is your driveway. You don't get to be a good church and a bad neighbor." – John Acuff G.B.I.
(Greet – Befriend – Invite)

Have you ever thought how powerful it is to initiate a simple greeting towards another person? The greeting seems to be quite small and even insignificant, but it's actually quite the opposite. Greetings, when motivated by love, open the door for

YOUR NEIGHBOR

HOW AM I PRAYING FOR MY NEIGHBOR?

NAME

REQUESTS

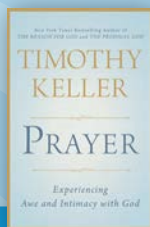
friendship, and friendship opens the door for invitation into life, relationship, and faith.

What would our neighborhoods look like if we loved well? It would be *“a place where God’s power is demonstrated with such force in its people that the community it serves is marked with an indelible spiritual imprint, transforming the lives of worshipers and those whom they contact.”* (*The Intentional Church* by Randy Pope, p. 20)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A Praying Life

Paul E. Miller

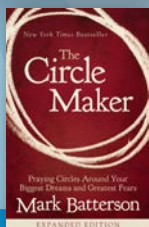


Prayer

Timothy Keller

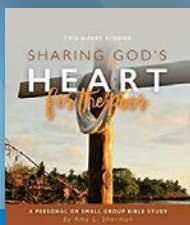
The Circle Maker

Mark Batterson



This Day We Fight!

Francis Frangipane



Sharing God's Heart for the Poor

Amy L. Sherman

Each book can be found in the Perimeter Bookstore.



CHECKOUT THESE SITES FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

blesseveryhome.com

chalmers.org/media/entry/small-group-experience-unit1


nextdoor.com

Prayer Journal

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FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

IF YOU ARE KIND, PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF
SELFISH, ULTERIOR MOTIVES; **BE KIND ANYWAY.**

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL, YOU WILL WIN SOME
FALSE FRIENDS AND SOME TRUE ENEMIES; **SUCCEED
ANYWAY.**

IF YOU ARE HONEST AND FRANK, PEOPLE MAY
CHEAT YOU; **BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.**

WHAT YOU SPEND YEARS BUILDING, SOMEONE
COULD DESTROY OVERNIGHT; **BUILD ANYWAY.**

IF YOU FIND SERENITY AND HAPPINESS, THEY MAY
BE JEALOUS; **BE HAPPY ANYWAY.**

THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY, PEOPLE WILL OFTEN
FORGET TOMORROW; **DO GOOD ANYWAY.**

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE, AND IT MAY
NEVER BE ENOUGH; **GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST
YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.**

YOU SEE, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT IS BETWEEN
YOU AND GOD; **IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND
THEM ANYWAY.**

MOTHER TERESA



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