

River Valley Bridegroom Fast Prayer List

(3.1)

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Purpose of This Document

During our monthly River Valley Bridegroom Fasts, our River Valley Gospel Network takes time to focus on the needs of the 30 communities directly around us, in the American Bottom River Valley surrounding East St. Louis, IL. Our congregations are called to take up responsibility for these communities and their unique needs.

This resource is designed to be an ever-growing compilation of various types of model prayers and general information regarding...

- 1) The **communities** of the river valley,
- 2) Issues of **sin and brokenness** within these communities,
- 3) A clear **vision for God's Kingdom Redemption**, and practical ways it must be increasingly manifest throughout the valley,
- 4) The **churches, people and organizations** called to enact God's Kingdom transformation,
- 5) Existing **human institutions of authority** and influence,
- 6) Existing **close personal relationships**.

Many of the informational categories listed below overlap one another. We're new at this, and we have honestly not yet figured out exactly how to format this information. We're just getting started! But we're in this for the long haul, if the Lord will sustain us. Enjoy!

Communities of the American Bottom

(2.5)

East St. Louis River Valley

Metro East Illinois

Approximately 30 Total Cities, Towns, Villages, and Unincorporated Areas¹

<u>Madison County</u>	<u>St. Clair County</u>
1. Alton	17. Alorton
2. Arlington Heights (Unincorp., in both Pontoon & Collinsville)	18. Belleville
3. Cloverleaf & Eagle Park (Annexed by Madison) ²	19. Brooklyn
4. Collinsville (Also in St. Clair)	20. Cahokia
5. East Alton	21. Caseyville
6. Granite City	22. Centreville
7. Hartford	23. Dupo
8. Madison	24. East Carondelet
9. Mitchell	25. East St. Louis
10. Pontoon Beach	26. Fairmont City
11. Roxana	27. French Village (Annexed by East St. Louis)
12. South Roxana	28. National City (Disincorporated. Pop. 0)
13. State Park Place (Unincorp., Collinsville schools, Also in St. Clair)	29. Sauget
14. Venice	30. Washington Park
15. Wanda (Unincorporated)	
16. Wood River	

¹ Although Edwardsville and possibly other communities have control over some commercial land in the Bottom, they are excluded from this list because its focus is communities, not property limits.

² Cloverleaf, Eagle Park, French Village, etc., have been annexed by neighboring towns, and are thus technically neighborhoods, but have been included on this list because they have a distinct identity apart from the villages that annexed them.

Issues of Sin & Brokenness

1. The Family

- a. Abortion
- b. Fatherlessness
- c. Cohabitation
- d. Broken Marriage Covenants
- e. Single & Teen Parent Families

2. Social Issues

- a. Racism
- b. Classism
- c. Poverty
- d. Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- e. Crime
- f. Prostitution
- g. Strip Clubs
- h. Human Trafficking
- i. Homelessness

3. Lists for Each Town (Future Project)

- a. List Unique Issues in Specific Communities & Neighborhoods

Kingdom Vision

1. Prior Visions from the Lord

- a. The Flood Vision
- b. Seeing the Other Side of the Mountain

2. Ask God to Give You Clear and Specific Vision

- a. What will the Valley look like in the age to come?

- b. How does the Lord want to bring that Resurrection Life *now*, in this age?

- c. What can your personal involvement be?
 - i. What ministries to serve in?
 - ii. What people to reach?
 - iii. What sacrificial ways to give?
 - iv. What repentance?
 - v. What acts of faith?

Kingdom Workers

1. The Church

- a. **Unity** Under the Father's headship, functioning together as a body
 - i. In Prayer
 - ii. In Mission
 - iii. In Worship
 - iv. In Doctrine
 - v. In Gospel-Centrality
 - vi. Influencing those in power towards Kingdom Goals

b. **The Mission**

- i. Bearing Fruit in Evangelism
- ii. Bearing Fruit in Training / Discipleship
- iii. Bearing Fruit in Leadership Development
- iv. Bearing Fruit in Church Planting
- v. Bearing Fruit in Depth of Worship
- vi. Bearing Fruit in Wholehearted Living

2. Practical Ministries and Solutions in the Future

- a. 24-7-365 Prayer
- b. Christian Activities Center (CAC) in Madison, Cahokia, State Park, etc.
- c. Churches in the Network (List)
- d. Churches Outside the Network (List)

3. Lists for Each Town (Future)

- a. Names of Key Churches in Each Community
- b. Names of Important Ministries in Each Community
 - i. Unity Lutheran School (East. St. Louis)
 - ii. Christian Activities Center (CAC) (East St. Louis)
 - iii. Rebirth: East St. Louis
- c. Ministerial Associations in Each Community

Institutions of Human Authority & Influence

2. The Government

- a. Corruption
- b. Injustice
- c. Believers in Office
- d. Police
- e. Judicial Systems

3. Business & Economics

- a. Believers in Business
- b. Flourishing Businesses
- c. Environmental Care
- d. New Business Ideas
- e. Job Creation

4. Education

- a. Believers in Educational Roles
- b. 100% Graduation Rates
- c. Godly Teaching
- d. Sufficient Funding
- e. Adult Education
- f. Breaking Family Drop-out Cycles

5. Lists for Each Town (Future Project)

- a. Names of Key Political Leaders in each Community
- b. Names of Key Businesses (Good or Bad) in Each Community
- c. List of Specific Schools in Each Community

Our Close Relationships

1. Your Enemies

- a. Who hates you?
- b. Who do you hate?

2. Your Family

- a. Parents
- b. Children
- c. Those you are estranged from
- d. The older generation
- e. The younger generation
- f. Your generation

3. Your Neighbors

- a. Geographic Neighbors
- b. Spiritual Neighbors
 - i. *Who do you "walk past"?*
 - ii. *Who is God showing you, in prayer?*

4. Your Church Family

- a. New people
- b. Broken relationships
- c. The hurting
- d. The leadership
- e. The ignored

5. Your Disciples

- a. List them by name