

PRAYER GUIDE 2022: Experiencing God

This prayer guide is available to help you pray through your hour more specifically. God wants to move in our church during this time. The Experiencing God study is a powerful tool God can use to speak to each of us. This is just a guide to help you spend your hour more productively.

The clock has been divided into five (5) minute sections to assist you to know what specifically to pray for. You are not limited by what is in this prayer guide; it is merely a suggestion to assist you. Many people have never prayed for an hour and after about 5 minutes they don't know what to pray. This prayer guide will help you know the names of people and what to pray during this hour. Feel free to add other people's names and other items that the Father brings to your mind. God bless you during your prayer time.

PRAISE

TIME 12 – 1



Praise – Psalms says God inhabits the praise of His people. Praise Him!

There are 4 reasons to praise Him listed in I Peter 2:9:

Praise Him because we are:

1. A chosen people;
2. A royal priesthood;
3. A holy nation;
4. A people belonging to God.

Let's bless His name. God has many names. Focus on these names and bless Him:

JEHOVAH-JIREH: The God Who Provides. He is our provider. In the model prayer, Jesus taught *“give us this day our daily bread.”* The Lord will not withhold any good thing from those who love Him. Bless Him for His provision.

JEHOVAH-ROPHE: The God Who Heals. He is our healer. Bless Him for His healing in your life and the lives of others.

JEHOVAH-NISSI: God Is My Banner: As we understand the depth of *II Cor. 10:3-6*, we realize that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God. We also recognize that we have the right to go into battle with the banner of victory flying over us. Praise Him for the banner of victory in this warfare prayer time.

JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH: The God Sanctifies: The One Who makes us righteous by His righteousness. God will make you holy. Receive this gift from Him much like you receive any other gift. Praise Him for sanctifying you.

JEHOVAH-SHALOM: God Is My Peace. When we come to the Lord and experience true righteousness, based upon true repentance, the result is true peace. Praise Him for His peace.

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU: God is Our Righteousness. Our righteousness always appears before God as filthy rags. When we appear before God as a Christian, we appear as the righteousness of Christ. Praise Him for His righteousness.

JEHOVAH-ROHI: God Is My Shepherd. *Psalm 23* says, *“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.”* He is the good Shepherd because He cares for His sheep. Praise Him for that care.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

TIME 1 – 2



Confession – we must confess all known sin in our lives if we expect God to hear and answer our prayer for renewal.

I John 1:9 says, “If we confess your sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Confession is agreeing with God that you blew it. Four areas of sin we need to confess:

1. **Sins against God:** Disobedience, rebellion, unbelief, love of the world and the things of the world, idolatry and stealing God’s tithe.
2. **Sins of temperament:** Selfishness, pride, stinginess, fear, worry, cowardice, jealousy, anger, impatience, complacency and lust.
3. **Sins against my fellow man:** Unkind words, critical spirit, deceit, unforgiveness, spite, hatred, holding grudges, prejudice, dishonesty and failure to use my influence for God.
4. **Sins of neglect:** Absence in church service, not reading my Bible daily, failure to pray daily, and not spending time with my family.

Ask yourself these questions. (You may want to look up the following scriptures.)

1. Am I more concerned about what others think of me than God? Luke 9:11-39-40
2. Do I keep the letter of the law and not the spirit? Luke 11:42
3. Do I sense that God is hearing and answering my prayers? Psalm 66:18
4. Do I have difficulty understanding spiritual truth? I Cor. 2:14
5. Do I already know of unconfessed sin in my life?
6. Do I talk a stronger faith than I am willing to live? Luke 11:46
7. Do I continue to foster bitterness of past offenses? Luke 11:47-51
8. Am I more concerned about what I think than what God says? Luke 11:52
9. Am I holding on to the past and wanting everything to be like it used to be? Haggai 2:9
10. Am I concerned about the spiritual condition of my neighborhood? Matt. 9:36-38

Jeremiah 31:34, “I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sins no more.”

I John 1:8, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION

TIME 2 – 3



We have sins that relate to our church as a body. These may or may not be your sins but as a prayer warrior of our church, please confess these corporate sins before God. In Joshua 6-7, the children of Israel followed God's direction and the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. They were instructed not to take any plunder for themselves.

However, Achan disobeyed. The next battle was the small city of Ai. They were defeated and the reason is given in *Joshua 7:11*, "*Israel has sinned.*" Not, "*there is sin in the camp*" but the whole nation was held accountable for the sin of one man. Thus, we must confess sins that have occurred in First Baptist Church in order to be free to be what God wants us to be.

1. **Neglecting church attendance.** Many of our membership seldom or never attend our services for worship or praise or prayer. Hebrews 10:25
2. **Withholding tithes and offerings.** This is sin against God. Tithing is not optional, it is required by God. I Cor. 16:2
3. **Prayerlessness.** I Tim. 2:1
4. **Living for self.** II Cor. 5:15
5. **Leaving our first love.** Rev. 2:4-5
6. **A complaining and critical spirit.** Eph. 4:29
7. **Not giving due praise to God.** John 4:24
8. **Being satisfied without the manifest presence of God in the church.** Matt. 18:20
9. **Doing church in the flesh.** Zech. 4:6
10. **Unwillingness to change.**

CHURCH

TIME 3 – 4



Pray for our church. Our desire is to make God's mission our mission. In other words...we want to be a church that does what God has asked us to do. Scripture is clear on what a biblical church does: make disciples. Our mission is the same mission Jesus had: make disciples, (followers and learners of Jesus Christ). This is the most important mission of any biblical church. It is so needed in our ungodly age. We need more committed Christians to boldly follow Jesus in these strange days.

We must not lose our effectiveness. **Pray** for our worship services, our prayer meetings, our Sunday School, our women's ministry, our men's ministry, our youth ministry and children's ministry glorify God and all work together for the purpose of making disciples.

Read the following verses and pray God helps us fulfill the vision of *Loving God, Loving Others* and *fulfilling the Great Commission*.

Matt 22:37-39 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matt 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pray God would stir our hearts in each of these areas. Pray that we would be a disciple making church that reaches the lost and backslidden. That we each LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHER and personally fulfill the GREAT COMMISSION.

Pray for any lost or backslidden family, neighbors and friends by name. Ask God to show you how you could start the process of reaching them. Ask God to soften their hearts to hear the gospel. Pray for opportunity to share with them personally.

PASTOR AND STAFF

TIME 4 – 5



Brother Dace – Pray for your pastor. God has selected him as the leader of this church, the under-shepherd of His flock. Pray for him to have wisdom from God to know how to lead this church. Pray for God to fill his heart with love and anoint his life with the power of the Holy Spirit for ministry.

Pray for his family: Jacque, Hudson and Kate.

Lift up all of the Church Staff. Pray for their wisdom and that God would lead and direct them in the ministry roles they fill.

Matt Squires–Youth Minister.

Stanton Blackburn- Associate Minister.

Brittany Squires- Worship Leader.

Janie Holderman- Admin assistant.

Marylin Lee - Ranch Director.

Ask God to give you a love for your pastor and staff.

DEACONS AND TEACHERS

TIME 5 – 6



DEACONS – Pray for the deacons of our church. These men have been set aside by you, the church, for service. They desire to minister and touch every life in this church. Please pray for them and allow them to minister to you and your family.

TEACHERS- Our bible study, youth, and children's teachers all have a tremendous responsibility to teach the Word of God. Pray for our teachers by name and their classes. Thank the Lord for their service and commitment and ask God to give them strength, joy and conviction as they teach and lead their classes.

LOCAL CHURCHES

TIME 6 – 7



We are not in competition with any other church. We want to see God rule and reign in every church in our area. We want every church to preach the gospel, serve Christ and stand for the truth. Spend time praying that God would strengthen the area churches. Pray that each church stays committed to the Gospel and mission of Jesus Christ

Pray for each area church and pastor.

Pray that area churches would preach the Gospel and hold to the teachings of the scripture.

Pray that past history does not hinder God's plan.

Pray that churches would be committed to reaching the lost.

CORPRATE CONFESSION OF LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL **SIN**

TIME 7 – 8



As citizens of this city, state and nation we must confess the sins of our generation. In our day and age immortality and sin is growing. We have allowed ungodly entertainment on TV and the Internet. We have not honored marriage in our nation. We have embraced unbiblical views on marriage. We have allowed millions of children to be killed through abortion. We must confess this sin and pray for national repentance.

Confess any unbiblical or complacent attitude you have had toward our national sin.

Pray God would give you the heart and convictions He has regarding our nation's sins.

Pray against the industries of pornography, abortion, and ungodly entertainment. Pray that God would convict those responsible and shut these industries down.

Pray for marriages. Pray our nation would turn back to the biblical definition of marriage.

Pray that the political, social and cultural movements away from biblical marriage be stopped. Pray for those practicing such lifestyles would repent and turn to God.

Pray that our leaders cease from any sin and that God would lead them in righteous purposes.

Pray for the blessing of our Nation and the blessing of the nation of Israel, that both nations may be changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS

TIME 8 – 9



1 Tim 2:1-4 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Pray for:

**Hico City Mayor- Eddie
City Council
City Administrator and City workers
Hico Volunteer Fire Dept.
Hico City Police Dept.**

Texas Governor and State representatives.

President Obama, Congress, the Senate, the Supreme court.

REVIVAL IN OUR NATION

TIME 9 – 10



2 Chron 7:14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Pray for genuine revival to fall upon our nation.

Pray that revival falls in our hearts and this church.

Pray that we boldly proclaim the truth and harbor no sin against God so that revival may come.

Ask God to do a work in and through our church that is exceedingly greater than anything we can imagine.

HEDGE OF PROTECTION

TIME 10 – 11



We know that Satan does not want us to make a bold stand for the Lord. As we seek to draw near the Lord, an attack by evil forces of the enemy may follow in an effort to discourage us. Pray for God to provide that hedge of protection for all of us and our families.

Ask God to send big warrior angels to stand guard around our lives, our homes and our church so that we are a bold witness for Christ.

Since we have made God's mission our goal, there will be attack from the enemy. Attacks can on your thought life and on your attitudes. Your patience will be tested. We need to pray for a hedge of protection around our members, staff and around our community. Pray for it!

THANKSGIVING

TIME 11 – 12



Ingratitude is one of our most serious shortcomings. Our Lord wants us to have a fresh encounter with Him. We must thank Him for it in advance. Thank God for the blessing He will bestow on our church. Thank Him for the power He will put within our body and our staff. Thank Him for the anointing He will place on this church. Thank Him for the hunger He has put within each of us to know Him more.

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

1 Thess. 5:18

Thank God for His FORGIVENESS.

Thank God for His SPIRIT.

Thank God for His LOVE.

Thank God for His PROTECTION.

Thank God for His PRESENCE.

Thank God for ANSWERED PRAYER.

Thank God for UNITY & HARMONY.

Thank God for FELLOWSHIP.

I hope you have enjoyed your hour with the Lord. May it be a great blessing in your life. Remember to call the next person on the prayer list. God bless you and thank you for being a part of this prayer vigil.