



# First Prayer

**Prayer Ministry  
First Baptist Church**

Ministry Update  
June 17, 2009

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

## **This is a prayer request received on 6-15-09 from an IMB medical worker in a Muslim nation. . . .**

Before I came to this country, I thought that I had a pretty fair understanding of why evil and suffering are in this world. I never really had much cause to question God regarding this. But I must admit that I am not nearly so confident here and have done a lot of praying and searching for answers to such questions. We are surrounded by some of the poorest people in one of the harshest and most tragic countries on earth. Evil reigns here in the hearts of men who claim to worship God and several times a day they perform ceremonial acts that demonstrate their "obedience" and insure their "cleanliness". Then they go out to kill and maim their enemies who often have just finished the very same religious rituals. Every day in the hospital where I work, I see fear and hunger in the eyes of children, women, and men who suffer from disease, malnutrition, abuse, and injury. Many are victims of landmines and other relics of wars past that continue to wreak random havoc on innocent lives. Others are victims of more contemporary battles and wars – between nations, tribes, villages, and families. They are generally nameless and faceless statistics that you may see or hear in your daily news. But you need to know that these are real people. I do not have a television to remind me of these people. But when I close my eyes at night, I continue to see their faces and injuries. And they linger in my dreams. One of them is "Abdul". He is an 11 year old boy who suffered multiple injuries including a complicated fracture of his leg when his nearby village was bombed by high-flying jets a few days ago. Thanks be to God that he was able to be transferred out of here to a better hospital by helicopter today. No, I cannot begin to explain to such an innocent child why this happened to him. All I can do his try to show him some concern and love and pray that God will have mercy not only on his life, but on his soul. I beg the Father to do just that. *Lord, will you please look down with mercy and forgiveness on these people. Please send your peace to this land. Please change the hearts of these men who seek to do evil and harm. Lord, please forgive this land for its transgressions against you. Please call these people to yourself. Lord, I know that you love them just as much as you love me. Lord, please reveal yourself to these people, open their hearts and eyes, convict them of their sins, save them. Lord, will you please use me here in whatever way you want to demonstrate your love and proclaim your Gospel. Lord, help me to humbly and obediently serve you faithfully in this place.*



*Prayer* is the first and most important contribution you can make to impact the people of Africa and South Asia.



*..first of all, supplications, prayer, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men.  
I Timothy 2:1*



### **INTERNET ADDRESSES FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:**

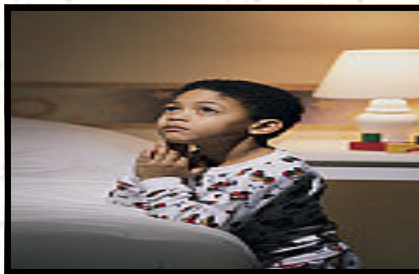
To send a prayer request to FBC . . . [prayer@fbct.org](mailto:prayer@fbct.org)

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### Bro. Roger's Prayer List FBC Members

- ◆ Holiness
- ◆ A Spirit of Repentance
- ◆ Morality
- ◆ Revival In Our Church
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
- ◆ Men's Accountability Groups
- ◆ Exit One Church Plant
- ◆ Missions Giving
- ◆ Young Family Outreach
- ◆ Every Member Visitation
- ◆ Greeter Ministry on Sunday
- ◆ “Prayer Awakening” sermon series, Fall,2009
- ◆ Debt-Paid on Children's/ Youth Building



**“If you are strangers to prayer you are strangers to power.”**

**Billy Sunday**



### **Pray for Specific Prayer Requests from Worship Communication Cards and Prayer Room Cards**

(names are excluded to protect privacy)

- \* A **4 year old boy** injured in a lawnmower accident, for vision, internal healing
- \* Pray for a safe summer for Barksdale School **students, faculty, staff, & parents**
- \* A **woman** fighting a bacterial infection is not responding effectively to antibiotics
- \* About a **woman's** job decision; a **man** to loose 25 pounds to lower cholesterol
- \* A **woman** having surgery at BACH for a weight disorder; a **father /mother/ daughter** under spiritual attacks; a **woman** having breast cancer surgery
- \* A **woman** who had back surgery at St. Thomas; a **couple** to live debt free
- \* A **baby** born May 30th may have affects of drug abuse due to its' mother
- \* A **mom** with water retention, heart & kidney health issues; a **son** to use wisdom in the care of his **3 young children**; safe travel for **those** on vacations
- \* A **sister** who can't walk due to MS & is in & out of Vanderbilt; a **family** in need
- \* An **aunt** who has a spot on her lung; Strength to overcome the loss of a Mother
- \* A **woman** whose husband passed away and she is having a hard time dealing with it
- \* Pray for a **couple** to make wise decision for the care of the **wife's mother** & protection for the **couples children** to not accept the temptation of the world
- \* A **SFC soldier** in Brooke Army Hospital in serious condition
- \* A **brother** who is very sick; a **couple expecting twins** July 14th; a **daughter** to quit drinking; a **12 year old special needs boy** who has brain cancer
- \* A FBC **couple adopting a baby girl**; Pray for **those** suffering with allergies; **couples'** strength & trust in marriage
- \* A **woman** receiving radiation treatments at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; Pray for **those** seeking employment and God's direction for their lives
- \* Pray for a **couple** torn between two churches where they each serve, that they can attend church together; a **90-year old mother** in nursing home w/no appetite
- \* A **great-grandson who is 5 years old** in Florence, SC hospital with brain injury
- \* A **couple** going through a divorce, for guidance and direction; **unspoken requests**
- \* A **father** recovering from surgery; a **man** having throat surgery 6-18-09; for salvation of **in-laws**; A **brother** going to Iraq for his salvation & protection: a **dad** battling kidney failure, depression, tick fever, the **wife** as she cares for him