NC District **Prayer Focus** – July 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**

* Union City Pentecostal Church, Corning, AR. (I saw this post on FB) Their van was in a horrible accident and several injuries were sustained and they were sent to various hospitals. Twelve people were on the van.
* 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 in N.C.

**PRAYER FOCUS – BRING PRAYER BACK TO NC.**

Many times, the followers of Jesus would hear him pray throughout various watches of the day. Even though the lifestyle of the Apostles included much prayer, they hungered for deeper revelations on prayer. Prayer is a subject that is often expected to be understood, but for many it is not. As ministers, we need not only be examples to our fellowships of how to pray, we also need to help our fellowships become people of prayer. May we (ministers, leaders, and saints) change the dynamics of our region through the power of kingdom centered prayers. May our prayers empower NC for God’s glory. May the prayers of this region shake the foundations and loose the enemies hold. May our prayers turn a magnitude of souls back to God.

**BRING PRAYER BACK TO NC.**

* **Pray for a renewed PASSION to pray in our region**. Pray NC be drawn nearer to God through prayer. *1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without ceasing.*
* **Pray against hinderances to pray. (procrastination, laziness, stubbornness, sin, disobedience, shelfishness, unforgivness, offenses, anger, bitterness, lack of love for truth/God, etc)** Pray these elements be exposed and repented of in our region. *1 Samuel 12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.*
* **Pray for a renewed PURPOSE of prayer in our region. (To glorify God)** *Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. John 14:13-14 - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*
* **Pray for HUMILITY and not HYPOCRITICAL POSTURES in our region.** *Matthew 6:5-8 - And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.*
* **Pray that prayer be a PRIORITY in our region**. *Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*
* **Pray there be more TEACHING on prayer in our region**. *Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.*
* **Pray for greater UNDERSTANDING of prayer in our region.** *Matthew 6:6-7 - But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Luke 11:9 - And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*
* **Pray we be ENLIGHTENED through prayer in our region**. *Psalm 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. Eph. 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*
* **Pray we be CHANGED through prayer in our region**. *Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*
* **Pray for DEEPER PLACES of prayer in our region**. *Isaiah 59:16 - And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: …*  *1 Timothy 2:1 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*
* **Pray that FAITH accompanies prayer in our region.** *Mark 11:24 - Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*
* **Pray against DOUBT and UNBELIEF in our region.** *Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?*
* **Pray we become better HEARERS of God’s voice in our region**. We must practice the art of being patient in the presence of the Lord. *Psalm 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: John 10:27 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*
* **Pray for BREAKTHROUGHS through prayer in our region**. *Deuteronomy 20:4 - For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.*
* **Pray God HEARS and ANSWERS our prayers with signs, wonders, and miracles**. *1 John 5:14-15 - And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:. Acts 4:29-31 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*
* **Pray for a heart of THANKSGIVING in our region**. Prayers must include words of gratitude. Because, by grace we have an audience with the Almighty God, and he hears/answers our prayers.

**EIGHT WATCHES OF PRAYER** (<https://www.abbaheart.com/prayer-watches>)

VISIT THIS SITE AND EXPLOR MANY EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN BE PRAYED DURING THE DIFFERENT WATCHES OF THE DAY AND NIGHT

1. FIRST WATCH **6PM – 9PM** (EARLY NIGHT) A TIME OF REFLECTIVE DIRECTION
2. SECOND WATCH **9PM -12AM** (LATE NIGHT) A TIME OF THANKSGIVING AND VISITATION
3. THIRD WATCH **12AM – 3AM** (MIDNIGHT) A TIME OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE
4. FOURTH WATCH **3AM-6AM** (DAWN/EARLY MORNING) A TIME OF DELIVERANCE AND RESURRECTION
5. FIFTH WATCH **6AM-9AM** (1ST WATCH OF THE DAY) A TIME OF DECLARATION AND UTTERANCE
6. SIXTH WATCH **9AM-12PM** (2ND WATCH OF THE DAY) A TIME OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING
7. SEVENTH WATCH **12PM-3PM** (SHAKING FOUNDATIONS) A TIME FOR ENTERING THE SECRET PLACE
8. EIGHT WATCH **3PM-6PM** (TRANSFORMATION) A TIME TO SHAPE AND CHANGE HISTORY

PRAYING TOGETHER IN JESUS NAME,

Rev. Billy Cochran

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