

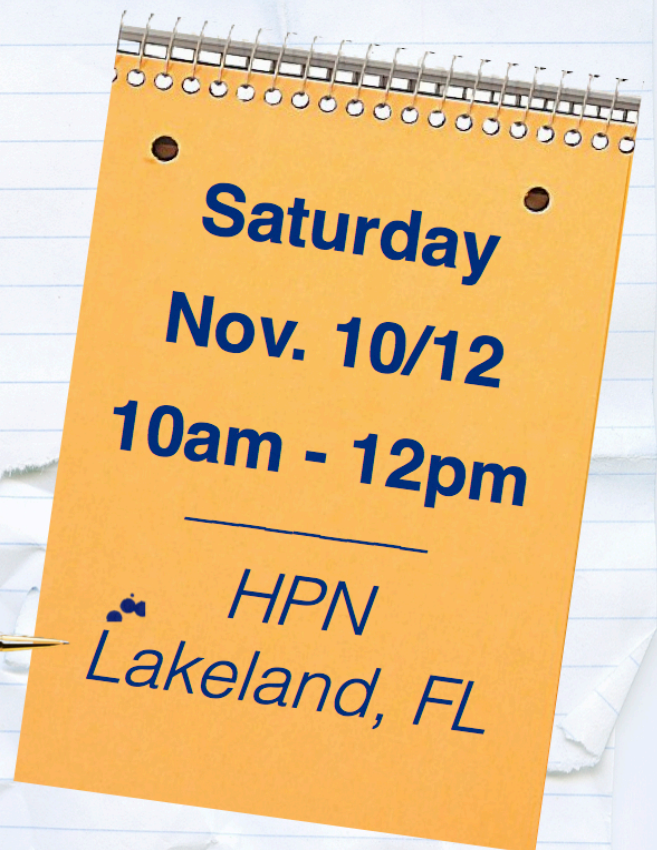
Central Florida District Church of Nazarene
Prayer Gathering

WRITE ON
MY HEART,
O LORD



"I WILL ...
WRITE IT ON
THEIR HEARTS"

JEREMIAH 31:33





Central Florida District
Prayer Gathering
November 10, 2012
Lakeland Highland Park Church
Lakeland, FL

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When God Writes on our Hearts

“This is the covenant I will make . . . declares the Lord.
“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”
Jeremiah 31:33



I. INTRODUCTION

Prayer has been the flash point of every transformational holy fire in the history of Christ's Church. He continues to use His Holy Spirit to inscribe new words of truth upon the hearts of His children.

Is there a higher privilege than kneeling before the Savior, while surrounded by fellow believers?

Is there a more significant event on the district calendar than our annual prayer gathering?

“Write on my heart O Lord” is the theme of our 3rd District Prayer Gathering. Once again, we assemble as a district family on our knees before the Lord. We are seeking His face, His will and his Holy power.

Have you given the Lord permission to write on your heart lately?

“Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.”

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NLT)



Like the Corinthians, we are called to be yielded to God. Their hands served others. Their feet took them on errands of mercy. Their ears were attuned to calls for help. Their lips spoke kind, helpful words. Their eyes could see far beyond themselves. They were living letters, constantly receiving God's impressions, and carrying them out.

II Corinthians is living proof of what God can do when we as believers allow Him to emblaze His will and truth upon our hearts. Living letters to be read by all, and openly declared to be letters of Jesus Christ.

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II. PREPARING OUR HEARTS

We begin with a time to praise our Heavenly Father, allowing Him to search our hearts, as we prepare to approach His throne.

"When God's people begin to praise and worship Him using the Biblical methods He gives, the Power of His presence comes among His people in an even greater measure." Graham Truscott

How do I allow God to write the need for daily praise and worship on my heart?

PRAISE...

OPEN OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP

And my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.

Psalms 35:28

Then will I go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy: yes, on the harp will I praise you, O God my God.

Psalms 43:4

It is good to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises to your name O Most High"

Psalms 92:1



ADORATION...

OPEN OUR HEARTS TO WHO HE IS

Waiting before God, please read:

“Waiting on the Lord is basically the silent surrendering of the soul to God.” Dick Eastman

Waiting softly says, “God I love you”

**“Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”
Isaiah 40:31**

**“I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.”
Psalms 40:1-3**



CONFESSION...

OPEN OUR HEARTS TO HIS CLEANSING

John Wesley wrote, “The best of men still need Christ in his priestly office, to atone for their omissions, their shortcomings, their mistakes in judgment and practice, and their defects of various kinds.”

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

James 5:16

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

James 4:17



THANKSGIVING...

OPEN OUR HEARTS TO WHAT HE HAS DONE

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.”

Psalms 95:1-3

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him, and bless his name. Psalms 100:4

“Sin is a voluntary transgression of a known law of God. The best of men still need Christ in his priestly office, to atone for their omissions, their short-comings, their mistakes in judgment and practice, and their defects of various kinds. For these are all deviations from the perfect law, and consequently need an atonement.” John Wesley



III. LORD, WRITE ON OUR HEART

...YOUR PASTORS

Father, brand our hearts with a fresh commitment to pray daily for our Pastors “showing the result of our ministry among you” 2 Corinthians 3:3

Monday (Edgar Diaz)

Pray for your pastor's family:

- God' s peace and protection
- A growing love relationship between pastor and spouse
- A commitment to quality and quantity time together

Tampa

Brandon First - Brian & Jodi Williams

Brandon Center of Unction - Eliezer & Sonia Rivera

Riverview-Donald & Joyce Faling

Tampa CrossPointe - Harv & Edythe Lyon

Tampa First – Lynn & Penny Nichols

Tampa First Haitian & Ruskin - Sandra & Kenol Fils-Aime

Tampa First Hispanic - Edgar & Nancy Diaz

Tampa Vietnamese - Chieu & Lam Thi Do Q. Pham

Tampa Forest Hills - Bob Burchett

Tampa Grace - J.C. & Maria Castellanos

Tampa Korean - Sang & Mi Kyung Chung

Tampa Town & Country - Jay & Nancy Buchanan

Tampa Un Nuevo - Jose & Ivette Vazquez

Tampa Worship Centre - Angel & Ivonne Tirado



Tuesday (Jim Page)

Pray for wisdom for your pastor.

- The mind of Christ
- Godly decision-making
- Understanding of biblical truth

Orlando Northwest

Apopka Calvary - James & JoAnn Page

Apopka Haitian - Antione & Merecia Joseph

Apopka Springhill - Jeffery & Balinda Parker

Clermont Citrus Heights - Doug & Tammy Lane

Orlando Ebenezer Haitian - Sobner & Viliane Vertus

Orlando Heart Mercy - William & Rosie Andrews

Orlando Metro West – Ronald & Grace Benjamin

Orlando New Life - Tim & Travette Alford

Winter Garden Faith – Rick & Lora Page

Wednesday (Pastor Don Smith)

Pray for the ministry focus of your pastor.

- Clear vision
- Commitment to biblical priorities
- Remain true to his or her God-given gifts & strengths

Lakeland

Bartow Oasis de Esperanza-Ruth Diaz

Davenport Familias Victoriosas - Frankie & Daniella Guerra

Haines City - Edna & Sam Murugan

Haines City First Haitian - Benito & Odette Renelus

Haines City Hispanic - Felix & Marta Guido



Lakeland (continued)

Lake Wales Hispanic - Lemuel & Dilam Figueroa
Lakeland Eastside - Bill & Bev Brown
Lakeland Haitian - Georges & Exilia Dorescar
Lakeland Highland Park - Brett & Mindy Rickey
Lakeland Lake Gibson - Charles & Bess Kirby
Plant City Community – Don & Renee Corzine
Plant City Nuevo Pacto – Antonio & Luzdari Diaz Centeno
Winter Haven Adoracion – Juan & Maritza Lopez
Winter Haven First – Don & Denise Smith
Winter Haven 1st Haitian – Julio & Gladdiss Brutus

Thursday (Pastor Tim Gates)

Pray for the health of your pastor and family.

- Protection of body and mind
- An extra portion of stamina and strength
- Commitment to stress-releasing activity

Orlando South

Kissimmee First - Brian & Emily Howard
Kissimmee Iglesia - Reynaldo & Caridad Hernandez
Lake Nona - Jeremy & Tiffany Johnson
Orlando Renuevos - TBD
Orlando Center Pointe - Dwayne & Marli Adams
Orlando Lake Como - Oliver & Jean Phillips
Orlando Vietnamese - De Khac & Kim Nguyen
Orlando The Way of Calvary-Wilfred & Carline Guerilus
St. Cloud - Tim & Vicky Gates



Friday (Pastors Bob Yates & Wes Harris)

Pray for your pastor's spiritual growth.

- A heart for God and the lost
- Fresh biblical insights
- Personal devotions not related to sermon preparation

Northwest

Brooksville-Joey & Karen Heidler

Hudson Casa de Esperanza-Jose & Natalia Rivera

New Port Richey First- Jeanne & Riki Morgan

Port Richey Living Faith- Jim & Linda Brannon

Spring Hill Calvary-Wes & Aleta Harris

Spring Hill First - Larry & Lori Dunn

Wesley Chapel - Mack & Linda Brown

Zephyrhills- Gary & Lana Larson

Orlando North

Geneva Living Word - Dewey & Carolyn Jones

Longwood Parkside - Doug & Annette Ward

Orlando Monte de Santidad- Deborah & Raul Lugo

Orlando Second Haitian - Jean & Rose Marcelin

Orlando Union Park - Dennis & Christiana Jones

Orlando United – Bob & Nila Yates

Sanford Gracepointe - Wayne & Cathy Thomas

Sanford Morado de Amor - Javier & Deyni Arguinzoni



Saturday (Pastor Larry Attig)

Pray for the purity of your pastor.

- Pure motives
- Pure thought-life and faithfulness to spouse
- Pure commitment to complete integrity

Space Coast

Melbourne First - Larry & Becky Attig
Melbourne Haitian - Dei B & Adrienne LaFrance
Melbourne Harbor City – Tim & Lu DeMoranville
Merritt Island - David & Daisy Shaffer
Oak Hill Grace – Terry & Sherry Kinnett
Palm Bay - Stuart & Teri Rowan
Rockledge – Brad & Melanie Fink
Sebastian - John & Alicia Vacchiano
Titusville Calvary - Noel & Ornett Henry
Titusville First - Dale & Kim Aubrey
Vero Beach - Hugh & Becky King

Sunday (Pastor Pat Glenn)

Pray for God's anointing on your pastor.

- Strength in leadership
- Passion in preaching
- Fruit and joy in ministry

West Coast

Clearwater Central - Aurora Acuna & Curt Sprunger
Clearwater First - Pat & Barbie Glenn



West Coast (continued)

Gulfport Trinity - Dennis & Mary Belus
Largo First - Rocco & Cathy Sansone
Largo Westside - Huey & Nancy Davis
Pinellas Park – Jimmy & Rose Cruz
Pinellas Vietnamese - Christine & Huot Phu Chau
St. Pete Lugar de Refugio - Ida R. Betancourt
St. Petersburg Lealman – TBD
St. Pete Victory – Tim & Charysse Brooks

Outline for Praying for Your Pastor by Jim Husband

...YOUR CHURCH

Christ Jesus, please write upon our hearts your Holy desire that “My house will be a house of prayer” (Luke 19:45)

Every Church a House of Prayer

“Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ‘It is written,’ he said to them, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant.”

Matthew 21



Houses of Prayer Common Characteristics

Please pray specifically and with great faith that each of the following will become a reality in your family church. All churches pray, but few are true “Houses of Prayer”.

1. Prayer is visible from the pulpit.

The church believes in prayer as a change agent and reaffirms it every public service. Preaching shows how prayer is vital, not a suggestion at the end of a sermon. The congregation hears repeatedly how it has been an integral part of the lives of Jesus, biblical characters, and their pastor.

2. Prayer saturates every aspect of the service.

Members have prayed throughout the week for the Sunday services and activities; several pray with the pastor before he speaks, and they pray during the service; people are available after the service to pray with anyone who desires it.

3. The leadership is committed to prayer.

The leadership, staff, and key lay leaders have a burden for prayer and sense of expectancy from it. They are convinced of its effectiveness. It is a way of life for them, and they devote significant periods of time to developing it in their personal lives.



4. Prayer is an agenda item.

Every group meeting—leadership meeting, small group and committee—will spend time praying.

5. Prayer is part of Christian education.

Periodically, Sunday school classes and/or small groups will do teaching series on prayer (in addition to their regular prayer commitments). They'll make learning about prayer and practicing it a priority and they'll strive to make it meaningful for all.

6. The pastor has a strong prayer covering.

Your pastor should never enter a service without a group of laymen laying hands upon him/her in prayer. Leaders are prime targets for attack and deserve our unconditional prayer support.

7. Prayer is the first step, not the last resort.

Groups of people pray spontaneously together about problems and interests. Prayer is always the first step in finding a solution.

8. Intercession is an integral part of church life.

Early morning, during lunch, after work, week nights, at church, in homes, at a business, or with other business people in the area. Prayer looks not only inward at the church, but will be a dynamic, powerful, and tangible means of influencing the community, state, and world.

9. The church has a recognized prayer leader other than the senior pastor.

A director of prayer is passionate about prayer, develops ministries and creates a greater sense of awareness of the need for prayer.

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’”

Matthew 6:9-13

...YOUR FUTURE

Do it again Lord! As you inscribed a Church Planting passion upon the hearts of early believers, teach us how to develop a Church Planting Culture Across Central Florida.

We are keenly aware that the future effectiveness of our evangelism and discipleship in Central Florida depends upon an aggressive church planting movement. We enter into this critically important segment of our prayer gathering, fully aware that without the Spirit’s power, anointing and guidance . . . and without the obedience to God’s call, our effectiveness in the future is limited at best.



We enter into this last segment of our gathering totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit's ability to awaken, transform his people and to brand His 'new start' image upon our hearts.

Prayers for New Starts

O Lord . . .

- **POUR** a burning passion for church planting into the hearts of pastors and existing churches.
- **HELP** new church planters find a balance between work and family.
- **INCREASE** our understanding and enthusiasm about new starts in our own lives and in the life of the church.
- **ALLOW** new churches to be places where the disconnected in our communities come to know Christ.
- **KEEP** our minds and hearts open to new places and new ways to worship you.
- **EQUIP** and enable church planters to deal with unexpected challenges
- **GRANT** us the ability to break free of the shackles that prohibit us from stepping out by faith to launch
- **GIVE** unity and clear vision among the core groups and launch teams starting new churches.
- **ENABLE** existing churches to value and support new



church starts.

- RESTORE & HEAL hurts and LIFT any “baggage” from those who step back into church, through new starts.
- BLESS those attending new church starts with Your powerful presence through worship.
- PREPARE hearts in communities where churches are being planted; that they will be receptive to You, the church and the pastor.
- BE the center in every phase of our new church plants.
- CREATE New Starts to be resources for our existing churches.
- USE our New Starts, Precious Father, as a catalyst to bring revival to every church across our district.
- PROTECT those who have not yet heard the Gospel, but who will come to faith because of a new church.
- EMPOWER our new churches to have a positive impact on their communities and on the world.

Dear God, WRITE ON MY HEART how I can help personally with the start of a new Church of the Nazarene.

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IV. SEAL OUR HEARTS

We end our prayer gathering by prayer together as our Lord taught us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory,

Forever and ever.

Amen



