

These are great events
to add to your prayer list!

MISSION: TEXAS!



Pastor Nathan & Julie and the team that went to Texas will be returning Monday. Pray for safe travels. Perhaps even pray for the flooding in Texas.

Refuge Youth Group

Sunday July 26 2-6 pm

POOL Party
Enjoy your summer!
2206 Dixie Highway Snacks!



VBS Aug 2—5

Shining a light on who Jesus is !!!

5:30-8pm Dinner served

Mark this on your calendar!

You won't want any kids you know to miss this powerful time!

See Diane to find out how you can help in this powerful outreach!

See the prayer requests for VBS on welcome table!



Pray for the US & Iran Conflict

We may have differing opinions on this conflict but we have the same call to prayer!

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, **prayers, intercessions**, and giving of thanks be made **for all men, for kings and all who are in authority**, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life **in all godliness and reverence**. From 1 Timothy 2

When you don't know what to pray ask for wisdom, courage, & God's will in the situation.

Pray for the servicemen and the innocent Iranians affected. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (as Scripture directs us). Pray for the betterment of all the world. Why not? He is big enough!

Children's Church

Taking a break in July! Children will be in the sanctuary

Refuge Youth Group

Will not meet on Sunday nights for the summer but fun events are planned! See Diane for info!

Refuel

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm
Come on out for a midweek fill up!

Thursday Morning Prayer 9am

You are welcome to join in whenever you can!

POWERHOUSE *Prayer*

*The earnest, heartfelt,
continued prayer
of righteous men and women
makes tremendous power
available and is dynamic
In its working!*

James 5:16b AMPC

Grace Fellowship Church

Pastor Nathan Branim

1606 W. Elm St. Lima, Ohio

Sundays 10:30 am

JULY 18, 2026

“Praying God’s Word”

From “Anchor Your Life.org”

I often think that the easiest part of praying to God, is in the *asking*. Over the years, I haven’t known of a single individual, when faced with a crisis, has refused prayer. It’s fairly easy to see what you don’t like in your own life and to ask God to change it or to give you help in a particular situation. Even as a young child, before I had a relationship with God, I remember praying for success before tests or swim meets.

It was not surprising then, that I was quite eloquent when it came time to ask God for what I wanted . . . Or what I thought I needed. The time that I spent asking God for things was the bulk of my prayer time! But, after about a month of asking I began to question if God really heard my prayers. I wasn’t sure if God cared about me or what I wanted because I wasn’t seeing God answer my prayers.

I talked with a good friend about my questions. She asked me what types of requests I was making. The list was something like this:

- Bless my family...
- Give us a good day at the store today, and have us make a lot of money...
- Keep the kids safe and healthy...
- Lord, change me into who You want me to be...and so on.

My friend smiled and said, “I think I understand your problem. Is the problem that God doesn’t answer your prayers or that you don’t recognize the answers?” I didn’t have a clue with where she was going! Then she said, “Let’s take the first request: ‘Bless my family’ What does that mean? How will you know if your family is ‘blessed’ or not? Or the second prayer, ‘Give us a good day at the store’, what’s a good day? Or ‘Have us make a lot of money’, what’s a lot? \$1000 or \$100,000?” I was beginning to see her point.

I learned that I needed to:

1) **pray specifically**, and 2) **to pray Biblically**.

My requests changed. Instead of “Bless my family”, I prayed, “Strengthen our love and our commitment to each other as we each grow closer to You. Keep each of us healthy. And show us ways that we can encourage each other.” I prayed for our business. Now the prayers were not so much centered on money, but asking God to give us opportunities to bring glory to Him as

we served others. Each day I asked for opportunities to verbally share how He had changed my life and the hope that we could each have in the future.

To my surprise, and joy, God began to give me opportunities to express my love to family members in tangible ways and He gave me plenty of chances to encourage them in difficult times. In business, God began to send “sand-paper” customers (those that rub you the wrong way!) that allowed me the opportunity to “practice” servant hood. But, the most fun was watching for openings to be able to share about the changes God was making in my life. Daily as I reflected on how God specifically answered my prayers, my heart would overflow with gratitude that He had heard my prayers and was answering them!

I was seeing first hand God’s power at work as He answered my prayers, but the real excitement came as I learned to pray Biblically . . . Here are some examples!

Praying for yourself:

Passage:

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. (NIV) Psalm 63:1-3

Prayer:

Father, You are my God. I want to echo what the psalmist is saying, I want seek after You. I want You to give me the desire to know You better. I have experienced Your presence in my life, I have experienced Your power, have everything that I do today bring honor and glory to Your name and reputation. For I know that the love that You have extended to me is better than life itself!

Passage:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (NIV) Ephesians 4:29

Prayer:

Father, do not allow any type of unwholesome talk or words to come out of my mouth today. Instead, have all my words be helpful to build others up according to their needs. . . and may

everything that I say today benefit everyone who hears.

Praying for others:

Passage:

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV) 2 Pet 1:5-8

Prayer:

Father, have my child make every effort to add to their faith. . . add goodness and knowledge to his/her faith. . . add self-control and perseverance to his/her faith. . . and add godliness, kindness, and love in increasing measure so that he/she is effective and productive in their life for You.

Passage:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. (NIV) 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer:

Father, I know that You are the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. Please comfort my friend in all his/her troubles and suffering. Make Your comfort so real in his/her life that he/she knows that it is coming from You. . . and in turn will be equipped to comfort others who are going through similar troubles. Your Word says that just as the suffering of Christ flows into our lives, His comfort overflows in us also.

Many Scriptures make powerful prayers.!

Write down one that fits your situation, pray it, and record what you notice.

You may find that you “Level up” in your prayer life and enjoy prayer in a fresh, new way!

Share your favorite & I will print it in Powerhouse Prayer! Theresa L.