NC District **Prayer Focus** – April 2021

NC District Brethren,

Greetings in Jesus name! Please share this prayer agenda with your prayer teams and congregations. If you have an urgent prayer request, please notify us so we can keep this list current. Also, please advise me at rev.bc@earthlink.net should you transfer to a new email address so I can update your contact information.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

* Please keep the Gideon family and the Eastwind UPC church family in your prayers due their recent loss of pastor’s wife, Sis. Donna Kay Stout Gideon.
* Pray against all attacks of sickness, disease, and affliction in the churches in our NC district.
* Pray for additional church plants, ministers, and those with ministries of helps for newly planted churches.
* Pray for our newly elected officials in the NC District. May God’s spirit guide them as they lead.

**PRAYER FOCUS – ‘CALLED TO SERVE’**

To be called to serve is to be called to:

1. Preach / Teach truth. The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the responsibility of all Christians to the lost. We must always be looking for ways to share Christ with others.
2. Love and Forgive. Our hope is that none be lost. It should be our desire to love and forgive everyone for everything, asking Jesus to pardon all offenses and extend mercy towards our offenders.
3. Humble one’s self. Remember pride precedes the fall. As we serve, people should see Christ before they see us.
4. Pay the price.Being a Christian is not for the weak or faint of heart. We must remember there will always be a price to pay. Calvary was a heavy price for Christ, and so may we all be willing to put forth the effort, blood, sweat, and tears for the Kingdom of God.

**Philippians 2**

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

**Colossians 3**

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

**Ephesians 4**

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

* Pray we as leaders, ministers, and members of the Kingdom of God NOT FORGET that we all are called to serve daily in the Kingdom of God.
* Every morning, may we seek the Lord for ways to serve in our region. Pray we be attentive and willing to follow the voice and direction of God.
* We need to be busy about the Lord’s business. Pray against laziness in the kingdom of God. Pray for strength to fulfill all service requirements to the fullest in every section of the NC region.
* Pray that we serve with the right attitude: Unselfishly and Without Reservation. Pray our service to God is not for personal recognition or reward, but for the glory of God.
* Pray we walk worthy of our calling to serve. Pray we represent the Kingdom of God well.
* Pray we: remain in unity, remain humble/meek, stay the course, speak the truth, walk holy, talk holy, dress holy, live holy!

Together in Christ,

Rev. Billy Cochran - NC District Prayer Coordinator