

## 60 MINUTES OF GUIDED PRAYER

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Grab a Bible, notepad and pencil. Remember, prayer is two-way communication. As God brings people to mind, pray for them and make a note of what you felt God encouraged you to pray for them. You may want to follow up with those people at some point in order to encourage them. As God brings Scripture to mind, look it up and jot it down for future reflection. And remember, this is just a guide. Listen for his voice and follow his lead in the conversation.

### **5 minutes - Prayer of praise focusing on God's attributes.**

God is... Eternal, Sovereign, Almighty, All-Knowing, Everywhere, Faithful, Holy, Just, Close, Patient, Merciful, Giving and Loving. Use some of these, as you talk to God about how thankful you are for who he is and how you have experienced him in your life.

### **5 minutes - Time of self-examination and confession**

Examine your life and agree with God about what is sin. This is called confession. Spend time reflecting on what God says about you and thanking God for his love. For example, God says we are... his children, his servants, his witnesses, his worshippers, and new creations. Ask God to continue to teach you how to live out your identify.

### **10 minutes – Reading the prayer of John 17**

As you read John 17, listen to what God is saying to you regarding the unity of believers, and seeking his direction in what he wants you to learn. Pray for within the church family. If there are conflicts that you are aware of, pray for them as specifically as possible. Pray that God would grant a unity in purpose and spirit within the congregation.

### **10 minutes – Prayer for the leadership of GEBC**

Go to GEBC's website by clicking on this [link](#) and pray for those on the staff and elder board. Pray that they would continue to seek God's wisdom in all things and have a sense of clarity as to what that is. Pray that they would continue to allow God to lead in their lives, families and our community of faith. Pray that they would have a clear sense of where God is taking Glen Ellyn Bible Church and that they would obediently follow. Pray that God would give them courage and boldness to be His faithful servants. Pray that they would be faithful to their calling and bear much fruit. Pray that God would protect them from temptation and evil.

### **10 minutes - Pray for the missionaries of GEBC**

Go to GEBC's website by clicking on this [link](#) and pray for our sending partners. As GEBC reaches out to the community and around the world. Pray that God would raise up missionaries from within our church family, and that He would prepare us to be able to send them out locally and globally.

### **5 minutes – Pray for the Compassion Ministry efforts of GEBC**

Go to GEBC's website by clicking on this [link](#) and pray for our efforts to show and share the love of Jesus to those in need. Pray for the physical and spiritual needs of people that you are aware of. Pray that God would use you and the GEBC family to be His tool in supplying every need according to His riches in glory to others.

### **5 minutes – Pray for the Lord to save the lost.**

Pray that God would give us opportunities to share the gospel with friends and family. Pray that God would move through the teaching and preaching ministries of GEBC to bring people to saving faith. Pray that more people from within our congregation will boldly begin sharing the gospel.

**10 minutes – Praise and thank God for his goodness.**

Spend some time praising God for all that he has done in times past to provide for you and your loved ones. Thank him for what he has revealed to you during this time of prayer. Finish journaling anything that God has been teaching or speaking to you. Pray that God would guide your heart, soul, mind and body as you seek to serve Him faithfully through this next week.