

MARCH 2020  
*IN YOUR CLOSET*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

## WHAT IS JESUS' INSTRUCTION?

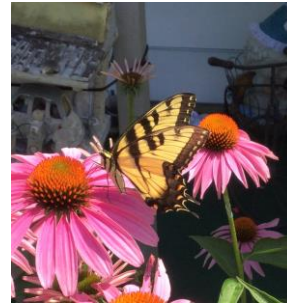
*But thou, when thou prayest,  
enter into thy closet,  
and when thou shut thy door,  
pray to thy Father  
which is in secret;  
and thy Father  
which seeth thee in secret  
will reward you.*

**MATTHEW 6:6 KJV**

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

**PRAISING** God with all my heart,  
**RECOGNIZING** God's absolute  
perfection,  
**ACKNOWLEDGING** God's ultimate  
worth,  
**YEARNING** for God's presence,  
**EMPTYING** myself of all my sin,  
**RESTING** in God's loving  
assurance.

*PRAYER IS MY ACCEPTANCE  
OF GOD'S INVITATION  
TO A LOVING CONVERSATION.*



## WHAT DO YOU DO IN PRAYER?

**Bro. Vince Whittington**

Dr. Greg Frizzell has had a great impact on the structure and content of my Daily Devotional Time. The following is one of three foundations that he presents for a powerful prayer life. "You must make an absolute commitment to consistently spend significant time alone with God in uninterrupted prayer." I try to implement this and the other foundations in my daily devotion time. It has worked well for me for about 15 years now.

The structure and content of my prayer time generally includes the following elements.

Daily I begin with Praise and Worship, continued by Confession and

Cleansing, then Petition for personal holiness and personal ministry. Meditation is also a great element for me; what is God saying to me in His word? Many times this is a part of Praise and worship, coming before Confession and Petition. The only thing that is usually always first is Praise and Worship which has several components of its own. Petition is the final component of my time and has content daily and for each day of the week. I keep all this in a notebook that helps to keep me on track. The Holy Spirit has freedom to adjust this time and content as He desires.

Whether at home, on vacation, or a mission trip far away, this daily time, early in the morning, is a priority for me. He is my Father. I love spending time with Him. Just today He assured me that His angels encamp about me. His Son, Jesus assured me that He is with me to the end of the age. The Holy Spirit assured me of His continued filling. What a blessing and joy to meet them the first thing every morning.



## WHAT DO WE PRAY ABOUT?

**Alabama Primary Election  
March 3, 31(The Run-Off)**

*Lord, I'm giving my vote to you, rather than ask who best agrees with my point of view I'm asking who best stands where you'd have the leaders of this nation stand.*  
*Barry C. Black*  
*U.S. Senate Chaplain*  
*Pray for God's direction as you vote.*

### **WHO IS YOUR ONE?**

*Pray daily for God's direction for YOUR ONE, the WHO and the HOW of bringing that ONE to Jesus.*

*(Beginning March 8)*

### **FBC DISCOVERY**

*Pray for a deep understanding and a deeper commitment to who we are as a faith family called by God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*(March 8, 12-2)*

### **CAMP MONSOON**

*Pray for excellent preparation, lots of good fun, joyful inspiration, strong bonding and recuperation after all is done.*

*(March 26-28)*

### **HONDURAS MISSION TRIP**

*Pray for Vince and Linda and other members of this large medical/evangelistic/teaching team to be healthy in spirit, soul and body so that He will be glorified.*

*(April 18-25)*

### **FBC EASTER CELEBRATION 2020**

*Pray that many will discover our resurrected Lord.*

*(April 12)*