



DRAWING NEAR TO PRAY

April 25-26, 2025

WILL YOU JOIN US?

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Beginning 9:00pm Friday

Ending 9:00pm Saturday

HERE'S WHY WE DO THIS:

1. THE CALLS TO PRAYER IN SCRIPTURE ARE NUMEROUS & URGENT.
2. CONSISTENT PRAYER IS SALVE TO THE TROUBLED SOUL.
3. EVERY PRAYER FROM THE SINCERE CHILD OF GOD IS HEARD BY THE FATHER.
4. SOME THINGS "ONLY" COME BY PRAYER AND FASTING.

HERE ARE A FEW REMINDERS:

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:6

⁶Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. ⁷And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

Colossians 4:2

AND A THOUGHT:

Our Lord's first disciples begged Jesus to accomplish in them something that I believe we would do well to seek as well. In Luke 11:1 they said, "Lord, teach us to pray..." and what follows is Jesus instruction on HOW to pray which we commonly refer to as "The Lord's Prayer." I believe it's not inaccurate to also interpret the plea of these disciples to mean not just "teach us HOW to pray," but as much so, "Lord, teach us TO pray."

It is in pursuit of BOTH of these objectives that Beyond The Storm Ministries calls everyone connected to this ministry to join us for our bi-annual, 24hrs of Prayer. We are not only calling you to it, but it's our desire to show you something of HOW to pray.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I've never prayed for an hour, I am not sure I can do it or even know how. What should I do?

ANSWER:

- Based on feedback from previous 24hrs of Prayer, not only is it simple and easy, it's virtually guaranteed you will succeed and most likely wish you had had more time. You will be provided a transcript that will cover virtually every minute of the hour. You're biggest challenge will simply be in saying "YES, count me in."

2. You will most likely want to spend the hour at your computer but it's perfectly fine to do it on your phone. How does that work?

ANSWER:

- I will also send a link to the Prayer Guide to your email. Provided you have provided us an email address AND a text link. If you open your email on your computer you can click on it there and watch it as suggested. If you open it on your phone that will work as well.
- WHEN YOU OPEN THE LINK look down in the bottom right hand corner of the video screen. There are four arrows opposing each other (to the left of the word "vimeo"). Click these arrows to make the video full screen. It's best to do this **BEFORE** you hit the "play" triangle to the left.

3. What if I have limited internet access? Maybe it's erratic, maybe it randomly goes out, or my wi-fi goes down?

ANSWER:

- well this IS one of the complicating factors. I've tried to figure out a good way to give you the video directly but it's simply too large to send it to you so THE BEST I CAN DO IS SEND YOU THE LINK. IF YOU HAVE INTERNET OR WI-FI ISSUES SEE #4 BELOW.

4. What if something happens that I'm late getting started when my hour comes? What if I forget completely? What if something comes up and I can't keep my commitment exactly when I promised? (You DID promise -- God heard it).

ANSWER:

- We WANT you to be faithful to your hour, but God hears prayer... period. He doesn't ONLY hear it during your promised hour. If you're late... start late. If you forget, start when you remember. If something comes up pick another time. If you

can let us know what that time is, great. If you can't, it's OK. Frankly, it's about connecting with HIM not so much about a time period. WE just wanted the 24hrs covered. God doesn't have a clock (as best we can figger).

5. What if I need a break during my hour? This one's easy. Adult Diapers!!! Oops, forget that!!! :(It's a good question and one I woulda asked, myself.

ANSWER:

-- The answer is easy. PAUSE the video. It will resume where you left it when you return. Lest you think I've been to flippanant with this, let me get serious here. Please don't pause for frivolous reasons. What if you believed you were stepping into the "Throne Room of God", when you are praying here? Honestly, when I created this video, I asked God to help me help you do exatly that. He's inviting you into His presence. Please don't take that lightly. The snack will wait, take care of the dog(s) before you start, eliminate the potential for distractions. Don't have the TV going in the background. Seriously, treat this as if you were on your face before the Savior who DIED to give you access to God. UNDERSTAND? Yes, if you MUST pause then pause. But approach this seriously.

6. How will what I do affect otherS who are praying during my hour?>

ANSWER:

-- It won't! Because you each have your own copy of the video NOTHING you do will affect others who have your time slot, EXCEPT those you are personally praying with. Several of you have signed up as couples or families. WONDERFUL. That's really cool. BUT don't get distracted by the others in the room. DARE I SAY THIS? You may be tempted to verbalize your opinions about the quality, style, or specifics of the video itself. Your prayer time is NOT the time for that. Do it after it's over. Send me a text later and tell me you were not impressed or whatever... but while you're in it PRAY, WORSHIP, FOCUS.

7. I will be sending you a link to a "Prepare To Pray" form, in several different means AND there will be one on the Prayer Guide link itself asking you to print it off and complete it before your prayer hour. What is that all about?

ANSWER:

-- There are several sections of the "Directed Prayer" guide that will allow you to pray for requests that are unique and personal to you. It's often challenging to remember all these when you are on the clock and we have found it extremely helpful to print off the list and complete it in advance. TRUST ME, YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.

8. I don't have access to a printer so how can I print the "Prepare To Pray" form?

ANSWER:

- You don't need to. It's just a convenience. Believe me, it will help you stay focused when you come to those sections of your prayer time so it WILL help you. Just open it up, jot the different sections down then fill in the blanks without printing it. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH WE WILL MAIL YOU A PRINTED COPY VIA USPS, IN ADVANCE, IF YOU WILL LET US KNOW YOU WANT IT.

9. What about the section where I pray for my home church? I'm not comfortable asking my pastor.

ANSWER:

- Well, that's unfortunate. I bet he/she would be honored if you asked them what you could pray for. BUT, suppose it's true. You know an Elder? A staff member? Isn't there SOMEONE who knows the needs of the church you could ask? PLEASE take this part seriously. Send them a text or an email tonight, or in the morning. What if God wants to hear YOU pray for the needs of your church?

10. Can I use this link again?

ANSWER:

- The simple answer is YES. As long as you save this link to the www.btstorm.life website you will be able to access this video. You can use it again and again. Your Church can use it. ANYONE can use it.
- This is not a commercial video. I created it myself, own the rights to it and am giving it to you for Kingdom use. If you choose to sell it then THAT would be an issue but I'm not concerned. It belongs to My Father.

OK. Maybe that covers it. If there are other questions you have please text (727-804-1427) me any time. Just ask!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN THIS PRAYER FOCUS. I BELIEVE GOD IS SITTING ON THE EDGE OF THE THRONE (ok... that part is just my personal thought... not necessarily Scriptural) JUST WAITING TO HEAR THE CRIES OF HIS CHILDREN ABOUT STUFF THAT MATTERS.

**Copy this link into your browser,
click on it and pick an hour. We will connect with you.**

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