



Message Series: Awaken to Prayer: Lord, Listen to your children praying!

Message Title: Praying For the World

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E.M. Bounds says, *“Prayer is no little thing. It does not concern the petty interests of one person. The littlest prayer can broaden out by the will of God to touch the world.”*

As we continue thinking about prayer, I urge you to fulfill your commitment to pray for your Pastor Search Team daily. Today, we look at the topic of Praying for the World. How shall we pray for the world?

Matthew 24:6-14 Holman Christian Standard Bible

6 You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, because these things must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these events are the beginning of birth pains. 9 “Then they will hand you over for persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 Then many will take offense, betray one another and hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be delivered. 14 This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come.

All effective prayer should be prayer according to the p_____ of G_____.

There is an interesting promise found in verse 14. The Gospel of the Kingdom is going to be preached, and when you pray that, you are praying within the will and the p_____ of God.

1) THE NEED FOR A P_____ . Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 11:9

When we pray for the world primarily we ought to be praying for something that we know is going to take place eventually, namely the awesome triumph of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every country and among every family on planet earth.

What does that mean?

God’s plan is on track and that eventually every family and every nation of the earth will acknowledge Jesus Christ to be God and God’s Son.

Revelation 5:9 Holman Christian Standard Bible

9 And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slaughtered, and You redeemed people for God by Your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ will triumph throughout the world. There is no question about it.

Peter Marshall said, "It is much better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail."

The Story of Davy Lloyd and his wife, Natalie who were missionaries to Haiti.

The World says what a waste!

It is better to die young in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in something that isn't going to amount to anything in eternity. In addition, there are many of you who are successful in things that ultimately will not matter. It will not matter! It'll matter only now, but not forever.

2) THE NEED TO BEGIN TO PRAY IN F_____.

3) WE NEED TO PRAY AGAINST S_____.

4) WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THE P_____ OF GOD.

5) FINALLY, WE SHOULD AND CAN PRAY IN C_____.

I want you to notice God's principle of how He wins victories.

Leviticus 26:7-9 Holman Christian Standard Bible

7 You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall before you by the sword. 8 Five of you will pursue 100, and 100 of you will pursue 10,000; your enemies will fall before you by the sword. 9 "I will turn to you, make you fruitful and multiply you, and confirm My covenant with you.

Here is the Challenge for us today:

How many of you would be a part of a prayer ministry here at First Baptist Church? Lakefront?

Think about it like a small group, a connection group, but your sole purpose is to get together for prayer!