**Sunday Prayer for the Messenger and the Church**

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

**Pray prayer topics; pray alternately on each topic (about 2.5 minutes per prayer servant on each topic). This should take about 20 minutes or until the message is finished.**

1. Pray for the Messenger. Pray for God’s Holy Spirit to guide his message.

(reference: http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2015/summer-2015/my-preaching-prayer-list.html)

* God to guide his thoughts. Help him to be free from distractions in the room and outside; to focus on proclaiming God’s truth
* God to guard his heart. To be alert with a pure heart consecrated by seeking God’s leading; that the messenger may examine his heart for any unconfessed sin during preaching.
* God to guide his words; The Lord may give him words led by the Holy spirit ([Eph. 6:19-20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6%3A19-6%3A20" \o "view Scripture passage at BibleGateway.com" \t "_blank); [Col. 4:3-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+4%3A3-4%3A4" \o "view Scripture passage at BibleGateway.com" \t "_blank)).
* The Messenger would preach with boldness

1. Pray for the message to reach the hearts of the church attendees.

* That the preached word break open hearts of attenders to be convicted, renewed, restored in their relationship with God and others
* That the preached gospel would convict hearts of unbelievers to come to Jesus, confess their sins and be saved
* Repentance in the hearts of those who are falling away or those who have gone astray
* For deeper faith and encouragement from the preached word

1. For a spirit of Revival and prayer in the church

* Church would call on the Lord in prayer; that we would be burdened

With a need to pray fervent effective and powerful prayers (James 5:16)

* Restore our first love in Christ Jesus; spend more time as a church together in the word and in prayer for one another
* Grow in unity; Share and carry one another’s burdens in prayer