

Day of Unbroken Prayer

Prayer Prompts

Thank you for praying. There are 5 prayer prompts listed here. You may use all or none of them. Pray as you are led to pray. Use this time to draw close to God and to intercede for others. These prompts are meant as a tool to assist you.

(1) Beginning Prayers

You may find it helpful to begin with one of these prayers:

The Lord's Prayer - Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever.

Psalm 63

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

6 when I remember you upon my bed,

and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
 7 for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
 8 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand upholds me.

Julian of Norwich - In you, Father Almighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.
 In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.
 In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvellous and plenteous grace. You are our
 clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us.
 Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all
 manner of things shall be well.

Francis of Assisi - Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
 Where there is injury, pardon
 Where there is doubt, faith,
 Where there is despair, hope,
 Where there is darkness, light,
 Where there is sadness, joy.
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
 seek to be consoled as to console,
 not so much to be understood as to understand,
 not so much to be loved, as to love;
 for it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

St. Patrick - Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,
 Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

Salvation is of the Lord.

Salvation is of the Christ.

May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.

(2) Personal Prayers

Take some time to pray about personal matters. Here are three structures you could use to guide this time of personal prayer:

You might use the ACTS method:

Adoration - spend time in adoration, praising God for his character and his attributes.

Confession - acknowledge before God your challenges, struggles and failures.

Thanksgiving - give thanks to God for specific ways in which he's been active in your life lately.

Supplication - pray for specific needs in your life and in the lives of others.

You might use Anne Lamott's three-fold prayer:

HELP - ask God to help you, and to help others as well.

THANKS - give thanks and praise for his assistance and activity in your life.

WOW! - give praise and glory for who God is and how he's been at work in your life and in the lives of others.

You could use Max Lucado's Simple Prayer:

Father....

You are good...

I need help...

Heal me...

Forgive me...

They need help...

Thank you...

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(3) Highland Church Youth Group Summer 2017 Events

The summer is one of the most spiritually formative times in the life of teenagers. Please pray for God to be at work powerfully in these events at Highland:

Power Hour - Every Tuesday morning this summer, HYG will disperse all over the city of Memphis to serve others. We will be handing out lunches to homeless people, teaching kids about Jesus, etc.

Memphis Workcamp - A week of serving others by painting houses in the city of Memphis.

Camp Highland - We will have over 250 people at Camp Highland this year - we would like to pray that as a result of Camp Highland, students will learn more about God and grow to love Him more deeply.

Atlanta TIME Trip - On this mission trip, students will be preparing lunches for homeless people, delivering the lunches, and praying with homeless people in the poorest parts of Atlanta.

Belize TIME Trip - Students will be spreading the love of God by putting on a VBS, visiting schools to teach kids about God, developing relationships with the local Belizean people, and more!

Paragould TIME Trip - Students on this trip will be completing various projects at the Paragould Children's Home and inviting the families that live at the Children's Home to fun activities at night.

Houston TIME Trip - On this trip, HYG students will help plan and execute a daily VBS at Impact Church of Christ for kids from ages 4 to 14. The VBS will include Bible stories, silly songs, games, crafts, and more. Students will also assist in daily reading classes for the kids at the VBS.

(4) Highland Children's Ministry Summer 2017 Events

The summer is one of the most spiritually formative times in the life of children. Please pray for God to be at work powerfully in these events at Highland:

- The theme of this summer is Stronger, as we encourage the 1st-6th graders to develop a stronger faith through different events and classes.
- Our Tuesday morning events are service oriented as we try to serve our church and community.
- Our Tuesday night events are Christ oriented as we try to lead the kids in a time of song and devotional.
- Our Wednesday night classes are a time of worship, devotional and fun; through songs, lessons and a game that ties it all together.
- Our Arrival events are oriented for our sixth graders, as they have arrived to be the leaders of our ministry.
- Our 7/11 events are a late night of fun, games, fellowship and community building for the children.
- Camp Highland is a weeklong time of intentional fellowship and pursuit of a stronger relationship with Christ and each other, only our 4th-6th graders attend this.
- Our summer staff includes Michelle Betts, Stephanie Howell, Dawn Gilreath, John Frizzell, Kaitlyn Frizzell, Elaine Savage, Abigail Curtis and Alex Kelly.
- On Tuesday mornings we have story time for the preschool age, which is a time for the children to listen to fun stories.
- Our Wednesday night class for the preschoolers is a time for them to play with their friends, learn more about the bible, and do a fun craft that pertains to the lesson.

(5) Highland Outreach Ministries

Pray for God to use these ministries to bless the lives of many.

THE NEEDY

As recipients of God's love, we are blessed to share that love with those around us. We do this through various local ministries that reach out to schools, hospitals, and individuals in need. Highland also shares with other Christian communities in the service of several powerful local organizations, such as HopeWorks and Agape. At Highland you not only experience a community of love, but join with that community in loving others.

Through our weekly ministry contribution and/or hallway contributions, Highland supports several ministries to the needy:

WORK CAMP, MEMPHIS

An annual service project sponsored by Memphis area Churches of Christ that brings teenagers, college students, and adults together to repair, scrape, and paint homes for people in need.

SCHOOL STORE, MEMPHIS

Highland has organized efforts in early fall to provide school supplies to children who are under-resourced at LaRose Elementary (see below) and in the Raleigh area through the Raleigh Community Church of Christ (see below).

FEED-A-FAMILY SACKS, MEMPHIS

Each Thanksgiving Highlanders fill sacks with ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal and money for a turkey. Sacks are distributed to families in need in the Raleigh area by the Raleigh Community Church of Christ (see below).

CHRISTMAS STORE/RED SACKS, MEMPHIS

Highlanders provide presents which families in need can purchase for pennies on the dollar for their own children. Currently these are distributed through the Raleigh Community Church of Christ (see below). Highlanders may also provide special "red sacks" in December for families in the community who are in need.

POWER HOURS, MEMPHIS

Each summer and once a month during the school year, HYG fans out to apartment complexes to provide family-friendly entertainment and age-appropriate Bible study for children in need. They also go downtown to share brown-bag lunches and conversations with the homeless.

PRISON MINISTRY, MEMPHIS

Highlanders provide Bible study, encouragement, and special events for inmates in two prisons: Women's Prison in Henning, TN and at the men's prison in Whiteville, TN. Through HopeWorks, Highlanders also serve as Faith Encouragers at the Shelby County Corrections Center.

Through our bi-annual Outreach Contribution Highland supports several ministries to the needy:

LAROSE ELEMENTARY, MEMPHIS

We've committed \$5,000 this fiscal year to fund initiatives which enrich and empower under-resourced children, faculty, and families connected to this public school in downtown Memphis. Highlanders tutor students here weekly.

RALEIGH COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST, RALEIGH

We've committed \$15,000 this fiscal year to helping this urban church pay off their mortgage so they can devote more resources to ministry in the north Memphis/Raleigh area.

AGAPE CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES, MEMPHIS

We've committed \$22,800 this fiscal year to supporting Agape in their work with orphans and children in need in the Memphis area through their Counseling Center, Families in Transition, Powerlines and their Orphan Initiative.

HOPEWORKS, MEMPHIS

We've committed \$39,200 this fiscal year to this ministry which provides life-skills training, job training, GED completion, counseling, mentoring, apprenticeships and other services to the chronically unemployed in Memphis, including the formerly incarcerated. As part of Vision 2018, we have committed to doubling our support of HopeWorks to an eventual level of \$41,200/year.

LIFELINE / CARE MINISTRIES, MEMPHIS

Highland provides two ministries which serve those who contact Highland directly for resources. Lifeline serves people from the community who call with emergency/crisis needs. Care serves people connected to Highland who have on-going and significant financial needs. We've committed \$18,000 to these inter-connected ministries.

THE NATIONS

Highland has a long history of mission work. As disciples we believe that God calls us all to make more disciples (Matt 28:19-20). Because of that, we have been led by God into communities around the world, sharing the gospel, baptizing new believers, and forming them into a life of faith. Currently we support foreign missions in Papua New Guinea, Philippines, and Ukraine. Through our weekly ministry contribution and/or hallway contributions, Highland supports several ministries to the nations:

BELIZE TIME TRIPS

For nearly 30 years, Highland Youth Group has partnered with Happy Avenue Church of Christ located in Belize City, Belize. This TIME trip, Highlanders love on kids through hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS), and minister to area teens. Teens and adults also provide a free dental clinic.

HONDURAS SHORT TERM MISSIONS

Highlanders travel frequently to Honduras to assist schools, neighborhoods and churches that are deep in poverty.

Through our bi-annual Outreach Contribution Highland supports several ministries to the nations:

THE MELANESIAN BIBLE COLLEGE & MEDICAL CLINIC, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Highland helped start and is the primary supporter for this training center which equips existing churches and plants new churches in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere. Jab and Becky Mesa direct the college. We have committed \$64,608 to this ministry during the fiscal year.

SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & PHILIPPINE CHURCHES, PHILIPPINES

Highland has committed \$39,821 to church planting, congregational discipleship, and Christian education in and around Bocolod, Philippines. Former Highlanders Nathan and Karen Luther left their jobs in education in Memphis to help run this primary and secondary school and work with new and existing churches in the area.

MINISTRY FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION, MEMPHIS

Highland has committed \$2,000 this fiscal year to MTE which hosts seminars/workshops to train church leaders in foreign countries.

UKRAINIAN EDUCATION CENTER, UKRAINE

Highland has committed \$18,637 to this outreach to young adults and others in the city of Kiev, Ukraine. Vitaly Samodin and his wife Valeria direct this ministry.

BILA TSERKVA CHURCH OF CHRIST, UKRAINE

Highland has committed \$8,700 to this church plant in the city of Bila Tserkva, Ukraine.

Highlander Betty Cannon helped start this church. She helped lead the current preacher, Kostya Kysilenko, to faith in Christ.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL, MEMPHIS

Highland has committed \$6,000 this fiscal year to this ministry which reaches thousands of seekers around the world. It provides biblical teaching and connections between churches and those seeking Christ in other countries.

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, MEMPHIS

By supporting HST, Highland is helping equip leaders for church plants and existing churches around the world. Highlanders Ed Gray, Kevin Shelby, and Allen Black work at HST. Many of Highland's staff and elders have been equipped by HST. We have committed \$15,000 to this ministry this fiscal year

CHINA

During the 40 Days of Prayer which lead to the launch of Vision 2018, Highland leaders felt led to begin a new work in China. \$44,000 per year is being set aside while Highland leaders research, pray, and plan for this new work.

MISSION RESOURCES

Highland has committed \$3,000/year to help Highlanders travel to sites where we are engaged in ministries to the nations and provide encouragement and personal support. Another \$5,000/year is set aside to assist missionaries when emergencies arise.

THE NEIGHBORS

Highland is deeply invested in the Memphis-area community, believing that God has called us to care for the city in which he has placed us (Jer 29). We extend this care and investment through ministries to Macon Hall Elementary, LeBonheur, SOMA campus ministry, FriendSpeak, Young Adult Ministries, four Children's Homes, as well as a adoption support initiative.

Through our weekly ministry contribution and/or hallway contributions, Highland supports several ministries to domestic/local neighbors:

TIME TRIPS TO ATLANTA, PARAGOULD, MURFREESBORO AND HOUSTON

Each summer HYG sponsors these Teen In Mission Experiences trips where teens work with children, the homeless, and under-resourced.

CHINESE OUTREACH/WORSHIP SERVICE, MEMPHIS

Highland has reached out to the Asian community of Memphis, providing spiritual and other resources. Each Sunday Asians gather in a Chinese Worship service and Sunday School class.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL, MEMPHIS

For about a decade, Highland has hosted this Sunday afternoon gathering of local Asians. Adults teach Chinese language, arts, music and culture to their children/grandchildren.

HIGHLAND DAY SCHOOL, MEMPHIS

For more than thirty years Highland has hosted a day school in its facility. Highland currently has approximately 100 children from the community in its day school.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SALE, MEMPHIS

For many years Highland has hosted an opportunity for local parents/grandparents of young children to purchase quality gently-used clothing, toys and other children's items. Hundreds sell and buy at this semi-annual event.

JESUS LOVES MEMPHIS

Over 50 churches participate in this yearly event, leading service projects throughout Memphis and working alongside one another.

Through our bi-annual Outreach Contribution Highland supports several ministries to local and domestic neighbors:

FRIENDSPEAK, MEMPHIS

A ministry that uses the Bible to help our international neighbors improve their English by studying one-on-one with a Christian friend. Sessions occur once a week and last from 45-60 minutes. This fiscal year we have committed \$1,500.

MACON HALL ELEMENTARY, CORDOVA

Highland has committed \$1,500 this fiscal year to fund initiatives which allow us to partner with this elementary school in our Cordova neighborhood.

LEBONHEUR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS

Highland has committed \$3,000 to initiatives which support and encourage the staff of the NICU babies and their families at this renowned children's hospital.

SOMA, MEMPHIS

Soma is a Campus Ministry associated with Churches of Christ at the University of Memphis. Highland has committed \$8,000.

YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH, MEMPHIS

Through the Vision 2018 process, God has led us to the desire to reach at least an additional 200 young adults. We've committed \$6,000 this fiscal year toward initial initiatives.

GUEST SERVICES, MEMPHIS

Highland has committed \$1,000 this fiscal year toward a special project that is part of a larger effort to reach out to those who visit one of Highland's Sunday morning services.

DOMESTIC ORPHAN MINISTRY

Highland has committed \$12,000 this fiscal year toward partnering with four domestic agencies that serve orphans: Tennessee Children's Home (Spring Hill, TN), Sunnybrook Children's Home (Ridgeland, MS), Children's Home, Inc. (Paragould, AR), and Timothy Hill Children's Ranch (Riverhead, NY).

HIGHLAND'S HEART ADOPTION SUPPORT

Highland has set aside \$10,000 this fiscal year to offset adoption costs for Highlanders who decide to adopt. We share God's heart for orphans and will use these funds helping Highlanders who adopt.

PACKED IN LOVE FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

Highland has set aside \$3,000 this fiscal year to provide care for the 1,000 children sent to the Memphis DCS each year. A portion of those funds is also used to support Highland families involved in foster care.

