



First Prayer

**Prayer Ministry
First Baptist Church**

Ministry Update
August 12, 2009

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

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHINA

Fast Facts

Population: 1.3 billion, about 1 of every 5 people on the planet

Land Size: Roughly the same as the US

Capital: Beijing

Religion: Officially, atheism. However, China is a huge place with a lot of people groups and influences. Many profess atheism, but in practice, many people practice a form of Buddhism, Confucianism, ancestor worship, Taoism, and other systems.

Challenges for Evangelism:

1. **"Why did it take you so long to come?"** - While the message is spreading rapidly, China's sheer size and population has still left many unable to hear. For most, obtaining a copy of the Bible is difficult. Huge population centers still have no known Christian witness.
2. **"Money is most important,"** is an oft-earned phrase in this rapidly growing economy.
3. **"I am my own god."** For years, the people have been taught that there is no God. The spiritual vacuum has created a mindset in many that they need nothing but themselves to satisfy their spiritual needs.

Growth of Christianity: The church is growing rapidly, despite persecution and difficulties facing Chinese believers. However, they desperately need solid, biblical teaching in order to stand firm against the lure of materialism and the pervasiveness of ancient Chinese religious traditions.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for workers to enter into the harvest fields of China from around the world, and especially within China.

Ask that Chinese church leaders would be strengthened to the tasks before them, no matter the cost, and that they would grow in knowledge as they teach and lead.

Luke 10:2 "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."



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



God's perspective is much broader than ours. He sees villages by the thousands, people by the millions. His heart is on an entire world in need.
-Charles Swindoll

- ◆ Pray for Living Proof Live simulcast with Beth Moore August 28-29 at FBC
- ◆ Pray for the East Asia mission team September 4-18.
- ◆ Pray for the Russia mission team October 22-November 1



INTERNET ADDRESSES FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:

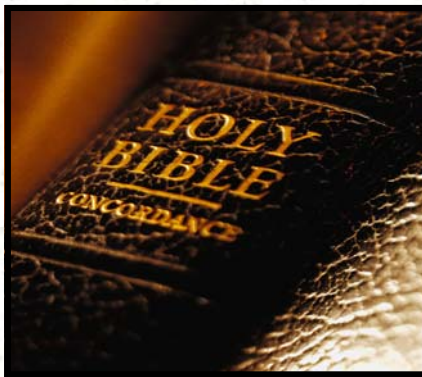
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Bro. Roger's Prayer List FBC Members

- ◆ 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



“The truths that I know best I have learned on my knees. I never know a thing well, till it is burned into my heart by prayer.”
John Bunyan



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

(names are excluded to protect privacy)

- * A **couple's** praise for God's provision and care that he has given this summer; Pray for a **couple** as they return to work and have new bosses
- * Pray for **those going to college** that they would live for the Lord; for a rebellious **son**; a couple for the funds to go on a mission trip to Sudan; **Unspoken requests**
- * **Christians** in Pakistan; **military families & redeployment**; a **son** for direction in his life; pray for **those** in the deaf ministry; pray for the military ministry
- * A **single mom** struggling to make ends meet; a **premature infant boy** in very critical condition in Vanderbilt; a **15 yr old girl** injured by the blades in a boat accident
- * A **man** having seizures in a TX prison; a **couple** going through a difficult divorce; a **wife** with blood clot in lung; a **79 year old woman** with a broken leg
- * A **wife's** health needs; a **woman** needs discernment, discipline & strength to make the right choices-God's will; a **son's** radiation treatments for cancer; **DTI classes**
- * A **wife** suffering with migraines; **couples'** strength & trust in marriage; **those** seeking employment and God's direction for their lives; a quick recovery for a woman
- * A **lady** having knee replacement on Aug. 3; a **man** battling kidney failure & for his **wife** who is caring for him; ; A **family** dealing with the loss of a loved one
- * A **woman** to have strength to handle things in life; pray for **caregivers**, for strength/guidance/understanding; Pray for **those who serve** at First Baptist Church
- * A **father** having shoulder surgery on July 29; a Jackson, TN **man's** recovery from auto accident; A **man** who fell 7 stories; a surgery scheduled August 3rd
- * A **couple's** separation while he is deployed; a **husband** suffering from back pain; a **couples children** to love and serve the Lord; a husband serving 1 yr. tour in Korea
- * A **4 year old boy** injured in a lawnmower accident, for vision, internal healing; a **man** starting chemo treatments for lung cancer; safety for **those traveling**
- * Pray for a safe return & smooth beginning of the school year for the Barksdale School **students, faculty, staff, & parents**; a **husband** as he serves 1 year tour in Honduras
- * Pray for repentance & revival for **Clarksville & Ft. Campbell middle & high schools** ; a **grandmother** recovery from amputation of her leg/her rehabilitation
- * A **family** in need; a **mother & daughter** relocating back to Texas; a **husband's** healing from depression/physical; a niece who had a miscarriage
- * A **woman** with a fractured shoulder; salvation for **brother** in Iraq & **mother & father in-law**; a **couple** to chose wisely on their house plans; a **man** with cancer
- * 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