

COMPELLED CHURCH FEBRUARY 2022



# **GROWING IN PRAYER**

**PRAYER GUIDE**

## **MONTH OF GROWING IN PRAYER COMPELLED CHURCH**

Our heart for this month is not just to have a month of prayer, but a month of “growing” in prayer. We are all on a journey of growing in our faith and in the spiritual rhythms that help us position ourselves to receive from the Lord. I encourage you to participate this whole month as much as possible. I believe we will all experience interior growth in our spirits. If you live with family, there is great opportunity for closer connection to the Lord and each other journeying on this month together.

Every Day we have a focus or a “fast”. Plan ahead for these and go ahead and be comfortable moving outside of your comfort zone. Be intentional about practicing hospitality. Maybe connect with someone you would normally not? Sunday, practice Sabbath. If you work on Sunday, like I do, I practice Sabbath on another day. My Sabbath is Monday. Be intentional and rest, and only do the things that bring you delight.

Lead your life this month and grow. Lead your families and grow together. Jesus loves us so much and is with us. If you forget or miss a day, just jump right back in, no worries. This is going to be a great month and I am excited to hear of the goodness of God this month.

In the morning we are in practice with reading through the Bible or your own devotional. We did not want to interrupt that. But we have added an evening component to help us take a step closer. These we will refer to as “complines”.

### **WHAT IS A COMPLINE?**

Compline is an older word referring to evening prayers said after dinner and before bed, like evening devotions. These “complines” or evening prayer/devotions are to help turn our hearts and minds to the Lord before turning in. They are designed to say out loud, whether you are alone, with spouse or family. There are seven for the month, to be repeated on the days of the week. After this month is over, I encourage to keep up this practice of taking time each evening to honor, acknowledge, and thank the Lord.

As we grow in prayer I am hoping we also grow in regularity of our praying, not just length. This is a “holy habit” and the more of those you have in your day, the closer you become and the more your mind is on the good things of God.

May our journey together this month be sweet to us, as I know it is to our Father in Heaven. May your lives and families draw closer and may new “holy habits” be part of the rhythm of our day.

**Pastor Nate and Wendy Elarton**

# SUNDAY EVENING COMPLINE

Dear Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, and provider for our souls. As we settle our minds for rest, we ask your presence fill us with your love and care. Thank you for being with us this day. Thank you for Jesus, the Light of the world, and the Light in our hearts, our Savior and salvation. We ask this night as we rest, that our lives continue to be committed to you, our hearts desire your heart, our lives devoted to your life in worship and word.

**Take a few moments to thank the Lord for the events and experiences of the day.**

We pray as you taught your disciples,

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## **Scripture Reading**

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.”

## **Psalms 1:1–3, NASB95**

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## Scripture Reading

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” **Hebrews 10:19–25, NIV84**

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“A Psalm of David. O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the LORD; He swears to his own hurt and does not change; He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.” **Psalm 15, NASB95**

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“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” **Psalms 139:23–24, NLT**

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“When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” **Matthew 5:1–12, NASB95**

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“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” **Matthew 6:25–34, NASB95**

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