



175  
DAYS  
*Prayer*

The image features a central teal square with a white border. Inside the square, a large, light-colored circle contains the number '175' in a bold, serif font. Below the number, the word 'DAYS' is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the circle, the word 'Prayer' is written in a white, cursive script font. The background of the square is a teal gradient, and at the bottom, there is a silhouette of a mountain range. The entire square is set against a white background with a yellow banner at the top and a yellow and green geometric pattern at the bottom.

# 175 Days of Prayer - Prayer Guide

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The first thing I would like to say is THANK YOU! Thank you for praying! Thank you for answering the call and signing up to be one of the people who said yes to praying every day for 175 days. You brother or sister are a prayer warrior! Whether you receive that word over yourself or not is irrelevant as your actions have betrayed your humble refusal to receive such a lofty title. Prayer warriors you are.

The ask is that you pray for First Baptist Church (FBC) as well as the people who attend either physically or remotely, and the community our church serves and hopes to reach. This prayer guide will focus primarily on that task. However, if you in addition to praying for FBC also feel compelled to pray for Christ's global church aka "The Church", our government, its leaders, etc... Please by all means listen to the Holy Spirit and act in obedience. This guide is merely a guide and not something you must use. Thank you in advance for your service through prayer. May you be blessed as you choose to be a blessing.

## **NOTE:**

*This in no way is a comprehensive or complete prayer guide as prayer is a very personal very "organic" thing that is generally different based on each individual. This guide is not something you must use. It is purely a tool to give you some ideas and direction. As prayer is steeped in your relationship as a child of God, I would not presume to advise you how to speak with your Father in Heaven. Speaking to God is a spiritual endeavor, please engage with your spirit as you pray for FBC and the people.*

*Remember prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. We have the ability to communicate with the maker of the universe because he loves us and wants a personal relationship with each of us. We are commanded as Christians to pray, to seek His will, and to do so without ceasing. So we endeavor to do so as a congregation and as His people.*

***THIS IS AN AMAZING PRIVILEGE AND GIFT!!!***

## **SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER & SPUR YOU ON:**

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

### **Ephesians 6:18**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

### **Matthew 6:33**

*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*

### **Jeremiah 29:13**

*"This, then, is how you should pray:*

*"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."*

### **Matthew 6:9-13**

## **GETTING STARTED:**

### **Commit to pray:**

We are dedicated and committed to praying daily for our church and the people around us.

### **Bring what you need, leave behind what you don't:**

I recommend your physical Bible, a notepad, two pens (in case one doesn't work or multiple colors), and anything that helps you get into your most comfortable, non distracted, ready position. Leave behind cell phones, television, and be leary of blankets and things that may spur you on to sleep not prayer (blankets are great if they are helpful, for me they are not).

***Note:** It may be necessary and helpful to you to let any family, friends, or coworkers in your proximity know that you are taking a private prayer time and are not to be disturbed. That said, if you'd like to pray WITH those people and they will not be a distraction for you, invite them to join you!*

### **Find a quiet time and place:**

It is helpful to find a place free from distraction and that includes the distraction of time. If you carve out some set apart time (for instance an extra 15-30 mins in the morning) you will not be stressed about the things you need to get to next and can focus on being still and knowing He is God. It also allows you to focus as you pray to not have noises, tv, cell phones, or whatever attempting to creep into your ears and minds. I also highly recommend at this time that you leave your cell phone silent and far enough away from you that it won't be a temptation.

If you wish to pray throughout the day, absolutely do so. That is obviously encouraged. However, setting time aside or even specifically scheduling time to be still and not pray while on the go is invaluable.

***Training Note:** If you do this regularly, and consistently, you will notice your spirit and even your flesh respond in such a way that it craves or desires this spiritual set apart time as we are designed to be in relationship with God.*

**Quiet your heart:**

Gather your thoughts and heart and relax in God's presence. He is waiting to talk with you and hear from you.

One thing that I personally find helpful is to sit and breathe deeply. This is not a breathing exercise mind you, it is for me a way of remembering that when God made man he breathed His breath into us. That means the life we have is because God breathed it into us. In fact even the name YHWH the name God gave himself (Some say it Yahweh) was not really spoken by the Hebrews and Israelites, but the sound that the "word" makes is that of breath. The letters representing an aspirated, breathing sound (YH) - inhale, (WH) - exhale), symbolizing breathing and reminding us that God is the source of life or the "breath in our lungs".

Other ways to quiet your heart might be having a time reading in scripture (perhaps the Psalms), or listening to quiet worship music to prepare your heart for time with God.

**Pray:**

Below I will list multiple things you might consider praying for. Again, this is not comprehensive. If the Holy Spirit spurs you on to pray something, or gives you a word or a vision or a passage of scripture, be sure to write it down and follow the Holy Spirit's leading always.

I highly recommend you pray aloud. While God is omniscient and knows your thoughts, there is something tactile about verbal communication with God. It puts it into perspective for me that I am talking to God, not merely thinking. It also allows you to stay focussed as you use another part of your brain to speak. This keeps you from distraction or veering off path.

Also, while God is omniscient and knows your thoughts, the enemy does not. If you are engaging in The Spirit and engaging in spiritual battle/warfare, the enemy must be told. Your thoughts and silent prayers cannot be heard by Satan or his foul spirits, you must audibly engage to be successful in this form of combat.

## **Prayer of Confession and Repentance:**

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

### **James 5:16**

The practice of confession is not for condemnation or so we can experience a deep sense of shame! No, it is for our freedom and for healing that we are invited to enter into the regular practice of confessing our sins to one another and God.

Confession is an act of courage to tell the full truth of our brokenness and also to have faith in Jesus, who fully forgives us of our sins. Pray for the willingness and ability to authentically confess and repent of any wrong doing, false dependencies, misplaced ideas and loss of spiritual passion (*Luke 13:1-3; Acts 2:38-39; Rev. 2:5-6*).

We are all troubled with thoughts, actions, and inactions that lead us away from God and the full, abundant life he has for us as individuals and His Church. In order to have these things revealed to us, we need the help of the Holy Spirit in understanding the exact nature of our sins so that we may confess them, repent of them, and move toward the freedom He has for us. So we ask for the Spirit to search us. This can be as simple as the following:

*“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

### **Psalm 139:23-24**

## **Listening Prayer:**

You have a super power given by God! It's not your ability to speak, it's your ability to listen! You have the ability to hear from God! You may listen by way of the Holy Spirit who lives in you. How well we learn to utilize this "super power" can be world changing.

The way we engage with the Holy Spirit in listening prayer is simple. We listen to Eli.

*So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

**1 Samuel 3:10**

Pray: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." It can really be that simple. Then close your mouth, and open your ears/heart to what God wants to say to you. You will recognize His voice as the Holy Spirit will help you discern that.

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

**John 10:27**

*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

**John 14:26**

*"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

**John 16:13-15**

*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*

**1 Cor. 3:16**

One of the ways to actively listen is to “hear from God” through His word. When you pray or ask anything specific regarding God’s direction, thoughts, His plans for you, for people, for His Church, you can consult the literal Word of God!

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

***Note:** It is not just in a voice or through the Bible that God will speak. Some people may experience dreams (literally dreams given by God), visions (pictures or “scenes” that appear in your mind that are given by God), a word or phrase delivered by God, or what some call an “impression” or deep feeling regarding something God is saying or showing you. It is important to not solely trust your feelings or any “extra biblical experience”. You should ALWAYS vet these with what you know about God from His Word. Confirm them with another trusted mature believer. And continue to pray for confirmation from the Holy Spirit. However, if God gives you one of these, you should absolutely write it down in detail (or voice record it if writing is a challenge). Then if it is confirmed you should ask God what He wants you to do with this information and how to proceed.*

*In a nutshell, God can and will use a number of different ways to speak to us. He can speak to us through creation, a piece of art, the wise counsel of friends, visions, dreams, preaching, a deep sense or impression, a sudden thought in our minds. He can use what is ordinary and daily to communicate what is extraordinary and eternal. So keep your eyes, ears, hearts, and minds open to the things of God so that He may fully engage with you by way of the Holy Spirit within you.*

**Types of prayer:**

There are many types of prayer that you may engage in. Again this is not an exhaustive complete list but some of these will be listed below for your consideration and/or use.

**Adoration/Worship/Praise:** Praising God for who He is, focusing on His character and power.

**Petition/Supplication:** Asking God for personal needs or requests.

**Intercession:** Praying on behalf of others, including their needs or salvation.

**Thanksgiving:** Offering gratitude for blessings, actions, and God's faithfulness.

**Confession/Repentance:** Admitting sins and asking for forgiveness.

**Prayer of Faith:** Praying with confidence in God's power, often for healing or against obstacles.

**Consecration/Dedication:** Setting oneself or a situation apart for God's purpose.

**Corporate/Agreement Prayer:** Praying together with others to join in faith.

**Lamentation:** Expressing grief, pain, or frustration directly to God.

**The Prayer of Faith:** A confident, trusting prayer, often for healing.

**Listening Prayer:** See prior page

**Prayers:**

*Below is the list of things that you may want to consider praying as you engage in this 175 days of prayer. They are in no particular order or format, these are simply options that you may choose to use or not it is merely meant as a help.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Jesus, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one. For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Start with us, Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. That we may boldly fulfill our mission in this community and county.

We pray for the families in our community, that their needs be met, that they may know you, that they may raise their children in Godly homes.

We pray for the young people Lord, for the children and the youth that a revival would move through them. That they be a generation that never leaves your fold.

Help us as a church minister to young people Lord. Bring young families and children back to our church. Help FBC to become the multi / intergenerational, multi cultural, embodiment of your kingdom.

Raise up leaders Lord who would commit to consistently serve and lead ministries.

Raise up men of God who would be biblically qualified to be elders and willing to become one.

Raise up people who are flexible and fully willing to do whatever you ask. That their spirit of adventure in Christ be contagious that others may want to “come and see” what Jesus is up to.

Re-ignite our youth group and children's ministry Lord. Give us a vision and plan to accomplish what you would have for FBC and the community in this way.

For IHCC community, faculty, staff, students of every ethnicity and culture, that they may come to know Christ. That the students who live elsewhere will return home with the Gospel and that it may spread from them as well.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, especially [perhaps you have a person or people whose name you can insert here], we pray your forgiveness over them, your grace to them, and your glory to shine through the circumstance. Heal us as we offer these people back to you Lord.

For a blessing upon all in this community, that they may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, and addiction.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, that they may be relieved and protected, and if their prison is a spiritual one, that they be set free by you Jesus.

For those in positions of public trust or authority, especially [insert name], that they may serve you and promote both justice and mercy. That they would exude your righteousness as they strive to promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

If there are any who do not know you Lord, we bring them before you now. I pray that you bring around them people who are willing and able to share Christ with them. That you would surround them with Christian friends and influencers so that they may be won over for you. Lord we lift up [insert name/names] that they may come to a saving knowledge of Christ and choose to repent, confess, and believe so that they may have eternal life through you Jesus.

For our personal needs, or the needs of others, especially [insert need], and all other unspoken needs, we pray you provide for these and meet the needs for your glory.

Pray that we realize that our inheritance and hope as a church family is in God's incomparable and incredible great power which is available to us (Gal. 1:12; Eph. 1:18-19; Phil. 3:10).

Pray that our Church and its leadership (Pastor, Elders, and Chair Persons) become more surrendered and poured out to Christ, so they can have spiritual breakthroughs by seeking the fear of God and the mind of Christ and the Spirit's leading (1 Cor. 2:16; Gal. 2:20-21).

Pray that all of the leadership exhibit good Christian character and integrity with all of their relationships and dealings in life (Micah 6:8).

Pray that our Church and leadership have and continue to take hold a growing, consistent walk with Christ with a devotional life and prayer that is steadfast. Pray that they realize and allow Christ to work and use them as they grow closer in their faith, spiritual formation, maturity and love (Psalm 16:8-11; 73:28; Rom. 8:31; 2 Pet. 1:5-7).

Pray that our Church leaders and their families will be supported, cared for, loved, and respected. Pray that all the staff and for that matter the people of the church to be committed to their families with authentic love and care, that they will be strong and learn in the midst of trials. That their homes would be a refuge and haven of rest and places of peace (Psalm 91:9-15; Phil. 4:19; 1 Peter 2:23).

Pray for discernment in exposing any plans of the enemy against our Church or attacking our pastor and staff. Ask Christ to protect us as we wage spiritual warfare against the enemy on behalf of our Church (Eph. 6:11-12, 16; Col. 2:6-8; 1 Pet. 3:12).

Pray for an increase of vitality, renewal and vision that is from God for the pastor and leaders personally and collectively so that the church can be galvanized then take a hold of, and then be revitalized as a caring committed community for His Kingdom and purpose (Isa. 61:3; Rom. 12).

Pray for the willingness and ability to authentically confess and repent of any wrong doing, false dependencies, misplaced ideas and loss of spiritual passion (Luke 13:1-3; Acts 2:38-39; Rev. 2:5-6).

Pray that you and our church commits to follow the biblical mandate to support and encourage the leadership of the church (Eph. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; 1 Pet. 5:1-2).

Pray against gossip, negative criticism, false expectations, unhealthy burdens, strife and weariness that will seek to invade our church family (Psalm 91:5-6, 11; Luke 10:19; Eph. 4: 17, 32-5:1).

Pray that your church be a community of grace and forgiveness. That your church has an atmosphere of encouragement by being grateful for Christ's work in them, enables the congregation to be inspired to give genuine hospitality to all who come through our doors (Rom. 15:4-6; 2 Thess. 2:16-17).

Pray that our church remains committed and grows in a healthy understanding, wisdom and accounting and handling of its stewardship and Finances to better receive God's blessings (Prov. 3:9-10; 1 Cor. 9:15-18).

Pray that our Church and Pastor will have the strength and endurance that they need to serve with excellence by the power of the Spirit and the support of the congregation (Philippians 4:13).

Pray for healing, forgiveness and reconciliation for any misplaced expectations, criticism, ungrateful attitudes, flawed thinking, grief, hurts, and abuse (Isa. 61:3; Mark 11:22-24, 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 4:32-5:1; Phil. 4:19).

Pray that our church would receive God's direction and vision. That the congregation gets nourished from the substance of His Word and the needs of the congregation are met (Psalm 119:9-12; Matt. 18:20).

Pray that our church becomes real authentic disciples of Christ who are learning, growing and making Fruit and in turn making more disciples (Prov. 19:23; Mal. 3:11; Matt. 28:18-20; John. 15:16; Gal. 5:22-23)

Pray that the spirit and practice of Humility is utilized and practiced in and outside of our church, and that false humility does not take root (1 Pet. 5:5-7).

Pray that pride does not set in with our leadership or our people (Psalm 10:4; Prov. 8:13).

Pray that our church commits to place our focus on the Supremacy of Christ and be dependent upon Him (Gal. 6:14; Col. 1: 15-17)!

Pray that our Church and pastor give real biblical help and counseling from God's wisdom and Word to those in need (Isaiah 61:3).

Pray that our church family will give Christ real authentic adoration, praise, impassioned worship and glory in private and collectively as a Church. That worship is never to be a show, entertainment or talent focused, rather God is the audience to our praise (Gal. 6:14).

Pray that our Church and its leadership take accountability seriously and each be protected and have people they are accountable to. Also, that each would cultivate and pursue healthy relationships (Gal. 6: 1-10; Eph. 5:21).

Pray that the Word of God will never be compromised, cheapened or dumped down; rather be delivered in confidence with power, conviction, clarity, boldness, with love and in truth (Acts 6:4; Col. 1:28; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; 2 Tim. 2:15).

Pray for discernment to seek God's leading and direction for the leadership (Pastor, Elders, Chair Persons), that they seek His ways and not trends, traditions, personal agendas or anything that is not from the Spirit and Word. Pray that they can discern and prioritize what is important and precious and what is not (Isa. 6; 2 Cor. 11:14; 2 Tim. 3:5; 1 John. 4:1; Rev. 4).

Pray that God protects our Church, and its leaders from sin and misdirection and they have the will and boldness to flee and confront sin (Prov. 19:23; 1 Pet. 1:16).

Pray we all draw near to Christ and seek holiness and His presence with more prayer (Acts 1:14; 1 Thess. 5:17; Jas. 4:7-8).

Pray that we as a church family remain faithful and good stewards, so the financial needs are met (Psalm. 91:15-16; Phil. 4:19).

Pray that negative thinking, stress, being overwhelmed, the ways of the world, the tyranny of the urgent, being overcommitted, over busyness, fatigue, burnout, compromise, pressures, overworked, under-appreciated, misunderstandings, and stress can not get in our Spiritual Home and take over (John 14:1; Acts 6:2-4; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 4:17).

Pray that unity infuses our church so that your congregation is binding to Christ in love so the work of the Kingdom is promoted (2 Chron. 30:12; Psalm 133:1; Rom. 15:5).

Pray that the congregation is willing and able to come and support the church and staff with grateful hands and words. That we all realize that the pastors and leadership are necessary and called and accountable to God (Matt. 9:37; Acts 14; 1 Tim. 3:1-7, 10-15; 5:22-23).

Pray that our church community commits to pray for our church, pastor, elders, chair persons, staff, missionaries, those in need, community and issues powerfully every day (Acts 1:14;16:16;1 Thess. 5:17).

That we would have unity amid diversity—loving those with whom we have nothing in common but the gospel.

That a culture of discipling would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.

That faithful elders would use Scripture to train members to do the work of ministry.

That a hunger for studying the gospel would form among members so that they can guide and guard one another in it.

That transparent, meaningful relationships would become normal and remaining anonymous strange.

The preaching of God's Word—that it would be biblically careful and Holy Spirit imbued.

That elders would remain above reproach, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness.

That the church's songs would teach members to biblically confess, lament, and praise.

That the church's prayers would be infused with biblical ambitions, honesty, and humility.

That adult members would work to disciple teenagers and not just leave it to programming.

That the church's primary teachers grow in dedication to God's Word even when no one's watching.

That it would grow in being distinct from the world in love and holiness, even as it engages outsiders.

That members would share the gospel this week—and see more conversions!

That members would be prepared for persecution, remembering to love, not curse, their persecutors.

That hope for political change or political aspirations would be outstretched and outmatched by the hope of heaven.

That giving would be faithful, as well as joyful, consistent, and sacrificial.

That more members would use their careers to take the gospel to places it's never been.

That members would be good and do good in their workplaces this week so that their quality of character and work would be a testimony so that YOU may be glorified.

**Below is a prayer I have committed to praying for our church:**

Over our ministries and in and through them we pray the following Lord:

Lord, there are so many divisive issues in our time. We pray for the leaders in our churches and ministries, that they would look to you alone to guide and direct their paths. Give them the wisdom of heaven, which is pure, peace-loving, considerate, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere. Leadership is often a heavy burden, and we pray that just as Jethro counseled Moses to get support leading the Israelites, lead our leaders to trustworthy and wise people for support and advice. (James 3:17, Exodus 18:17-22).

We pray for unity within the body Father, we pray that our church body and every ministry would walk in a manner worthy of the calling they have received; to humbly, gently, patiently bear with each other in love, eager to maintain the unity of your Spirit with the bond of peace. We pray that there would be no divisions caused by miscommunication, preferences, justice issues, or political differences; rather, we pray that our church and

ministries be united in single-minded pursuit of you, your word, and your truth. (Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 1:10)

Father, that your church would rise up as this world crisis to be a mighty leader. That you would make your bride a blessed lamp unto the darkness that surrounds us on all sides. That she would not shrink back with the confusion and pressures and limits of the day, but offer herself forth as a well to the weary, as food to the hungry, as life to the dying. Increase our numbers tenfold, Father. Not so that we may boast, but so that we can open the door of faith to those who otherwise have not known you. (Acts 14:27).

Help us to glorify Christ above all else Father, that in all ways your church would be a reflection of you and your character. That we would be sacrificial, steadfast, loving, quick to forgive, slow to anger, of one mind and body, and a light to the world.

We seek your provision Father, during our time of economic turmoil, may you richly provide FBC and its ministries with everything it needs to carry forth your word. Make your people unfailingly generous in their gifts.

We thank you for our fellowship community. We are thankful that whenever two or three are gathered together, you are there in their midst! Please, Father, don't let us forsake gathering together however we can; this is where we encourage each other. Show us how we can care for one another even more. (Matthew 18:20, Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 12:25-27).

Help us to be a church that serves. God that you would turn our eyes to the community in our midst: the poor, the marginalized, the suffering, the hopeless, and the lost. Even as the church struggles with its own provisions, that we would continue to turn our eyes toward the most needy among us, to give as you have given through Christ.

Help us God to keep the main thing the main thing and focus on the mission. As we are distracted by politics, and pressure from within as well as beyond the walls of our church, help us to keep the main thing the main thing. That we would continue to unabashedly share your gospel to a world so very thirsty for Good News. That we would nourish the people with the news that because Jesus took our place on the cross, this death we're so afraid of has no sting; that this broken world is not the end but instead a trying preamble to a wondrous eternity.

Help us to remember Lord who you are and what you have done for us on the cross. Give us eyes to see the Ebenezers or markers of glory all around us. Help us to see them in the lives of our people, our church and ministries, those times when we were dazzled by your goodness and faithfulness to us. Let your word dwell in us richly, so that we can encourage one another. May we remember together what you have done for us as a body, what you have done for us as individuals, and what you have secured for us in heaven.

May YOUR joy be our strength. Open our eyes to how very much we have to be joyful about. You are for us; nothing can be against us! Your one and only perfect and precious son gave his life in order to reconcile us to you. Because of Jesus, we are adopted into your family forever, and nothing can snatch us out of your hand. Because of Jesus, we can lay down our deadly doing and rest in the perfect record and finished work of Christ on our behalf. Because of Jesus, we know that you are changing us from glory to glory, into the perfect image of Christ, into the image-bearers you planned for us to be before the foundation of the world. Even when we cannot see it, you are making all things new. All things! "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Cor 2:9) Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Help us Lord to become the bride you want to show off. Help us to be YOUR Church. The living embodiment of your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Make this place "thin air" where all that come in may experience a palpable closeness to heaven, to you, to your

glory, goodness, and love. Help us to be The Church beyond the walls of this wonderful place you've provided to us. Not so the attendance at FBC would swell, although we do ask for that Father. But rather so that the attendance of heaven may swell.

We pray these things in the mighty name of Jesus.

Amen

**Pastor's Note:**

*Thank you to all who have chosen to participate in the 175 days of prayer. Your faithfulness is encouraging and your willingness to pray specifically is inspiring and it makes a difference. James 5:16 says "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" and I agree. Thank you for your obedience, thank you for your care, thank you for how you love Jesus and put into practice what he has both commanded and encouraged us to do. You bless this community, and you bless me with your participation, but most of all you bless God with how you want to see His bride be all she can be. May God move mightily through the prayers lifted before him and may He get all the glory for their outcome.*

*God bless you, and God bless First Baptist Church.*

*In Christlike love,*

*Pastor Tony Alexander*