

# PRAYER CONNECT

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## Pray Without Ceasing

What does "Pray Without Ceasing" really mean? Here is something to think about: Have you ever gotten into prayer, but you had to stop because of an appointment or an interruption? What should you do when you pray again later? There isn't a need for you start over, you start where you left off.

Every prayer connects to the last prayer, whether you are at the altar at church or the altar at home. No matter where you are praying, when you start your prayer again, you can continue where you left off in your last prayer. We should look at our relationship with God as a continual, lifelong prayer. It is a daily prayer, as each day connects to the last day, each week to the last week, each month to the last month, and each year to the last year. It is all connected.

That is why it is so important to journal your prayers so when God answers, you can remember the prayer and write in the way God answered. How many prayers constituted the memorial prayer of Cornelius in Acts 10:1-8? It was an ongoing, continual, daily prayer, each prayer connecting to the last. That is how we pray without ceasing.

Don't be discouraged when you cannot continue to pray at a particular time. just continue where you left off. Jesus will never forget what you spoke to Him before in prayer. He waits for you to continue your conversation with Him.

Pastor Phillip Hofstetter



## Prayer for a Great Awakening

*"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32).*

In this prophetic context, the messenger of God speaks to Daniel about a time of great spiritual conflict. The people of God have been captured. Ungodly leaders have stolen the sacred and polluted the sanctuary. Pagan worship and pagan agendas rule the day. The covenant of God is being perverted. Seduction is common. Flatteries and hypocrisies are the climate of political conquest ... BUT... in the midst of all this chaos, the messenger assures Daniel of this promise: *"They that know their God shall be strong and do exploits."*

In our days of economic and political flatteries and seductive rhetoric, the Body of Christ should not only be strong enough to stand but should also do exploits. The Kingdom of God should advance. Those who stay strong through their relationship with God should go forward. The promises of deliverance, provision, peace, and joy are still true for the righteous. Truth is truth, regardless of the upheaval in our world.

Paul tells us in the book of Ephesians: *"Be strong in the Lord and the Power of His Might"* (Ephesians 6:10)! Being strong is not an option. God doesn't need us to echo the nightly news or even talk-radio. He expects us to have the audacity in this hour to do exploits; not to merely "hang in there," but to go forward, to advance, to believe, to declare, to receive marching orders, and yes, to do exploits.

Darkness can't put out light. David admonished the righteous to remember that *"even in darkness, light dawns."* Our charge in this hour is not to give in to echoing the rant of panic, but to give voice to the truth of God's Word. Our charge is to know Him, be strong, and to do His exploits!

It's set up time for the greatest awakening our world has ever known!

### PRAYER FOCUS:

- Greater unity resulting in a greater kingdom harvest.
- Greater anointing in our pulpits with greater empowerment to our people in the pews for faith to do exploits.
- Let us pray for our bi-vocational pastors, that God will supply their needs both spiritual and monetary and that revival will be birthed in their churches.
- God, give spiritual awakening for our youth and children.
- God, in this dark and dismal hour let Your light so shine through the Church so that men will see with clear delineation the path that You have set before us.

Pastor Steve Blaylock



If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms of depression, prayer is an exceptional tool. Jesus loves when we come to Him with our sorrows! However, don't hesitate to reach out to a professional, in addition to the spiritual leaders in your life. We have each other for a reason! For those battling suicidal thoughts an additional resource includes: **National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 001 800-273-8255**

## World Needs

- Pray for Jesus to protect the harvest field, and laborers in Africa and throughout the world as the African Center for Disease Control has declared Mpox a public health emergency in Africa, and as multiple variants are being addressed. Also, warning is being given because the virus might spread across international borders.
- Pray for all countries and states as Ernesto's path caused Bermuda to experience a blow and has been ramping up coastal danger on America's Eastern Seaboard leaving hundreds of thousands without power.
- Pray for the Lord to protect the harvest and laborers in Japan as Japan has issued its first-ever 'megaquake' advisory following a magnitude 7.1 earthquake, which increases the likelihood of another large quake within the next 30 years. Also, over 400,000 people were issued evacuation advisories for the cities of Mobarra, Asahi, close to Tokyo, Iwaki, and Fukushima as Typhoon Ampil approaches the capital. Thousands have already lost power, and airlines and railways are cancelling flights.
- Pray for Greece as wildfires near Athens caused authorities to order an evacuation as over 500 firefighters and volunteers are working to extinguish the blaze.
- Continue to pray for the peace of Israel with victory over Hamas and against all enemies, for the return of her land, and for hostages to be restored to their families, as tensions heightened in the Middle East by rockets being fired into Israel by Hezbollah in support of the Palestinian people in Gaza in retaliation for Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon. US Defense Secretary has ordered a submarine to the Middle East while accelerating the arrival of a carrier strike group to the region in anticipation of an Iranian attack against Israel.





## PRAYER FOCUS

Many men and women dedicate their lives and careers to try to make others well. They have a heart to care for those who are sick, suffering, and in pain. They expose themselves to contagious diseases and suffer emotional stress as they see their patients struggle and sometimes die. They hold the hand of those who are afraid. They share a smile and an encouraging word during times of uncertainty and fear. The weight of their daily tasks can be intense and the physical stress on their own bodies can be substantial. Take time this week to thank God for those who work in the health care industry.

## PRAYER POINTS

- For wisdom to how to care for and attend to each patient they come in contact with.
- For compassion and understanding to deal with patients and their families during stressful times.
- For physical strength and stamina to do their job. Many work long shifts on their feet, in constant motion, while dealing with various levels of stressful situations.
- For the ability to make quick, sound decisions when lives are literally on the line.
- For emotional healing and wholeness when someone they have taken care of dies.
- That they would keep their hearts tender to the worth and frailty of human life, no matter what age the person is or what circumstance caused their situation.
- For understanding to know what medical response to give or each person, in each situation.
- For opportunities and wisdom to share the love of God with those who are hurting and experiencing uncertainty.



## Access Challenged Nations

Join the World Network of Prayer and Global Missions in praying for these nations which need a stronger missionary presence. We will focus on one nation each week.



**Mogadishu** Population  
11,032,627

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- 1 Pray that God would place insatiable hunger and respect for His Word in the hearts of Somalis.
- 2 Bind the spirit of division and loose a spirit of unity among the Somali nation!
- 3 Pray for a tidal change in the Horn of Africa - that violence and death would not be the norm, but be replaced by the life-giving power of Jesus Christ and His Gospel!
- 4 Pray for Somali religious leaders and their families to have a sincere desire for Truth and to find the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life - JESUS CHRIST!