



# First Prayer

Prayer Ministry  
First Baptist Church

Ministry Update  
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**Pray that FBC Ministries will lead people to focus on  
Knowing Christ, Becoming Like Christ and Making Christ Known**

## Missions Ministries

*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” - 1 Timothy 2:1-2*



### Pray for President Barack Obama

- ◆ That he would lead America with wisdom
- ◆ Give him the courage to lead us
- ◆ To lead us with humility
- ◆ To have integrity
- ◆ To have compassion
- ◆ To have honesty



“Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.” -Hebrews 4:16

### **Bro. Roger’s Prayer List for FBC Members**

- ◆ Holiness
- ◆ A Spirit of Repentance
- ◆ Morality
- ◆ Revival
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
- ◆ Men’s Accountability Groups
- ◆ Exit One Church Plant
- ◆ Missions Giving
- ◆ Young Family Outreach

## THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teacher, doctors, and ministers. They need support and 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 leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.
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 testify. 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. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which 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.



In *Experiencing God*, Henry Blackaby writes, “Prayer is not a substitute for hard work. It is the work!” Prayer isn’t meant to change God’s mind. It’s supposed to change us and to align our thinking with God’s.



- ◆ Pray for the new Congress
- ◆ Every elected official on the national level
- ◆ Every elected official on the state level
- ◆ Every elected official on the local level

**“Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” John 14:13**



## Pray for Specific Prayer Requests from Worship Communication Cards & Prayer Room Cards

**Week of January 23, 2009:** **A woman** who has cancer and is not well; **A husband and wife** who recently lost their son; **A mother** in the lost of both of her sons, that she would have peace and forgiveness in her heart; **A son-in-law** traveling out of state for a job interview, pray for God's will concerning this; **A man** that is in the hospital; **A teenage girl** who is being influenced by people in questioning her Christianity; **A brother and sister** so that they can stay in their current foster home; **A woman** who just went through a divorce and looking for a good group support through FBC; **A 2-month old great grandson** who had heart and lung surgery at Texas Children's Hospital; **A woman** friend who lost her mother, that the family to be able to cope with their loss; **A praise that a couple's** house sold in one week after they had meant with pastor and he prayed with them concerning the sale, their house had been on the market for 10 months before that; **A married couple** to lead a singles group; **A troubled marriage** divorce seems to be their solution, husband just returned home from being deployed last week; **A woman** request that her husband will go to church with her; **For families** that bitterness would be removed, restore trust, and bless families; **A job and employment opportunities;** **A man** who was in an automobile accident, which sustained broken ribs and multiple fractures and a punctured lung who is at Vanderbilt; **A couple** recently got a divorce and **the man** is struggling financially, and **his son** is now denying Christianity; **Our nation** for God's mercy and revival in our nation that we would turn to the one true God; **A 9 year old girl** to pray for her mom and dad; **A woman** for strength in her marriage and for honesty and respect; **A friend** to believe that God does exist; **A family** coming to church and that they would accept salvation; **For the family** in the recent death of the husband & father; **A woman** for the insurance to approve her medication; **A man** for his schooling and a job; **A man** for his health and a job; **A father and step-mother** to find a church home again; **A son** who graduated in December that he would find a job in his field; **A request** to lift anger and bitterness and heal wounds, regain trust, live a life of love; **A two-year old daughter** who has trouble with her circulation in her feet and legs, that she would grow out of it; **Twins** who both have Cystic Fibrosis that their health would continue to be good and that the parents can provide for their medical expenses; **Military** who are or have been deployed, for their families, safety and well-being, that they will be wrapped in arms of love, compassion, and understanding around their many needs, and that the Lord would send someone to minister to each of them; **A family** for wisdom to buy or rent a house while stationed at Ft. Campbell; **Thank you for continued prayers for Barksdale School faculty, staff, students, and parents**-for wisdom, strength, health, and to do what's right; **A father** who is dealing with kidney disease, and **the wife** who is taking care of him and **the grandmother;** **A neighbor's** salvation; **A mother** who has a brain tumor, has two teenagers; **A woman** who has terminal cancer-for healing, comfort, stamina, and closeness with the Lord; **A family** that will be moving to Hawaii soon; **A marriage and for husband** to have spiritual strength; **A missionary** having back surgery Seoul; **A man** recovering from a kidney transplant; **A woman** with a situation with the military; **Sister-in-law** battling lung cancer in OK, for her and her family.

**Week of January 14, 2009:** **A 13-year old son** who was life-flighted to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital when his heart stopped during a routine hernia surgery; **A man** having shoulder surgery; **A man** having hernia surgery on Tuesday; **A couples'** healing in their marriage; **A daughter** being tested for thyroid disease; **A police officer** pray for his judgment, safety, and God's provision; **Cousin** fighting & unknown illness in an Indianapolis hospital not sure exact illness or prognosis; **A son** battling custody for his daughter; **A sister** in hospital in MS; **Son-in-law** being deployed and his wife is expecting twins; **A brother** in the hospital with congestive heart failure, he is not a Christian-pray for his salvation; **A woman** who has just found out that she has colon cancer; **A woman** going through test; **A cousin** with Metastatic Cancer; **A woman** broke hip having trouble walking again, pray for husband that he will be able to take care of her; **A man** with skin cancer; **A husband** has My Lady's Plastic Syndrome and **his wife** has MS and hard to due basic daily functions; **Pray for a friend;** **A man** that has Alzheimer's' and doesn't sleep and wants to get out of the house while his wife is trying to get some sleep **The wife** to have the strength to take care of him; **Pray for the pastor** of Immanuel Baptist Church of Torreon, Mexico that has been missing since January 1st, he has not been seen since he left from work at 10 o'clock at night. His car and glasses is all that has been recovered. **Pray for his family and his safe return. Pray for world peace and hunger; Pray for First Baptist Church; A woman** job and financial well-being; **A woman** in the last stages of colon cancer that the Lord can be seen through her; **A teenage boy** recovering