

2009 Prayer Focus


March 2009



Galway City Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 PPP 10am Psalm 67	9 Psalm 68	10 Psalm 69	11 Psalm 70	12 Psalm 71	13 Psalm 72	14 Psalm 73
15 PPP - 10am Psalm 74	16 Psalm 75	17 Psalm 76	18 Psalm 77	19 Psalm 78	20 Psalm 79	21 24-hour prayer 8am Psalm 80
22 PPP 10am Powerhouse 6pm Psalm 81	23 Psalm 82	24 Psalm 83	25 Psalm 84	26 Psalm 85	27 Psalm 86	28 Vigil & walking 6:30-9:30pm Psalm 87
29 PPP 10am Powerhouse 6pm Psalm 88	30 Psalm 89	31 Psalm 90				

3-day Prayer & Fasting


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GCBC Prayer Ministry

Striving in a ministry of intercession for the life of the church

*“Now I urge you,...to agonize with me in
your prayers to God”*

- Romans 15:30

A brief word about prayer's place in our church:

We are very excited about this prayer focus. Prayer is something that is very important at Galway City Baptist Church. In fact, one of our value statements in our constitution reads as follows:

***We Value Prayer:** Having obtained access to the Father through the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, we regularly spend time in corporate and private prayer because we believe that God moves in power when His righteous people pray.*

Of course, we all know that values are transmitted more by what we do than by what we say. So, rather than simply saying that we value prayer, we want to challenge ourselves to actually pray. Prayer is challenging business. It is hard work. But it is something that we must be serious about if we're going to see God move in us and through us.

Our prayer for this prayer focus is that you would work with us in the discipline of prayer. That we would, together, ask God to move in big ways this year. Let's push ourselves, and each other, as we strive to know more of God and to make Him known here in Galway.

We love you more than you know!

GCBC Leadership Team

What is This Prayer Focus All About?

- It is an *effort* to put prayer before us often during the month of March.
- It is a *striving* “to get us praying more and keep us praying more” around GCBC.
- It is a *positioning* of ourselves for the 2009 ministry year.
- It is an *attempt* to lift up prayer, to focus our attention as a church on our primary connection with the Lord.
- It is an *annual time to reflect* on the importance of prayer and to ask God to make prayer a more vital part of our relationship with Him.

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28-Day Prayer Journey

One thing I asked of the Lord and that shall I seek, that I might dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord.- Psalm 27:4

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Dear Friends,

It is our desire and prayer for this 28-day prayer journey that we would be drawn closer to our heavenly Father, and that we would learn to really enjoy Him through prayer.

One exercise that can help us draw closer to Him is to pray through the Psalms. For years I have taken a Psalm a day and prayed through it as a part of my spiritual discipline.

You might be interested to know that March 4th is the 63rd day of 2009. And since there are 150 Psalms we will be starting our prayer journey with Psalm 63.

How do we do it? Simply ask the Lord, before reading the Psalm, to direct your thoughts and prayers (to illumine you) in this time, as to what He might desire for you to pray.

Then read the Psalm prayerfully and meditatively, recording your leadings and prayers from the Lord.

NOTE: Have fun and blessings to you!

Book of Prayer

The Psalter served as the prayer book (book of prayer, praise and religious instruction) in Israel's history and for use in the synagogues. The traditional Hebrew title for the Psalms is *tehillim* (meaning praises), even though many of the psalms are *tephillot* (meaning "prayers"). We, too, want to use the Psalter in our 28-day prayer journey.

28-Day Prayer Journey

DAY ONE- Wednesday, March 4th: Psalm 63 {Use Psalm 63 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWO- Thursday, March 5th: Psalm 64 {Use Psalm 64 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY THREE- Friday, March 6th: Psalm 65 {Use Psalm 65 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY FOUR- Saturday, March 7th: Psalm 66 {Use Psalm 66 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY FIVE- Sunday, March 8th: Psalm 67 {Use Psalm 67 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY SIX- Monday, March 9th: Psalm 68 {Use Psalm 68 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY SEVEN- Tuesday, March 10th: Psalm 69 {Use Psalm 69 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY EIGHT- Wednesday, March 11th: Psalm 70 {Use Psalm 70 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY NINE- Thursday, March 12th: Psalm 71 {Use Psalm 71 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TEN- Friday, March 13th: Psalm 72 {Use Psalm 72 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY ELEVEN- Saturday, March 14th: Psalm 73 {Use Psalm 73 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWELVE- Sunday, March 15th: Psalm 74 {Use Psalm 74 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY THIRTEEN- Monday, March 16th: Psalm 75 {Use Psalm 75 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY FOURTEEN- Tuesday, March 17th: Psalm 76 {Use Psalm 76 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY FIFTEEN- Wednesday, March 18th: Psalm 77 {Use Psalm 77 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY SIXTEEN- Thursday, March 19th: Psalm 78 {Use Psalm 78 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY SEVENTEEN- Friday, March 20th: Psalm 79 {Use Psalm 79 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY EIGHTEEN- Saturday, March 21st: Psalm 80 {Use Psalm 80 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY NINETEEN- Sunday, March 22nd: Psalm 81 {Use Psalm 81 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY- Monday, March 23rd: Psalm 82 {Use Psalm 82 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-ONE- Tuesday, March 24th: Psalm 83 {Use Psalm 83 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-TWO- Wednesday, March 25th: Psalm 84 {Use Psalm 84 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-THREE- Thursday, March 26th: Psalm 85 {Use Psalm 85 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-FOUR- Friday, March 27th: Psalm 86 {Use Psalm 86 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-FIVE- Saturday, March 28th: Psalm 87 {Use Psalm 87 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-SIX- Sunday, March 29th: Psalm 88 {Use Psalm 88 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-SEVEN- Monday, March 30th: Psalm 89 {Use Psalm 89 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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DAY TWENTY-EIGHT- Tuesday, March 31st: Psalm 90 {Use Psalm 90 as your prayer guide today. Write down two of the prayers you prayed; either for yourself, your family, or your church}.

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Pastoral Prayer Partners

“Intercession for our leaders is the most underutilized source of spiritual power in churches today.”

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Intercession for the pastors? Aren't they supposed to be praying for the congregation? Of course, but we should be praying for them too.

That is the purpose of the pastoral prayer partners. It's a group of prayer warriors/church members who are committed to praying specifically and regularly for our pastors and their ministries in the church.

We want to commit ourselves during this month to pray for their personal needs as well.

The pastoral prayer partners is designed to give the pastoral team and their spouses the spiritual and emotional rapport they need to minister effectively in the church.

SPECIFICS

When: every Sunday in March, beginning Sunday, March 8th - 10:00am until 10:30am

24-Hour Prayer Chain

*God's Word tells us, "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."
(Ephesians 6:18)*

Our 24-hour prayer chain event encourages "extraordinary prayer for extraordinary needs, our church's overall life, and vitality."

Our intent for this event is to help us in the GCBC body to lean "big time" into the Lord. To ask Him persistently and continually around the clock for His blessing upon our church for His honor and glory.

Someone is quoted as saying that a "prayer chain ministry helps to build a healthy dependence within the Body of Christ that counteracts our culture's spirit of independence and individualism."

NOTE: Sign-up sheet for half-an-hour segments of time will be found on the table in the back

SPECIFICS

When: beginning Saturday, March 21st at 8:00am until Sunday, March 22nd at 8:00am

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Three-Day Prayer and Fasting

“Fasting does not change God. Fasting changes us so that we can hear God more clearly.”

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In this fifth prayer event we hope to foster an ability to hear Him more clearly and then pray prayers that are on His heart for our church.

Types of Fasting:

- Fasting from food, drinking juice or water only
- Fasting from a food you really like
- Fasting one meal a day and praying during that time
- Fasting from TV, sleep (i.e. getting up one hour earlier in order to pray)
- Ask the Lord how He wants you to fast

NOTE: Since we are asking for 3 days of prayer and fasting, we suggest you find something to fast from daily. Be sure you combine your fast with prayer each day.

SPECIFICS

When: begins Wednesday, March 18th until Friday March 20th

3-Hour Prayer Vigil

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1 a: a watch formerly kept on the night before a religious feast with prayer and other devotions b: . . . a day of spiritual preparation c: evening or nocturnal devotions or prayers. . . .

2: the act of keeping awake at times when sleep is customary. . .

3: an act or period of watching or surveillance

-Merriam-Webster's
Collegiate Dictionary, 10th ed.

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Our sixth event is a concentrated effort by us to agree about specific needs for a definite period of watching - 3 hours.

NOTE: Dear Church, such concentrated prayer is powerful; it releases God's power in people's lives. Please consider this event!

SPECIFICS

When: Saturday evening, March 28th from 6:30pm until 9:30pm

Where: Clybaun Hotel

Prayer-walking

*“The word prayer-walking may be new to you.
It describes a new way of praying for your community.”*

In this seventh prayer event we will be targeting the streets around our church. Prayer-walking enables us to intercede for each home and place of business as we walk by.

This event will put feet to our prayers. By moving us to pray for very specific homes and places.

As prayer-walkers we will go out on the streets in order to get nearer to the problems, and to pray more clearly for them, becoming aware of the realities and the needs of our neighbors.

As we walk we will rely on the Holy Spirit to give us insight into what needs to be prayed for. That is why some describe prayer-walking as “praying on-site with insight.”

SPECIFICS

When: Saturday evening, March 28th from 7:00pm until 8:00pm
(as part of our prayer vigil)

Where: Begins at Clybaun Hotel

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Powerhouse Prayer

Jesus said to his followers, "If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them". (Matthew 18:19-20)

There is phenomenal power generated through a group that meets to pray. This eighth prayer event is intended to get in touch with God's strength which moves obstacles and brings changes that no other force can.

Our powerhouse prayer meetings are our scheduled Sunday (3/22 & 3/29) night prayer times. Our central purpose for those meetings is prayer.

We will come together expecting to meet God and to be changed by our encounter with him.

SPECIFICS

When: Sunday evenings, March 22 & 29, 6:00pm

Where: Poth house (see website or back-page for map)

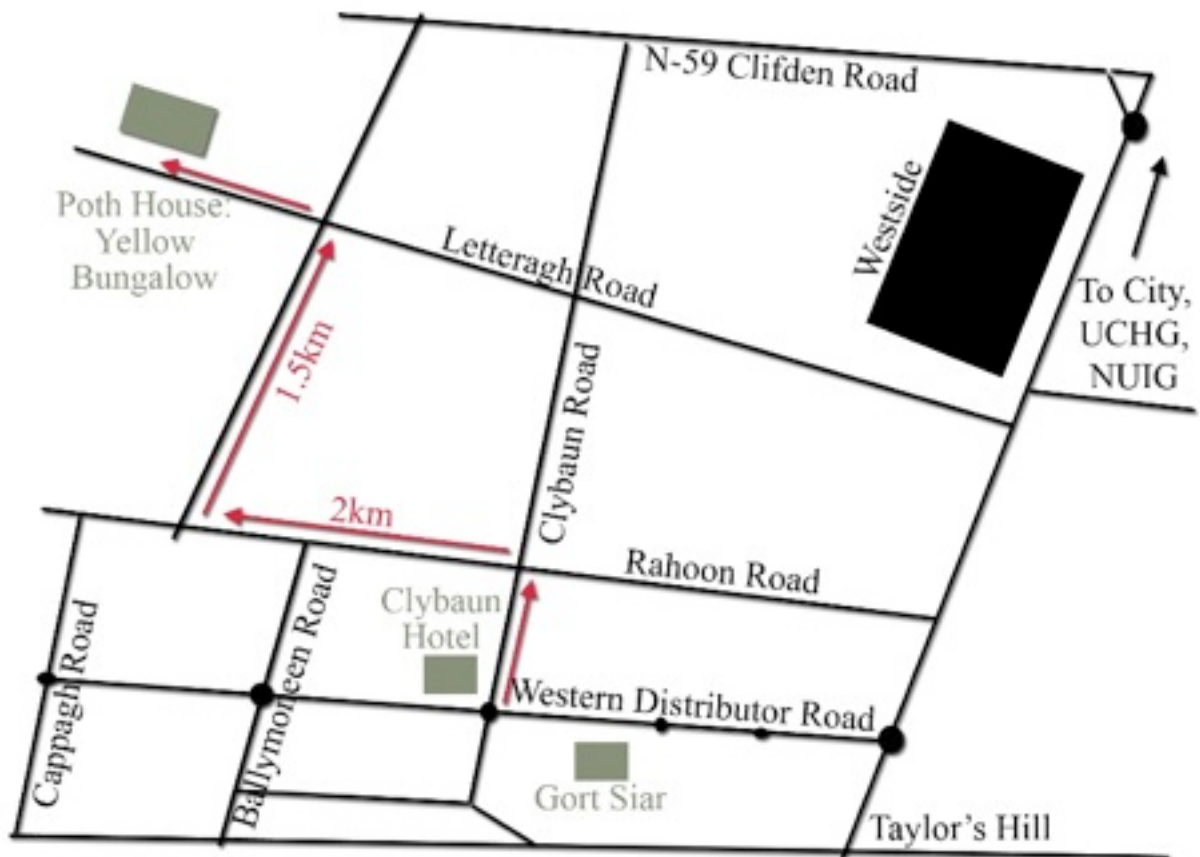
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