

Haganah Prayer Group

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Gave out directories and postcards to all the members. Also, met as a group to redistribute names to each committee member.

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To: Sandy Burd, Larry Daugherty, Lynn Miller, ^{Becky Harvey}, Marybeth Torsell,
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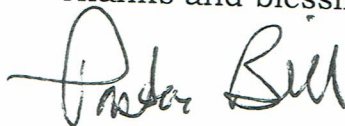
Thank you very much for expressing interest in the Special Prayer Group that will focus on prayer for Zion.

For the past few months I have felt a nudge from God to form a group of Zion members who will intentionally and faithfully pray for Zion in some very specific ways. As the weeks went by after the first thought of forming this group, the nudge became more of a push and so I thought I better start asking for volunteers before God got my attention some other way!

Here is what I am asking each of you to do, whenever you are able to work it in your schedule at least five days during each week. You do not need to do this at church, you can do this in the comfort of your own home. BUT....it is essential you do it faithfully at least five days each week, or, daily if you prefer. I am providing the topics for your prayers, and there are five (5) of them - so if you want to break them out to one topic per day for five days you may. I have listed them one per page to make it easy to divide and keep track of each day.

Thank you again for your interest in this special prayer group. You will be known as the "Haganah" Prayer Group. The word "Haganah" is Hebrew and means "protector". I would like for you to attend a meeting on Wednesday evening, July 11th at 7pm at Zion to go over my expectations and answer any questions you may have before we start. I would like to have you officially start these prayers on July 16th.

Thanks and blessings,



Pastor Bill

PRAYER TOPICS

1. Pray for Ordained Leadership and Staff

Pray with thanksgiving for all that God has done to provide Zion with professional leaders and staff who seek to use their God given talents and gifts at Zion, as God has called them.

Pastor Maki - that his heart be open to God; that he be faithful to God's call and mission at Zion and for Zion; that he be kept safe and healthy; that he make wise decisions; that he be a good and caring husband to Ann, and father to Eric, Heather and Jeremy; that God protect his family from illness and harm.

Adam Poe, Youth Director - that his heart be open to God; that he be faithful to God's call and mission at Zion and for Zion; that he be kept safe and healthy; that he make wise decisions; that he be a good and caring husband to Emily, and father to Clara, Elias and Caleb; that God protect his family from illness and harm.

Mindy Thiebeau, Director Board of Parish Education - that her heart be open to God; that she be faithful to God's call and mission at Zion and for Zion; that she be kept safe and healthy; that she make wise decisions; that she be a good and caring wife to Rick, and mother to Shannon, Spencer and Casey; that God protect her family from illness and harm.

Kathy Bishir, Office Manager - that her heart be open to God; that she be faithful to God's call and mission at Zion and for Zion; that she be kept safe and healthy; that she make wise decisions; that she be a good and caring wife to Darl, and mother to Samantha; that God protect her family from illness and harm.

Ann Maki, Office Assistant - that her heart be open to God; that she be faithful to God's call and mission at Zion and for Zion; that she be kept safe and healthy; that she make wise decisions; that she be a good and caring wife to Pr. Bill, and mother to Jeremy; that God protect her family from illness and harm.

Larry Daugherty, Church Custodian - that his heart be open to God; that he be faithful to God's call and mission at Zion and for Zion; that he be kept safe and healthy; that he make wise decisions; that he be a good and caring husband to Bobbie, and father to Adam, Andrea and Joe; that God protect his family from illness and harm.

2. Pray for Zion's Faithfulness as a Congregation

Thank God for this community of faith, for these buildings we have to worship in and teach the faith, for all that God has given us to be a community of faith.

That Zion, as a community of faith, would faithfully strive to listen to God's call for her as a mission outpost in St. Marys, and surrounding communities of Auglaize County and Mercer Counties, and else where in the world.

That the Holy Spirit would open the ears, minds and hearts of Zion's Lay Leadership, it's Council and Committee Members to God's call and mission purpose for Zion, and give them the wisdom and courage needed to guide and lead Zion in faithfulness to God's mission.

That the Holy Spirit would bless the ministries and programs of Zion that are faithful to the mission God has for Zion by raising up volunteers, and leaders, and stir the membership into active participation in those programs and ministries.

That God would raise up leaders for Zion's music ministry so that Zion would have a full-time organist, several part-time organists, and choirs of all kinds and of all ages to contribute to worship each week.

That Zion would share the blessings God has given her membership, that Zion would be generous of heart, time and pocket book to those in need.

That the Holy Spirit would protect Zion as a congregation against spiritual and worldly attacks, against the forces of evil and sin, especially against: greed, laziness, apathy, self-centeredness, gluttony, unfaithfulness and shameful pride.

3. Pray for the Membership of Zion

Thank God for the members we have had and currently have and the gifts they have contributed.

That the Holy Spirit would take hold of each and every member of Zion and stir their hearts in such a way that they seek a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus, and that they become active in the mission(s) Christ has laid before Zion.

That each member of Zion would seek to understand God's call to them as a disciple/apostle and then to seek to fulfill and be faithful to that call.

That the Holy Spirit lead the members of Zion into Bible studies and into Sunday school participation in such numbers that more Bible studies and Sunday school classes will need to be formed.

That the Holy Spirit protect each member household from spiritual and worldly attacks, against illness, against the forces of evil and sin, especially against: greed, laziness, apathy, self-centeredness, gluttony, unfaithfulness and shameful pride. [You may use the Member Directory to pray for each member household by name - maybe ten households at a time, more if you would like. You will be praying regularly so the hope is that you may pray for each house hold over the course of a year.]

4. Pray for Zion's Growth - Spiritually, Numerically and in Outreach

Thank God for the blessings Zion has already received over these past 163 years, and for the love and grace God has showered upon Zion through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pray that God would continue to bless Zion so that it may grow in number, in resources, and in it's desire to Teach, Preach the gospel, and Reach those who are lost, hurt or seeking the truth.

Pray that the Holy Spirit stirs our membership - each member, each household - to share the gospel with others with courage and conviction. That each member, and each household, speak to lapsed and wayward family members, and unchurched community members with a sense of compassion remembering to invite those family and community members to worship, to Bible studies, to Vacation Bible School, to Confirmation classes, to the Underground, and to Sunday school.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir the hearts of those who have been absent from worship and fellowship events at Zion, and lead them back to regular worship and back to attending fellowship events.

5. Pray for a Protective Hedge for Zion

Thank God for the blessing of 163 years of ministry as a congregation. Pray for healing within the membership and for a deep unity to develop within the membership of the congregation. Help us to truly see each member as a brother or sister - as family connected through the blood of Christ to one another.

Pray that Zion will continue to be a mission outpost until the day of Jesus Christ and his return. Pray that all obstacles would be cleared from our path for every mission related project we undertake.

Pray that God will protect Zion from evil - spiritual and worldly. Pray that our membership will kept tightly in the hands of Jesus, that we will remain faithful to Him no matter what we are confronted with as a congregation and that our trust and faith in Christ Jesus would be enough to sustain us always.

Pray that we - the Congregation of Zion - may "see with the eyes of faith" Jesus working through us so that our members faith lives may be deepened and we may be encouraged in our service to the Lord.