

INTRODUCTION

John Knox stated, "Lord give me Scotland or I die!" His passion for a city was evident in his voice and life. I've often referred to the burden God gave me for this Greater Baytown area. God called us to this church called Memorial Baptist Church, but God also called me to this city. I have a passion for this community to know God's best and His salvation through Christ. Consequently, I believe the time is both right and ripe for a call to prayer for the city. God is still in the city!

Can you imagine a community where every resident enjoys a personal relationship with Christ? Where churches are "standing room" only each and every time the doors are open? Where the chains of addiction are broken and people live in complete and total freedom? Where families can work, walk, and live in safety without looking over their shoulders? Where the jobless rate doesn't exist and every child within our community goes to bed without knowing the pain of hunger? Where every man in this community becomes the spiritual leader in their home? Where divorce is non-existent? Where every child in our community has the support for academic success and the experience of graduation? Where front doors can remain unlocked without the fear of an intruder? Where court dockets and jails are empty? Where altars, small groups, and Bible studies are full? Where every church member is involved in service opportunities?

I can and believe the dream begins with prayer. Will you join with me in praying for this dream in Greater Baytown? Would you be willing to commit to pray daily (multiple times) for God's visible working in our community? Are you willing to stand in the gap with others for Greater Baytown? If so, you need to be in church this Sunday (June 14, 2009). Pray for the City begins this weekend and continues for 28 days. On Sunday, you will receive a Praying for the City Prayer Guide and a red silicone wristband debossed with the message, "Pray for Greater Baytown." Dr. A. T. Pierson said, "There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer."

My heart's desire is to have at minimum 300 people committed between our campuses to pray for our community! I'm not talking about two or three gathering, but a movement of God's people in a concert of prayer for 28 days. I need you, your church needs you, and your community needs you! Join the prayer movement to see God change our community for the better.

If you agree to this challenge, watch out. When you begin to pray for God to move, He most certainly does and begins with the pray-er. As you pray, be prepared for action – be prepared for rain.

DIRECTIONS

This booklet is to serve as a guide as we pray for the city. Each day is notated with a specific emphasis, scripture, and prayer directives. Set aside a quiet moment during your day to pray specifically for the current day's emphasis. Throughout your day, as you notice your red wristband, pray again for the daily emphasis. It's okay to pray more than once. It's okay to pray a hundred times throughout the day. Allow God to bring specific names and situations to mind as you pray for a specific emphasis. Please note you are not limited to praying just for the elaborated items described for each day. You are asked to pray regarding the theme for the day.

Join with others in this journey of praying for the city. I believe Ezekiel 22:30 bears great significance to this prayer project, *"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."* I believe God is looking for people to stand in the gap on behalf of the land. Your passionate and enthusiastic participation in Praying for the City numbers you among those standing in the gap. As you begin this 28-day prayer experiment, remember Psalm 99:6, *"Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them."* That's right, they called upon the Lord and He answered them. As we call upon the Lord, know He'll answer us.

PRAYING FOR THE CITY

*Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry for help come to you.
Psalm 102:1*

DAY ONE: Salvation of the City (June 14, 2009)

As we begin this journey, pray for the salvation of the city. Ask God for the residents of this community to be brought into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray they would know Christ, the Hope of Glory, God's son. We know that Jesus alone saves. There is no other way to the Father except through Christ. The residents of this city need to know Christ, absolutely. This relationship trumps in importance any other relationship. Again, plead with God for the salvation of our city. Eternity hangs in the balance for so many in our community.

⁶*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

"Lord, I pray for the city, this community, that every person would respond to the gift of life in Christ. May your Spirit work in such a way as to woo and to convict each one for the need of Christ."

DAY TWO: For Community Leadership (June 15, 2009)

Pray for those in authority and policy-making positions in the city. Pray for our Mayor, City Council, and municipal governmental officials. Ask God to give them wisdom, discernment, boldness, and a thirst for righteousness. Ask God to give us officials and leaders that revere Him. May they govern with justice, grace, and truth. Pray for them to govern well and as they do may they enjoy the favor of those they lead. Ask God to protect them and bless them, too.

¹*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.* 1 Timothy 2:1-4

DAY THREE: For Community Safety (June 16, 2009)

Pray for the safety of our community. For God to protect the Greater Baytown Area. Hurricane season is upon us. Pray for the safety of our coastal areas. Ask God to keep us safe from the threat of storms. We live in the center of the petrochemical industry, which continues to be a potential terrorist target. Pray that God would keep our industry facilities and workers safe. Ask God to place a hedge of protection around the boundaries of our community deflecting the enemy's attacks. Ask God to remove any threats of violence in our area; that He would stifle those who would seek to harm others. Pray that our citizens remain safe in these latter days.

⁵*Like birds hovering overhead, the LORD Almighty will shield Jerusalem; he will shield it and deliver it, he will 'pass over' it and will rescue it.*" Isaiah 31:5

DAY FOUR: For Area Churches (June 17, 2009)

Pray for our churches to be unified and on task with the great commission. Pray that these organizations would be creative in their approach to ministering to the community. Pray that God would use existing congregations and even new congregations to influence this community for Christ. Pray for the church's ability to minister freely in this community unhindered by legislative and judicial biases. Pray that our churches would awaken from a spiritual slumber and see the lostness of this community. Pray that God would call congregations forward to take a stand and make a difference in the Greater Baytown area. Pray for renewal in our churches, and pray for revival.

¹⁰*His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Ephesians 3:10-11

DAY FIVE: For the Children (June 18, 2009)

Pray for the safety and protection of our children. Pray for our children to be enabled to dream with God's future for them. Pray for the salvation of our children, that they'd come to know Christ. With each subsequent year, as children get older and grow into adulthood, it becomes increasingly difficult to reach them with the truth of the gospel. Pray for the ministry of our church as it relates to children. Ask God to bless, empower, and strengthen the many volunteers who minister to children at Memorial Baptist Church. Pray for ministries such as Kid's Beach Club that are in our schools ministering to children, many of whom have no church affiliation in our community. Ask God to save your children and grandchildren, if He hasn't already. Pray that they'd be open to the message of Christ.

³ *Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.* ⁴ *Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth.* ⁵ *Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.* Psalm 127:3-5

DAY SIX: For the Family (June 19, 2009)

Our families are under attack. The enemy continually assaults the family unit with tactics from within and without. There are attempts to wedge differences between family members, pitting one against another. Pray for the protection of our families. Pray that the families in our churches would grow strong and influential in this community. Ask God to empower, strengthen, and bless parents. Ask God to grant them grace enough for each day as they lead and shape. Pray that our families would testify to God's grace, redemption, power, and strength. Pray for families to not only worship, but to serve together. Pray for the men in our families, our fathers. Ask God to bring up men in this generation to take a stand for Him in the home. Pray that God would bring up men to become spiritual leaders in their families. Pray that families would make church, service, and spiritual things a priority in life. Pray that our families would begin today building a spiritual heritage that will influence generations to follow.

¹⁵ *But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."* Joshua 24:15

²⁶ *He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.* Proverbs 14:26

DAY SEVEN: For Marriages (June 20, 2009)

Pray for husbands and wives and the married family units. Pray for the success of our Couple's Getaway in August at Memorial Baptist Church. Ask God to use this weekend to promote and develop healthier relational habits. When marriage is being attacked on all fronts including its very definition, pray that God would protect and flourish the marriages in our church. Pray for the successful marriage. Ask God to protect marriages in this church in such a way that there would be no divorce. Pray for the purity of our marriages. Pray that God would place a hedge of protection around your marriage, if married. Ask God to use marriages in this church to witness of His grace. Pray that God would reduce the number of divorces in our community. Pray that God would raise men to be spiritual leaders in their marriage relationship.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4

DAY EIGHT: For Schools (June 21, 2009)

Pray for the safety of our schools. Pray for our administrators, teachers, and school district employees. Pray for our school district trustees. Pray for the strength and wisdom of our educators. Pray for our students to excel academically and athletically. Pray for the influence of faith in our schools. Pray for our summer school students and their academic success this summer in preparation for next year. Pray for a good summer, as many of our school personnel take a "break" for summer, that their time would be relaxing and re-energizing. Ask God to give a determination for success to

each student next year. Pray that God would reduce the number of children dropping out from our district. Pray that God would reduce the number of teen pregnancies in our schools. Ask God to increase the size, influence, and scope of Christian influence on our campuses.

⁶ *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*

DAY NINE: For Area Ministers (June 22, 2009)

Pray for our area pastors and ministers. Ask God to create boldness in our messengers or heralds of the gospel. Pray for the safety of our ministers. Pray that God would give these men and women a vision for the city and the empowerment necessary to take it back. Pray for the safety and provision for the minister's family. Pray for the minister's spouse, for their well-being and strength as they serve along side their spouse in ministry. Pray for the children of the minister, for their protection, care, and strength. Pray that they would grow up someday to be good churchmen and active in a local congregation serving Christ. Pray for your pastor and staff asking God to give them strength, diligence, clarity of mind, wisdom, and grace. Ask God to protect our ministers from evil and from the assault of the enemy.

¹⁷ *The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. Ephesians 5:17*

DAY TEN: For a Decrease in Crime (June 23, 2009)

Pray for the safety of our city. More specifically, pray for a decrease in the crime rate of our city. Pray for criminal behavior to dissipate or be removed from within the boundaries of our community. Pray for the capture of serial criminals in our community. Pray that God would root out any evidence or presence of dark criminal mischief in the Greater Baytown area. Pray for the capture of the most wanted criminals in Baytown. Pray for our community to be safe, again, without the hindrance of criminal behavior.

² *The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2*

DAY ELEVEN: For an Interest in the Gospel (June 24, 2009)

Pray that our community's residents would have a genuine interest in the Gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to woo the hearts and the minds of the unsaved and uninterested towards God. Cause them to contemplate, consider, and ponder Christ and eternity. Place people in their paths and cause them to ask questions about faith. Pray for God's Spirit to move in such a way as to draw people to Christ and the gospel. Open the hearts of this community to have an interest in the story of Jesus and to seek Christ to fill the God shaped void in every human heart. Pray that this interest would be demonstrated in action, the seeking and searching out of truth.

²⁷*So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. Acts 8:27-28*

DAY TWELVE: For a Seeking of the truth (June 25, 2009)

Pray for a desire on the part of our citizens to seek the truth of Scripture. Today, numerous outlets claim to be a source of truth. Pray that God would capture the hearts of the residents of this city with the need to know the truth of the Bible as their personal truth guide. Ask God to create a hunger and thirst in every Christian to seek truth and righteousness. Pray that Scripture would become the standard of truth for every believer. In this post-modern culture, there's a seeking for a truth standard, may Scripture be that truth standard. Pray that as people seek for truth and discover it in the Bible, that they'd experience freedom.

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

DAY THIRTEEN: For the Prosperity of the City (June 26, 2009)

Pray for God to bring prosperity to the city. Pray for God to settle families in the Greater Baytown area who will commit to raising children, spend a lifetime, and invest in the future of this community. Ask God to plant families in Baytown. Ask God to make our community's economy prosperous. Pray for the success of the small business owner, the true entrepreneurs of our day. Pray for our families to flourish and increase in the city and for their prosperity and future. Pray for the residents to seek peace on behalf of the city. Pray that God would cause this community to flourish and that He'd bless this community with favor.

⁴ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:4-7

DAY FOURTEEN: For the Influence of Christians (June 27, 2009)

Ask God to increase the influence of Christians and the Christian faith in the community. Pray that God would raise an awareness of the Christian faith in this city. Ask God to bring up a generation of men and women who will influence this city for Christ, men and women who will be bold ambassadors for God. Pray that God would increase the favor of Christians among those who are non-Christian. Ask God to use these relationships to bring people to an understanding and faith in Christ.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. John 17:13-18

DAY FIFTEEN: For a Removal of "Prevailing Sins" (June 28, 2009)

We know that sin enslaves and dispels joy. Pray for the removal of the prevailing sins of our community. Our community is overshadowed by the darkness of sin. The "Prevailing Sins" of self, pride, apathy, and fornication grip this city. Pray for God to break the bondage and ensnarement of prevalent community sins. Ask God to break the cycles and bondage of addiction (to alcohol, drugs, pornography, sexual perversion and promiscuity). Ask God to remove the sin of idol worship (placing other things above God). Pray for a genuine community-wide and individual repentance. Times of refreshment are available for all who will repent. Ask God's Spirit to move in such a way as to convict this community of sin. Ask God to bring us to a place of genuine confession, repentance, and freedom.

²⁶ "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and confess your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them, ²⁷ then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance. 2 Chronicles 6:26-27

DAY SIXTEEN: For our Public Safety Officials (June 29, 2009)

Pray for our Fire, Police, EMT, and Emergency Management Personnel. Ask God to grant them safety as they serve this community in times of peril and rescue. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom, discernment, and grace. Ask God to encourage their families during times of duty. Thank God for these men and women who serve at our point of great need.

¹But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Psalm 5:11

DAY SEVENTEEN: Salvation of the City (June 30, 2009)

It is time for God's people to repent. The call to repent rings loud from the heavens. Sin has captivated the hearts and motivated the behaviors of the church. We cannot seek God's hand of blessing, if we ourselves are not willing to confess our sin before the Lord and repent of that sin. It's time to confess; it's time to come clean before the Lord and experience His forgiveness and power. It's time to turn and experience the fullness of Christ in us. No longer to grieve the Spirit, but to embrace God's future for you. Confess your sin before the Lord. Ask Him to forgive you. Pray that a spirit of conviction would fall upon the church today, whether they're attending church or not. God is seeking; God is waiting for a people who will "sell" out to Him. Will you do that today? In freedom, ask God to save this city. Pray that others would experience the freedom and joy you know in faith.

¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

DAY EIGHTEEN: For Healing (July 1, 2009)

Ask God to heal this community. Heal it from the plague of disease. Ask Him to heal us from the pains of past hurts, the scars and injuries from people we'd trusted. Ask God to heal the emotions of the broken. Pray that God would heal those suffering from both physical, emotional, and mental illnesses. Ask God to heal the troubled minds of every person who's been hurt by a Christian or by the church. Ask God to remove the memory and grant wholeness. Pray for someone you know that is battling disease or a health related concern. Pray for their healing and health. Ask God to give them rest, peace, strength, and a cure.

¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

DAY NINETEEN: For Protection (July 2, 2009)

Ask for God's protection for the city. Ask God to place a hedge of protection around our community. Keeping residents safe and secure inside the hedge. Ask God to make the hedge tall and thick in order to prohibit the influences of the enemy outside of the hedge from influencing those inside the hedge. Ask God to protect your family, job, friendships, and relationships. Ask God to protect those people and things you value.

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. Psalm 127:1

⁶So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6

DAY TWENTY: For Memorial Baptist Church (July 3, 2009)

Ask God to bless the work and effort of the church family called Memorial Baptist Church. Pray for the pastor and staff as they lead and serve. Pray for the membership and their spiritual well-being. Ask God to bless the families and individuals associated with this church. Pray for the future of Memorial Baptist Church. Ask God to bless the ministry efforts of this congregation and grant this church favor throughout the community. Pray for the various ministries, committees, and teams at Memorial. Pray for both the Sterling Campus and the North Campus. Pray for the Strategic Planning Process for 2009-2012 and all those associated with the work. Pray for God's continued financial provision. Ask God to develop and grow the membership of Memorial Baptist Church. Pray that Memorial would be a congregation that blesses God. Ask God to develop a greater passion in us for the lost. Pray that we would be called a House of Prayer. Tell God you recognize your dependence upon Him. He is our everything; He is the Potter.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

DAY TWENTY-ONE: For Renewal and Revival (July 4, 2009)

Pray for the renewal and revival of our churches. Pray for the renewal of faith by believers. Ask God to renew the hearts of the spiritually apathetic. Pray for God to shake, grab, and capture both the attentions and imaginations of those who have discounted faith. Pray for a movement of renewal in our community, state, and country. This community as well as our nation needs revival more than ever today. Pray with earnestness for renewal and revival.

¹⁰ *"This is what the LORD says: 'You say about this place, "It is a desolate waste, without men or animals." Yet in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are deserted, inhabited by neither men nor animals, there will be heard once more ¹¹ the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD, saying, "Give thanks to the LORD Almighty, for the LORD is good; his love endures forever." For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before,' says the LORD. Jeremiah 33:10-11*

DAY TWENTY-TWO: For our Neighborhoods (July 5, 2009)

Pray for your neighborhood and neighbors. Pray that God would save them by His power and grace. Ask God to send someone to them with the truth about the gospel and the salvation that's available through Christ. Take a walk down your street. Pray for each household represented by a dwelling. If you're unable to physically walk down your street or complex, mentally walk down your street and complex praying for each individual and family behind every door. Ask God to save your neighborhood and neighbors. Ask God to make your neighborhood a safe community. Ask God to set divine appointments with your neighbors.

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:3-5

DAY TWENTY-THREE: For Church Staff (July 6, 2009)

Pray for each Memorial staff member (Alan, Pam, Greta, Donna, Ricky, Brad, Will, Andrew, Annette, Penny, Lydia, Joseph, David, Lucy, and Benita). Ask God to protect, provide, care, encourage, and strengthen. Pray for each staff member's family, spouse, children, and extended family. Pray for clarity of vision. Pray for a greater depth of walk with Christ. Pray that God would multiply their efforts and time. Pray that God would remove anything that might hinder or interfere with their walk with Christ.

¹¹ *But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or*

blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. 1 Timothy 6:11-16

DAY TWENTY-FOUR: For a Spiritual Readiness (July 7, 2009)

One thing I've noticed over the years is that when you ask God to move, He does. When we ask for rain, we must be prepared for rain. For the past twenty-three days you've inquired of God by asking Him to move in a great way in this city. Know that God is in the process of answering your prayer. In response to what I know God is doing, ask God for a readiness to recognize His working and the willingness to jump in and get involved. Ask God to make very plain and evident His work before you. Ask God to make plain His plan for you. Ask God for strength, wisdom, and readiness. Ask God to prepare you and to make you ready for His task.

¹⁵But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

DAY TWENTY-FIVE: My Surrender (July 8, 2009)

Today, tell God you surrender your position to His. Take a moment to tell Him He is God and how thankful you are for that fact. Tell Him you are willing to be utilized for His purposes regardless of the task or the call. Tell Him you recognize His Lordship in your life and you surrender to Him. Recognize your own imperfections and His strength and grace. Ask God to use you to make a difference in this city for Christ. Confess your fears, failures, faults, the stuff that's holding you back, and all hesitations to Him. As you genuinely surrender to God, know that God will use you.

⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 9:7-10

DAY TWENTY-SIX: For God's Will in the City (July 9, 2009)

Pray for God's will to be known and accomplished in this city. Pray for people who are receptive to listening and heeding God's will. Pray that all that God has for this community would be accomplished. Ask God to reveal His plan for you, this church, and this city. Tell God that you accept His plan for your life. Know that His plan, His will for you is best. Ask God to work through you to accomplish His will.

¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN: For Community Transformation (July 10, 2009)

Ask God to transform this community into a city that would honor Him. May this city reflect God's plan, principles, and purpose. Ask God to give vision to community influencers for community transformation. Ask God to bring businesses that would honor Him in Baytown. Ask God to develop activities in our community that reflect His desires for this city. Ask God to remove any element from our community that serves as a hindrance to His community blessing. Pray that God would bring up leadership with a vision for a community whose passion is Christ. Ask God to transform this city into the very municipality that honors Him.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Psalm 46:4-5

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT: For the Salvation of the City
(July 11, 2009)

Ask God once again for the salvation of the city. You know there are countless numbers of people in our community who don't have a personal relationship with Christ. Knowing what you know, cry out before the Lord asking Him to save this city. Tell Him you are willing to stand in the gap for the city. Cry out loud names of family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, students, and acquaintances that don't know Christ. Earnestly plead with God for their salvation. Ask God to use you and others to deliver the message of salvation in both word and deed before these.

⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:8-9