

The Life Center Church

"One Church In Multiple Locations"

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Reading And Praying

2012

"The Scriptures"

2012 - The Year of Commitment

*"Steadfast and Immovable...
in the work of the Lord"*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be
steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your toil is not in vain in
the Lord. I Corinthians 15:58 NASB*

May—Immovable in Our HOPE

*Be strong and let your heart take
courage, all you who hope in the
LORD. Psalms 31:24 (NASB)*

National Day of Prayer
Prayer Service

Thursday, May 3 @ 7 p.m.

Monthly Prayer in the Home

Monday, May 7 @ 7 p.m.

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

Noon Day Prayer

Mon., Tues., Thurs. @ 12 p.m.

Weekly Intercessory Prayer

Saturdays @ 7:30 p.m.

May 1 – May 5 Hope For Our Nation

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be
made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in
authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable
life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good
and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior...*

I Timothy 2:1-4 (KJV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT & PRAYER FOCUS:

God promised to heal our land as His people repent and seek Him. Listed below are key areas:

Government - establishes and implements policies that have far-reaching consequences. Pray for leaders to be strong in their faith, repent, and return to God.

Pray that the Lord would grant wisdom, discernment, and boldness to those who serve in authority over us, from city council members at the local level, to President Obama.

Pray also for appointed officials such as judges, cabinet members, and agency heads.

Armed Forces - Pray for military members and the protection of our borders.

Media - Whether it's news broadcasts, movies, television sitcoms or Internet sites, the media is the most influential center of power in America. Pray for:

- Journalists to be fair and accurate in reporting
- Godly values to be reflected in their work
- A high value to be placed on truth & decency
- Ask the Lord to strengthen believers who are in the media industry as they endeavor to let their lights shine in what is often a hostile environment for those who voice their belief in Christ.

Education System - Pray for teachers and school administrators and all support staff. Pray that godly values be respected as you seek God's favor and protection for all schools.

May 6—May 12 Hope for the Nation, Pt. 2

*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6 (KJV)*

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT & PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate who is seated on the right hand of God the Father making intercession for us. Praise releases faith, so encourage yourself in the Lord, worship Him, and give thanks continually.

Church - Pray for churches, ministry organizations, and their leaders, asking God to grant them wisdom and vision to make them vessels for healing and revival in America. Ask God to help them:

- Stand strong in their moral convictions
- Be bold in their witness
- Meet the spiritual needs of individuals
- Be a place of hope and healing

Family - Pray daily, not only for the institution of the family as a whole, but for individual families. Ask God to help families:

- Commit to the sanctity & permanence of marriage
- Serve one another in love & forgiveness
- Restore broken relationships
- Encourage singles and single parents

Ask God to open doors of opportunity for those in need of jobs and/or business contracts.

Pray for those having serious financial problems—ask for God's mercy and favor. Pray that they will follow Jesus' teachings, trusting that He will bring them through every difficult season.

Unsaved: Intercede for the lost—pray that spiritual blinders be removed and that their eyes will be opened to the truth. Pray for the Lord to send laborers into the field to evangelize.

May 13—19 Rejoicing In Hope

Blessed (be) the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications! The LORD (is) my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. Psalms 28:6-9 (NKJV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT & PRAYER FOCUS:

Monday, May 14—Psalms 43:4 (NKJV)

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

Tuesday, May 15—Psalms 92:1-4 (KJV)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

Wednesday, May 16—Psalms 91:14-15 (NKJV)

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

Thursday, May 17—Psalms 145:1-3 (KJV)

I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever.

Friday, May 18—Psalms 30:1-4 (NKJV)

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me. Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

Saturday, May 19—Psalms 16:5-8 (NKJV)

You, O LORD, are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot... I have a good inheritance. I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons. I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

May 20—31 Waiting in Hope

Therefore will the Lord wait that He may be gracious unto you.” Isaiah 30:18 (NKJV)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT & PRAYER FOCUS:

God often DELAYS IN ANSWERING PRAYER. What do you do while waiting? Several instances of this are:

- The woman of Syrophenicia was answered not a word for a long while.
- Paul sought the Lord *thrice* that “the thorn in the flesh” might be taken from him. He was given assurance that God’s grace would be sufficient for him.
- Daniel prayed for 21 days before receiving an answer from the angel of the Lord.

If you have been waiting on God and have not yet received an answer, here are a few possible reasons:

- Our Father has reasons peculiar to Himself for keeping us waiting. Sometimes it is to show His power and His sovereignty, that men may know that He has a right to give or to withhold.
- The delay may be for our benefit. We at times are kept waiting in order that our desires may be more fervent and in line with God’s will.
- There may also be something wrong in us which needs to be addressed/removed, before the request is fulfilled. This is time for self examination and reassessment of our motive.
- That the riches of God’s grace may be displayed more fully. Our prayers are all recorded in heaven, and if not immediately answered they are certainly not forgotten, but in a little while shall be fulfilled to our delight and satisfaction.

Do not allow prolonged waiting and/or despair to keep you silent. Continue trusting & waiting on God.

DAILY READING PLAN May 2012

DAY	SCRIPTURE
1	Hebrews 1
2	Hebrews 2
3	Hebrews 3—4
4	Hebrews 5—6
5	Hebrews 7
6	Hebrews 8—9
7	Hebrews 10
8	Hebrews 11
9	Hebrews 10
10	Hebrews 12—13
11	James 1
12	James 2
13	James 3
14	James 4
15	James 5
16	I Peter 1—2
17	I Peter 3—4
18	I Peter 5
19	II Peter 1
20	II Peter 2
21	II Peter 3
22	Philippians 1—2
23	Proverbs 1—2
24	Proverbs 3—4
25	Proverbs 5—6
26	Proverbs 7—8
27	Proverbs 9—10
28	Proverbs 11—12
29	Proverbs 13
30	Proverbs 14—15
31	Proverbs 16—17

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