

An Hour of Prayer For Fellowship Baptist Church

1. Pray for God to be glorified at Fellowship Baptist Church.

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.” (Matthew 6:9) ***“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”*** (Rev 4:11)

“Jesus’s first request is not that his personal needs be met, but God’s glory and holiness be known and loved as it deserves.” (Al Mohler, *The Prayer That Turns The World Upside Down*, p.43)

“We can’t force God’s hand, but we can seek His face.” – Our church motto.

Please start by adoring God as your heavenly father. Praise God for who He is and what He has done in your life. Pray that God would be honored and glorified at Fellowship Baptist Church. Pray that God’s people at Fellowship would seek God’s face. Pray that God would be glorified in the spiritual growth of his people. Pray for Fellowship’s leaders and servants to seek God and glorify Him. Pray that God’s glory would be the desire that motivates us over personal preferences. Pray that God would be worshipped in spirit and in truth among us. Pray for God to do a work at Fellowship that can only be explained as Him at work within us so that He gets the glory. Take some time to thank God for the countless ways He has been so good to us. Praise and thank God for your salvation in Christ!

Write some of your prayer in anticipation of answered prayer for God to be glorified at Fellowship:

2. Pray for Fellowship Baptist Church to reach the lost and see people come to Christ.

“Your kingdom come...” (Matt 6:10) ***Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*** (Matt 9:37, 38)

“...God’s kingdom is coming to earth each time a new soul is brought into the kingdom.” (John MacArthur, *Matthew 1 -7*, p. 381)

Pray by name for at least 5 lost people you know to come to Christ. Pray that we as individual members of Fellowship would share the gospel with lost people. Pray that God would burden us for the lost. Pray for the lost people of Saline and Ann Arbor to come to Christ. Pray that we view our neighborhoods, schools, work places, recreational activities as our mission field. Pray that we as individuals would be workers in the harvest. Pray for us to get to know more lost

people. Pray that God would give us wisdom in knowing how to reach out to the lost in our unique community and unique time in history. Pray that God would give us boldness to take advantage of opportunities He has given us. Pray that our church would see more baptisms and new believers disciplined. Pray for our church to grow. Pray evangelistically for the neighborhood across from our church. Pray for the children and other family members of our congregation to come to Christ. Pray for the missionaries our church supports.

Write the names of some people you prayed for:

3. Pray for God's will to be done among us.

"...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". (Matt6:11) **"yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"** (James 4:14, 15)

"When we pray Thy will be done, we are praying first of all that God's will become our will. Second, we are praying that His will prevail all over the earth as it is in heaven." (John MacArthur, *Matthew 1-7*, p. 382)

Pray for God's good and perfect will to be done at Fellowship Baptist Church. Pray that as a church we would be quick to lay down our agendas and instead seek God's will. Pray that we will be examples of following God's will which is revealed in Scripture. Pray for God's will and wisdom in guiding our church in how we minister. Pray that God would use us as instruments of His will in the Saline and greater Ann Arbor area. Pray that God's will would prevail in our community.

Write a specific prayer for God's will to be done in your life and in our church:

4. Pray for God to provide for Fellowship's needs.

"Give us this day our daily bread." (Matt 6:11) **"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"** (Matt 7:11)

"Notice, he wants us to pray for *daily* bread –not weekly bread, not monthly bread, not a trust fund, not a nice little nest egg. He wants us to rely on God *daily*." (John Onwuckekwa, *Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes The Church*, p.56)

Thank God for how He has been faithfully providing for Fellowship Baptist Church. Pray that God would provide for the various needs of our congregation- provision for health for some, financial provision for some, emotional and community provision for some. Pray for every demographic at our church to have friends at church especially for the children, youth, and young adults. Pray for God to provide workers and ministry leaders for worship, children's and youth ministries. Pray for God to provide for your own needs. Pray for the material needs of people in our Saline and greater Ann Arbor community. Ask God how he might use you to provide for someone else's need.

Write some of your prayer for provision so you can see how God provides:

5. Ask God for forgiveness of sin.

“...and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matt 6:12) ***“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*** (Psalm 139:23, 24) ***“if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*** (2 Chron 7:14) ***“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** (1 John 1:8, 9)

“Indeed, the only thing that surpasses our constant need for forgiveness is God’s determination to forgive sin.” (Al Mohler, *The Prayer That Turns The World Upside Down*, p.89)

I’ve included the most scripture for this request because confessing sin is difficult. But recall the story of the sin of Achan from Judges 7, it is a reminder that personal sin not only affects you but your whole community, and may even prevent the whole community from advancing in God’s work. Thus if we are serious about asking God to work at Fellowship, we must be willing to confess sin before Him. Ezra 10 also gives us the example of a corporate confession of sin, where he confesses the sin of his people that he himself did not commit. Church history also reminds us that where revival has broken out it was accompanied by confession of sin. The good news is God’s grace is greater than our sin! So pray for God to reveal sin in your life so that you may confess it and repent of it. Confess specific sin to God not generalities. Be willing to take steps of reconciliation with others if God presses that need on your heart. Confess corporate sin of Fellowship where you believe Fellowship Baptist Church as a body may have sinned in the past. After your time of confession claim God’s promise of forgiveness in 1 John 1:9, “he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Thank God for your salvation, and thank God that you can be relationally cleansed as well.

Record something the Lord may be calling you to work on in your walk with Him. Record some of your prayer of praise for a God who forgives sin:

6. Ask God to protect Fellowship from temptation, the destruction of sin, and protection from the evil one.

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” (Matt 6:13) ***“But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”*** (James 3:15,16) ***“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”*** (1 Cor 10:13)

“We are here taught to ask God to deliver us from the evil that is in the world, the evil that is within our own hearts, and not least from that evil one, the devil.” (JC Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels: Matthew*, p. 70).

The effects of sin are self-destructive, this is true for us individually and corporately as a church. James 3:15 and 16 show some of the disorder sin produces in a church. The effects of sin have the potential to produce church splits, church conflicts, church closures, enduring spiritual wounds, and distractions from our mission. In our fight against sin we have three enemies: our flesh, the world (not people of the world, but ungodly worldliness), and the devil. We need to pray proactively for God to deliver us from these snares both individually and corporately. Take some time to pray specifically against your own temptations to sin and your own weaknesses. Ask God for future grace by His power and Spirit to win the battle against sin in your life. Ask God for protection against the evil one. Likewise pray for your fellow church members not to give into temptation and to be delivered from the evil one. Pray for healthy relationships, friendships, marriages, and godly community within our congregation. Pray for the godliness of your church leaders and servants. Pray for your pastor and deacons to reflect the qualifications in 1 Tim 3 and Titus 1. Pray against members of our congregation wandering from Christ. Pray that God would bring back wanderers. Pray for unity for Fellowship Baptist Church. Pray for our missionaries that God would protect them from the enemy. Pray for Fellowship’s protection from the devil.

Record some of your prayer for God’s help in your own life, for God’s protection for your church, and for unity for Fellowship.
