

Need some motivation?

- Watch the movie: **War Room** with some friends starting April 8th
- Start a breakfast or lunch prayer group ... that's what happened in the great awakenings of the past ... the people in the pews took initiative
- Encourage people—ask if they believe prayer works—invite them to join
- Read articles and books on prayer ... there are plenty of them

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:11-12

'I Believe in Prayer' Gathering

2:00 p.m. May 20—Pentecost Sunday

At 'The Bowl' at Northview Christian Church

Bring a lawn chair



Marquis Laughlin, guest speaker

Acts 1—9

dramatic solo Scripture presentation

Founder of Acts of The Word, a non-denominational ministry devoted to transforming people's lives through the words of the Bible. He's a performance artist, theologian, & missionary to the church here in America.

<https://morald.com/acts-of-the-word>

3:00 pm - Pastor led prayers for Branch County & beyond



40 Days Prayer Guide

Join with Branch County Christians for 40 Days and Nights to pray for Branch County and beyond. We will seek the Lord, confess our sins, return to Him, and cry out for the Lord to help us in our weaknesses, failures, & apathy toward His will. If we, **as one voice**, lift up these daily requests, perhaps the Lord will grant us a widespread renewal, a restoration, a healing of individuals and families so that we will love things that are right and avoid that which is wrong. We know that God hears prayers that come from a good heart. Encourage one another daily. Grab your Bible. Let's pray.

Day 1 - "...God, I eagerly seek you... I thirst for you" (Psalm 63:1-3)

- For God to give you a deeper longing to walk with Him
- To draw you closer to Himself and refresh your spirit (John 4:13-14)
- To anoint our 40 Days of Prayer together across Branch County (Ps. 20:6)

Day 2 - "Light has come into the world & men loved the darkness" (John 3:19)

- That people will see the darkness of sin - like God sees it
- For one you know who is walking in darkness to be drawn to the light of Jesus
- For Christians to live lives reflecting the holy nature of Jesus

Day 3 - "Ah, Lord God...nothing is too difficult for you" (Jeremiah 32:17)

- Increase my faith and forgive my lack of trust in You - renew my mind
- Remind me often of your awesome greatness & power
- Thank you for calling me to this time and place for your great plan

Day 4 - "...and does not doubt in his heart, but believes" (Mark 11:20-26)

- That prayers of faith will move great obstacles in lives, churches, & community
- That doubt, discouragement, & apathy will be conquered by Christians
- That our prayer lives will mature with great faith anticipation

SUN - Ask God to anoint the pastors & church services today... God's will be done!

Day 5 - "Delight yourself in the Lord & He will give you the desires of your heart"
(Ps. 37:3-6)

- That my heart will desire God's best
- For The Lord's desires to be my desires
- That God will bring forth our righteousness like the light - desire & pursue holiness

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Can Accomplish
What God Can Accomplish

Day 6 - “the kingdom of heaven is at hand, repent & believe in the gospel” (Mk. 1:15)

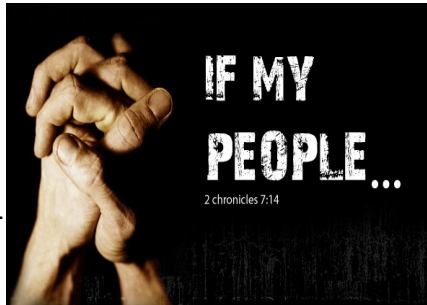
- Exalt Christ as the Savior, King, and Lord over everything in life & breath
- Ask the Lord to help you surrender every area of your life to His Lordship
- Help me be genuinely burdened for lost souls here in Branch County (Lk. 10:2)

Day 7- “...you are the salt of the earth... the light of the world” (Matt. 5:13-16)

- For all Christians to be ‘salty’ in our county according to God’s will
- For all Christians to be the influence (light) that Jesus calls us to be for Him
- That all Christians would repent from hiding their belief in Jesus

Day 8— “Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord” (Acts 3:19)

- That sins will be forsaken: pornography, addictions, alcohol, drugs, rebellion, immorality and to experience the Lord’s deliverance
- For Christ to encounter people with His forgiving love, so that they will turn from their sin to the joy of following Him
- Praise God for delivering you from the willful sins that have enslaved you



Day 9 - “seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown” (Matthew 13:1-9)

- Empower us Lord to sow the gospel seed all over Branch County ... Lord, thousands of God appointments to sow and water the seeds of God’s Truth
- Give us great questions, I.e., “How’s your faith,” “Can I pray for you?”
- Raise up harvest workers Lord = bold, courageous, Spirit filled

Day 10 - “Our Father in Heaven, holy is Your name” (Matt. 6:9)

- Give much honor and praise to the Lord today (Revelation 5:12)
- Exalt the name of Jesus everywhere you go; in everything you do (Phil 2:9)
- Shout out loud Psalm 100; Psalm 150 (go ahead, be joyful!!)

Day 11 - “Your kingdom come, Your will be done” (Matt. 6:10)

- Pray for a very deep desire to seek God’s kingdom first in your own life
- Pray for a great passion for God’s will to be done in Branch County & beyond
- Pray for obedience among Christ-followers to seek & do God’s will everyday

SUN - For God’s mighty hand to feed souls, save souls, become vessels of honor

Day 12 - “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matt. 6:11)

- Thank Jesus for the physical & spiritual food He has given you today
- Pray for a craving hunger for righteousness; especially among young people
- Ask the Lord who you can be a blessing to today ... and then act

Day 36 - (Repent) Turn to Jesus... be baptized in His name... receive forgiveness & the gift Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

- For the Lord to give us all a driving desire to share our faith in Jesus Christ
- For thousands of people to turn to the Lord in obedience in Branch County
- That our pastors will powerfully preach the risen Christ Jesus



Day 37 - “For the promise is for you and your children...” (Acts 2:39)

- For the Holy Spirit to fill our lives, our homes, our churches ... a fresh anointing
- That Christ will strengthen marriages and homes; both now & future generations
- For young people to follow Christ early in life for a lifetime

Day 38 - “the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47)

- That our county will experience a lasting transforming spiritual awakening by the mighty hand of God
- For Christ to move so powerfully and clearly that His people and those watching will be ‘filled with awe.’ (Acts 2:43)
- That the church will have ‘glad & sincere hearts.’ (Acts 2:46)

Day 39— “...as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself ” (Acts 2:39)

- That God would call many to Himself who would call on Him to be saved
- For the Lord to open the eyes & ears of all in Branch County to Himself
- That every ethnic group in our area would come to know Jesus as Lord

SUN - Desire & seek oneness with our Heavenly Father / “not my will but Yours be done”

Day 40 - “...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:21)

- For Christians and churches to work together as one family in Jesus’ name, co-working with God to change lives
- For the joy of Christ’s kingdom to erupt in celebrations of grateful praise among every people
- For God’s people to work wisely, trusting God to work powerfully, in order to bring healing to the land.

Day 31 - “to him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think to him be glory in the church & in Christ Jesus throughout all generations ” (Eph. 3:20-21)

- Praise the Lord today for all the prayers He is answering
- For The Church to be a bright shining light on a hill in Branch County
- For a spirit of repentance and humility to sweep through Branch County

Day 32 - “To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy ” (Matt. 6:13)

- Thank the Lord for 5 blessings in your life
- Ask the Lord to help you see the opportunity to bless someone this week
- For the Spirit of the Lord to fill us in a mighty way in the coming days

SUN - That God will move powerfully as Branch County Christians pray united

Day 33 - “They all met together and were constantly united in prayer” (Acts 1:14)

- For God to draw us together in prayer across our county with ‘one mind’
- For our hearts to blaze with love for Jesus Christ our Lord & King
- ‘Pray without ceasing’ for God’s will to consume us (1 Th. 5:17)

Anticipate God to move in hearts & souls as we seek God - sold out for Jesus!

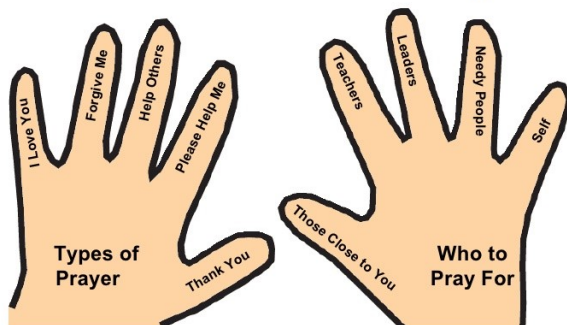
Day 34 - “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit” (Acts 2:17)

- The Church emboldened by the Spirit to be loving witnesses for Christ (Ac. 4:31)
- The Lord God to reveal Jesus to those in spiritual darkness
- Many to be given Spirit inspired dreams to know Jesus for who He is

Day 35 - “they were pierced to the heart... what shall we do?” Acts 2:37

- For conviction of sin to bring a complete turning toward the Lord
- For the presence of God to be made known in hearts and homes
- For believers to love The Lord with all their hearts, soul, & mind

Hands For Prayer



Day 13 - “Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” (Matt. 6:12)

- “Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:13) Confess your sin.
- Lord, transform me into a forgiver, encourager, grace giver. Christ-like.
- Pray for your enemies, detractors, competitors, rivals ... by name if possible

Day 14 - “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” (Matt. 6:13)

- That Jesus followers will put on the armor of God & lift up the shield of faith
- For believers in Branch County to grow in God’s love so much that fear will be overcome (1 John 4:18)
- For The Lord to put a hedge of protection around our county to drive away evil

Day 15 - “For Yours is the kingdom, power, & glory” (Matt. 6:13)

- Thank Jesus for the answers to prayers that are bringing Him glory (Ps. 145)
- Thank Jesus that He is building His church—Lord, glorify Your name!
- For the Holy Spirit to powerfully bring great conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgement to come (John 16:8-11)

Day 16 - “...lay aside the deeds of darkness & put on the armor of light” Rom 13:12

- Today Lord, because you’ve called me, I lay aside _____ for you
- Jesus, thank you for giving me truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, peace
- Pick up the Word of God & remember 3 promises. Thank Jesus for them.

Let’s pray fervently over the next few days for children and the influences around their lives. May The Lord raise up a godly generation for such a time as this!

Day 17 - “open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God.” (Acts 26:17-18)

- Praise the Lord for the work He is doing in, through, & around Christians
- For every person in Branch County that doesn’t have their eyes on Jesus
- That God will remove the places where evil rules in our county

Day 18 - “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15)

- Thank God for all the households that are serving the Lord
- For a great desire to rise up in dad’s and mom’s to know & serve the Lord
- For homes to get rid of ungodly, evil influences and ‘idols’

SUN - Godly youth workers & pastors in every church raised up for this generation!

Day 19 - “Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did ” (2 Kings 23:25)

- Cry out for the Lord to raise up a generation of ‘Josiah’s among young people
- That drugs, alcohol, pornography, & immorality will lose influence
- For the youth ministries in our churches to flourish with ‘strong and courageous’ youth who are all ‘sold out’ for Jesus AND youth leaders too!

Day 20 - “whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely...think about such things” (Phil 4:8)

- For a loss of appetite for media promoting violence, immorality, & ungodliness
- For the producers who control these industries to be born again & experience personal revival and producers of good media will rise up for the Lord
- That Social Media will be used for good and not for evil— especially young people

Day 21 - “His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.” (Matt. 5:1-2)

- For God’s favor to be given to all teachers & administrators who stand for truth
- For a revival to happen among teachers & administrators; turning to the Lord
- That students’ prayer circles will grow mighty in numbers and influence

Day 22 - “if my people, will humble themselves pray & seek My face...” (2 Ch. 7:14)

- Cry out to God for a national revival that will turn the tide against evil
- For healing in families that are on the verge of breaking up right now
- That public officials will submit their will and motivations to the lordship of Christ. That God will cut off the influence of those who seek evil.

Thu., May 3, 2018 National Day of Prayer

7:00 am Prayer Breakfast (1st Baptist—Coldwater)

12:00 noon—Branch County Courthouse Flagpoles Prayer for Our Nation

Day 23 - Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Ps. 33:12)

- That our county will experience a transforming spiritual awakening
- For God to frustrate the plans of the wicked (Ps. 55:9)
- That Christians will seek The Lord with all their hearts, soul, & mind
- National, state, local leaders and all their support personnel

Day 24 - “righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” (Pro. 14:34)

- For people to seek **1st** the kingdom of God & His righteousness (Mt. 6:33)
- For repentance of backsliders to return to the ways of the Lord
- That a godly sorrow will overwhelm us ... to salvation 2 Cor. 7:10

“There have been revivals without much preaching; but there has never been a mighty revival without mighty prayer.” R.A. Torrey

Day 25 - “For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good.” (Romans 13:4)

- First Responders: police, fire, civil servants ... Lord, bless them with wisdom, integrity, and a desire for godliness.
- For courage and strength as they enter harms way (Joshua 1:9)
- To guard their spouses and families spiritually, emotionally, & physically

SUN - For The Church to be energized for the prisoners of sin to be set free

Day 26 - “He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners ” (Luke 4:18)

- Judges, Lawyers—for godly wisdom and a heart for true justice (Isaiah 59)
- For Forgotten Man Ministries (chaplain & volunteers) to minister to all in jail
- For those in jails & prisons and their families that live in Branch County

**Revive us again, fill each heart with your love,
may each soul be rekindled with fire from above!**

Day 27 - “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home” (Deut 6:6-7)

- For godly homes & parents who live out the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23-24)
- That violence in homes will cease & Christ’s peace will rule each home
- That sins will be forsaken: racism, violence, crime, child abuse
- Lord, bring Your healing to the brokenness of humanity in Branch County

Day 28 - “...proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.” (Matt. 4:23)

- Medical Professions—wisdom, compassion, skills of healing
- That all may come to know Jesus (the great Physician) as Lord and Savior
- For all in Branch County to be able to get the medical care they need

Day 29- “Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers” (Eph. 4:11)

- For pastors, elders & deacons, & ministry leaders to be humble, gentle, encouragers for the will of our Heavenly Father ... absent of pride
- That Jesus would bless their marriages & homes with a hedge of protection
- That each will fight the good fight, finish the race, & keep the faith. (2Ti. 4:7)

Day 30 - “to equip his people for works of service” (Eph. 4:12)

- That every Christian will seek to reach the full potential that Christ has in mind for them (Matt. 26:39)
- That each would develop the passion for serving Jesus just as the apostles did
- For each of us to use the gifts and talents that Jesus has given us to build up the church and to seek and save the lost

