

# prayers of the people

## Praying the name of Jesus *By Bo Prosser*

**A**t a recent speaking engagement, Tony Campolo shared that he had begun a new ritual — praying only the name “Jesus” over and over! As you work on your spiritual self in the coming days, try this modification of a “personal lectio devina” prayer experience.

PLACE YOURSELF in a comfortable position; be still and silence yourself. Focus on your breathing, and as you inhale and exhale, simply pray the name of Jesus. Gently call upon Jesus, center yourself and allow yourself to live into the sacred space

the Holy Spirit has provided for you.

THEN, TURN the name of Jesus over and over in your mind. Keep praying “Jesus, Jesus” in rhythm with your breathing. At some point offer yourself to Jesus, saying, “I am for you today.” Sit in silence, continuing to speak the name of Jesus prayerfully. Jesus softly, gently invites us deeper and deeper into God’s presence.

NEXT, SPEAK a name from the prayer calendar below as you pray to Jesus. As you inhale speak “Jesus,” and as you exhale



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speak the name of the one for whom you are praying. Slowly repeat these names, allowing yourself to intercede for the person you have chosen. Do not be afraid of distractions.

Your mind may wander. If so, simply repeat the name of Jesus again and again in rhythm with your breathing. Allow your inner thoughts to invite your heart into dialogue with God. Again ask God for intercession for the person you have chosen, for you and for our world.

FINALLY, SIMPLY rest in the embrace of Jesus, praying his name in rhythm with your breath. Rejoice that God has been with you in both words, thoughts and silence. Arise to walk with a sense of purpose and peace. *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, there’s just something about that name...*

## CBF Ministries Prayer Calendar

CH = Chaplain  
FP = Field Personnel  
FPC = Child of Field Personnel  
GMP = Global Missions Partner  
PC = Pastoral Counselor  
PLT = Church Planter  
S = CBF Staff

### DECEMBER

- 1 Joe Farry, Simpsonville, SC (CH)
- 2 Connie Madden, Kirkwood, MO (CH)
- 3 Rosemary Barfield, Jeffersonville, IN (CH); Ed Beddingfield, Fayetteville, NC (PC); James Heath, Dry Prong, LA (CH); Shane McNary, Slovakia (FP); Gennady Podgaisky, Ukraine (FP); Rachel Gunter Shapard (S-Florida); David Wilson, Chapel Hill, NC (CH)
- 4 Jose Albovias, Louisville, KY (CH); Elizabeth Richards, Emeritus (FP)
- 5 Chuck Gass, Gainesville, FL (CH); Kenn Lowther, Columbus, OH (CH); Chris O’Rear, Nashville, TN (PC); Judith Powell, Whiteville, NC (CH)
- 6 Mickael Eyraud, China (FP); Joe Mills, Roswell, GA (CH); John Norwood, Houston, TX (PLT)
- 7 Phil Hester, Emeritus (PLT); James Jones, Sierra Vista, AZ (CH); Bert Strange, Simpsonville, SC (CH); Robert Wilder, Jacksonville, FL (CH)
- 8 Tommy Deal, Dalton, GA (CH); Edward Erwin, Pensacola, FL (CH); Shane Gaster, Deland, FL (CH); Virginia King, Columbia, SC (CH); Donald Kriner, Canton, GA (CH); Robert Pitts, Greenville, MS (PLT); Stephanie Glenn, Los Angeles, CA (FP)
- 9 Julie Brown, France (FP); Wayne Hyatt, Spartanburg, SC (PC)
- 10 Cecelia Beck, Shelby, NC (FP); Terri Byrd (S-Alabama); Beth Roberts, Raleigh, NC (CH); James Williams, Montgomery, AL (CH)
- 11 Zechariah Maas, 2008, Belize (FPC)
- 13 Tom Cleary, Emeritus (FP); Rick Landon, Lexington, KY (PC); Jim R. Smith (S-Atlanta); Frank Stillwell, Lexington, KY (PC); Robin Sullens, Dallas, TX (PC)
- 15 Anna Anderson, Scotland Neck, NC (FP); James Close, Louisville, KY (CH); Sheree Jones, Greensboro, NC (CH)
- 16 Cayden Norman, 2000, Spain (FPC); Ina Winstead, Emeritus (FP)
- 17 Perry Carroll, Anderson, SC (CH); Craig Cantrall, Louisville, KY (CH); Buddy Presley, North Augusta, SC (CH); Josh Smith, South Africa (FP); Ronald Wilson, Northport, AL (CH)

- 18 Joel DeFehr, Oklahoma City, OK (CH); John Ritchy, Maud, TX (CH)
- 19 Anna-Grace Acker, 2005, Uganda (FPC); Bernard Morris, Chester, VA (CH); James Palmer, Pensacola, FL (CH)
- 20 Melissa Dowling, Austin, TX (CH); Larry Glover-Wetherington, Durham, NC (PC); Kyle Kelley (S-Louisiana); Jan Thompson, Cornelia, GA (CH); Alan Willard, Blacksburg, VA (PC)
- 21 Lynn Hutchinson, Togo (FP); Bethany McLemore, Roanoke, VA (PC)
- 22 William Thompson, Los Alamitos, CA (CH); Eli Williams, 2011, South Africa (FPC); Sarah Wofford, Mooresville, NC (CH); Candice Young (S-Atlanta)
- 23 Francis Brown, Surfside Beach, SC (PC); Robert Elkowitz, Cumming, GA (CH); Stephen Ivy, Indianapolis, IN (CH); Hal Lee, Clinton, MS (CH); Mary Lois Sanders, The Villages, FL (PLT); Linda Strange, Denton, TX (CH)
- 24 Michael Carter, Dallas, TX (CH); Bogdan Podgaisky, 1997, Ukraine (FPC)
- 25 Taylor McNary, 1993, Slovakia (FPC)
- 26 Robert Marsh, Fredericksburg, VA (CH); Scottie Stamper, Charlotte, NC (CH)
- 27 Larry Austin, Fredericksburg, VA (CH); Juan Luis Barco, Raleigh, NC (PLT); Steve Clark, Louisville, KY (FP)
- 28 Claudia Forrest, Cordova, TN (CH); John Halbrook, Pound Ridge, NY (PC); Thomas Holbrook, Berea, KY (PC); Maner Tyson, Waterbury, CT (FP)
- 29 Art Wiggins, Triangle, VA (CH)
- 30 Shay Crenshaw, Raleigh, NC (CH); Revonda Deal, Emeritus (FP); James Garrison, Arden, NC (CH); Kenneth Kelly, Black Mountain, NC (CH); Ramona Reynolds, Orlando, FL (CH); Lex Robertson, Oklahoma City, OK (CH)
- 31 Nathaniel Newell, 1998, San Antonio, TX (FPC); Pamela Rains, Wynne, AR (CH); David “Tod” Smith, West Des Moines, IA (CH)

### JANUARY

- 1 Sam Bandela, Atlanta, GA (FP); Andy Cowie, Haiti (FP); Ronella Daniel, Student.GO intern, Bucharest, Romania (FP); Noy Peeler, Cambodia (FP); Christina Pittman, Summerville, SC (CH)
- 2 Misael Marriaga, Greenville, NC (PLT); Gabrielle Newell, 2002, San Antonio, TX (FPC); Jon Parks, Slovakia (FP); Daniel Sostaita, Rural Hall, NC (PLT); Tammy Stocks, Romania (FP)
- 3 Christopher Bowers, Powhatan, VA (PC)
- 4 Joshua Hickman, Newnan, GA (CH)
- 5 Richard Durham, Mount Pleasant, NC (CH); Charles Kirby, Hendersonville, NC (CH); Kevin Lynch, Spartanburg, SC (PC); Calvin McIver, Sacramento, CA (CH); Linda Serino, Memphis, TN (CH)

- 6 Larry Hardin, Topeka, KS (CH)
- 7 Denny Spear, Dunwoody, GA (CH)
- 8 Rachel Hill, Shelby, NC (CH); Gerald Howell, Lexington, KY (CH); Ethan Lee, 2009, Macedonia (FPC)
- 9 Bill Cayard, China (FP); Paul Hamilton, Lodge, SC (CH); Patrick Moses, Mansfield, TX (PLT); Jonathan Myrick, 1994, Kenya (FPC); Jeffrey Perkins, Knoxville, TN (CH); Bella Smith, 2010, South Africa (FPC)
- 10 Melody Harrell, Kenya (FP); Kenny Sherin, Mitchell, SD (FP)
- 11 Ed Waldrop, Augusta, GA (CH)
- 12 Neil Cochran, Greenville, SC (CH); Larry Connelly, Decatur, GA (CH); Scott Smallwood, Englewood, FL (CH)
- 13 Dianne McNary, Slovakia (FP); George Pickle, Marietta, GA (CH)
- 14 Steve Graham (S-Oklahoma); Maxine Moseley, Olive Branch, MS (CH)
- 15 Keith Ethridge, Yorktown, VA (CH)
- 16 Merrie Grace Harding, 1995, Orlando, FL (FPC); Jerry Hendrix, Abilene, TX (PLT); David Hormeno, Durham, NC (CH); Mary Lynn Lewis, San Antonio, TX (CH); Michelle Smith, Pemberton, NJ (CH)
- 17 Donna Manning, Fort Worth, TX (CH); Aaron Norman, 2005, Spain (FPC); Glenn Norris, Sherwood, AR (CH); Neal Sasser, Suffolk, VA (CH)
- 18 William Beaver, Fort Benning, GA (CH); Jeanell Cox, Smithfield, NC (CH); Justin Nelson, Mount Airy, NC (CH)
- 19 Kaelah-Joy Acker, 2008, Uganda (FPC); Jackie Ward, Goshen, KY (CH); Jack Younts, Blythewood, SC (CH)
- 20 Marcia Binkley, De Soto, KS (FP); Marshall Gupton, Smyrna, TN (CH); Kevin Morgan, Pisgah Forest, NC (CH); Paul Tolbert, Clayton, NC (CH)
- 21 Jim King, Fort Belvoir, VA (CH)
- 23 Richard Atkinson, Bastrop, TX (CH); Brent Raitz, Parma, OH (CH); Mark Williams, South Africa (FP)
- 24 Judy Strawn (S-Atlanta)
- 25 Mich, New Jersey (FP); Chris Nagel, Houston, TX (CH)
- 26 Sandy Hale, Lebanon, NH (CH)
- 27 Darrell Bare, Boone, NC (CH); Ben Sandford, Portsmouth, VA (CH); Eric Smith, Willow Park, TX (CH)
- 28 Chuck Ahlemann, Des Moines, IA (CH); Griselda Escobar, Tyler, TX (CH); Kristen Taylor, North Dartmouth, MA (CH)
- 29 Glen Foster (S-West); Darryl Jefferson, Charlotte, NC (CH); Bill McCann, Madisonville, KY (CH)
- 30 Hal Ritter, Waco, TX (PC); Nathan Rogers, Anchorage, AK (CH)
- 31 Rebecca Adrian, Irving, TX (CH); John Manuel Dupont, WA (CH); Paul Smith, Oakland, TN (CH)