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DEAR BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST,

I appreciate your willingness to consider assuming a leadership role as Pastor's Prayer Partner. I pray that this special ministry will be the foundation to our church's mandate of having a great commitment to The Great Commandment and The Great Commission and that your leadership will be a vital part to ensure that occurs in the power of Jesus name.

I recognize that your schedule is busy and in that regard, while your leadership is critical, it is also intended not to be time consuming. Essentially, I am asking the following of all our prayer partners:

- 1. SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**—By far this is the most important area. I am asking you to help lead and encourage our church in the ministry of prayer.
- 2. A PARTNERSHIP**—Partnering with me as your pastor in prayer and holding me up before the Lord. I will do the same for you.
- 3. ATTENDANCE**—Please be at all quarterly prayer breakfasts and scheduled prayer times. Of course, faithfulness to our weekly services and ministries is important as well.
- 4. COMMUNICATION**—Please advise me or the prayer partner coordinators of any helps or suggestions you may have concerning the details of this ministry.

Thank you so much for considering to become involved with the great ministry of our church. If you decide to become a pastor's prayer partner, I believe you will experience a blessing beyond belief. Thanks for your servant's heart. This is going to be a great year!

In Christ,

Pastor Mark

Praying For My Leader

Exodus 17

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Reasons why leaders need prayer:

1. _____

(8) Then Amalek came and fought against Israel...

Satan watches for the "right time" to attack Christian leaders. Usually he attacks after _____ or when the leader is _____.

Prayer Partners - Ask God to protect Pastor Mark.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

2. _____

(9) So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek.

Any battle worth fighting calls for more resources than the leader possesses by himself.



3. _____
⁹ And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Moses climbed to the "top of the hill" in order that...

He could see the people - _____.

The people could see him - _____.

#1 Motivation Principle - People _____ what people _____.

Two-fold goal for Prayer Partners:

(1) _____

(2) _____

4. _____
¹¹ And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

Leadership is _____.

A leader is responsible to...

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

5. _____
(12a) But Moses' hands were heavy.

Moses wanted to keep his arms stretched toward heaven...but he couldn't.

The Indispensable Man

Sometime when you're feeling important;
Sometime when your ego's in bloom;
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room.

Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist;
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example
Is to do just the best that you can.
Be proud of yourself, but remember
THERE'S NO INDISPENSABLE MAN!

6.

¹² But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

¹³ And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

***These Prayer Partners...saw the need...seized the moment...
and shared the victory!***

The area that I feel led of the Lord to pray for Pastor Mark is:

Praying For Myself

Satan yields only what he must.

He yields only what is taken. Therefore the ground must be taken step by step. Prayer must be definite. He yields only what he must. Therefore our prayer must be persistent. He continually renews his attacks, therefore the ground taken must be held against him in Jesus, the Victor's name.

Conditions For Answered Prayers:

1. _____

**Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:
Paraphrased, "If I tolerate known sin in my life I cannot expect to get my prayers answered."**

¹ Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

² But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:1-2

List areas of known sin that at times you tolerate in your life:

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

2. _____

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16

An honest prayer will receive _____ and _____ much.

3. _____

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1 Peter 3:12



4.

*21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.
 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
 1 John 3:21-22*

Prayer Partner's Motto: "Pray and Obey"

5.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7

The Christian life is not so much an imitation of the Christ life as it is Christ living His life through us. In Galatians 2:20 Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." It is Christ living in me.

To abide in Christ means that I _____ to Him.

6.

*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
 Mark 9:23*

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

*7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
 James 1:5-7*

Emerson: "They can conquer who think they can."

Henry Ford: "If you think you can, you are right. If you think you can't, you are right again."

*6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
 Heb 11:6*

Our faith must be two-fold. We must believe:

(1)

(2)

*10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
 Psalms 81:10*

7.

*³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
James 4:3*

*⁷ But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
1 Sam 16:7*

8.

*¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
¹⁵ And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
1 John 5:14-15*

The Process of Praying According to God's Will:

- "We ask" = _____
- "He hears" = _____
- "We know" = _____
- "We have" = _____

We pray according to the will of God when we are led by the Holy Spirit.

*²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
Romans 8:26-27*

9.

*⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
Matt 7:7-8*

If you start praying for something and keep on praying for it, one of two things will happen: God will either —

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

Just keep on praying, Till light breaks through,
The Lord will answer, He'll answer you;
God keeps His promise, His word is true;
Just keep on praying, Till light breaks through.

10. _____

"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?"

Idol: _____

What idols need to be removed from my life?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

11. _____

⁷ Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.
1 Peter 3:7

12. _____

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
John 14:13

If we confess our sins...

Checklist For Successful Prayer

"God, at this moment I have decided to..."

- Get rid of known sin in my life...
- Be transparent with You and others...
- Live a righteous and obedient life...
- Become yielded and surrendered to You...
- Ask with the right motives according to Your will...
- Ask with faith and not give up...
- Remove everything that comes before our relationship...
- Love my wife and family and...
- Be specific. Write down what you need from God _____.

Praying For My Prayer Partners

Samuel said, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you."

Samuel's life illustrates two important thoughts about others.

- (1) _____ prayed for _____.
- (2) _____ prayed for _____.

Paul, the Prayer Partner for the Colossae Christians did the following...

1. _____

³ We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
⁴ Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
⁵ For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
⁶ Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:
⁷ As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
⁸ Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.
⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,
Col 1:3-9

2. _____

Ways to communicate prayer requests with me.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____



The Pattern of Paul's Prayer:

1.

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Col 1:9-10

What specific area do you seek to know God's will for your life?

2.

Three levels of change:

(1) _____ = "What I _____."

(2) _____ = "What I _____."

(3) _____ = "What I _____."

What specific area do you need to do what you already know?

3.

¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 15:16

What specific area do you feel needs to be more productive?

4.

¹¹ Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
Col 1:11

Steadfastness - _____

Patience - _____

We can't ask God for HELP if we are making no effort ourselves;
for STRENGTH if we have strength we are not using;
for GUIDANCE if we are ignoring the guidance we now have;
for FAITH if we are afraid to act on what we now know;
for FORGIVENESS if we continue hating someone;
for MERCY if we continue to commit the same sin.

But...

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done.
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus -
He GIVETH and GIVETH and GIVETH again.

What specific area do you need God's strength?

5.

"...joyously giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."

Application:

Write down the one thing that you want a Prayer Partner to pray for you.

Praying For My Church

John Wesley: "Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God and I care not a straw whether they be clergy or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer."

Anyone Can Preach With 219 Men Praying

Dr. Wilbur Chapman often told of his experience when he went to Philadelphia to become a pastor of Wanamaker's church. After his first sermon an old gentleman met him in front of the pulpit and said, "You are pretty young to be pastor of this great church. We have always had older pastors. I am afraid you won't succeed. But you preach the Gospel, and I am going to help you all I can."

"I looked at him," said Dr. Chapman, "and said to myself, 'Here's a crank.'"

But the old gentleman continued: "I am going to pray for you that you may have the Holy Spirit's power upon you, and two others have covenanted to join with me."

Then Dr. Chapman related the outcome. "I did not feel so bad when I learned that he was going to pray for me. The three became ten, the ten became twenty, and the twenty became fifty, and the fifty became two hundred, who met before every service to pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. In another room the eighteen elders knelt so close around me to pray for me that I could put out my hands and touch them on all sides. I always went into my pulpit feeling that I would have the anointing in answer to the prayers of the 219 men.

"It was easy to preach, a very joy. Anybody could preach with such conditions. And what was the result? We received 1,100 into our church by conversion in three years, 600 of which were men. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit in answer to the prayers of those men. I do not see how the average pastor, under average circumstances preaches at all.

Church members have much more to do than go to church as curious, idle spectators, to be amused and entertained. It is their business to pray mightily that the Holy Ghost will clothe the preacher with power and make his words like dynamite."

(A.M. Hills in *Pentecostal Light*)

Reasons Why We Need To Lift Up Our Church Now

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____



Review Top Ten Needs

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

I would like the Pastor's Prayer Partners to pray...

(1)

(2)

"People do what people see"

(3)

(4)