



## WCA IIPN January 2025 Prayer Guide

Theme: With a little help from my friends.

Romans 16

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Brother and Sister Intercessors,

### January 1 - 11 -- Seek His Presence

“If you want to win the day you need to win the morning” is what **Rev. Dr. J.D. Walt** advocates as he presents the [Wake-Up Call](#) each day. Let’s take that one step farther and say that if you want to win the year 2025 in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must first surrender the year 2025 to Jesus and walk in his way and the power of the Holy Spirit. Throughout this January 2025 Prayer Guide I will be referring to some of my most gifted, dedicated and Holy Spirit filled friends to offer their godly wisdom to help us walk in the steps of Jesus in 2025. Use the suggested prayer resources as needed and enjoy a blessed appointment with God the Father each day.

**Rev. David Roddy** lives in Western Pennsylvania and has written a daily devotional for years which he sends by text to his family and friends. He shares this concise statement about rising early in the morning to pray like Jesus did.

**Mark 1:35 NIV.** “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

— Jesus set the example for us to follow. Prayer is one of the Christian disciplines along with studying the Scriptures, worship, fasting, and Christian fellowship that is essential to our spiritual well-being. We need to be talking and sharing all things with God all the time. Simply asking God for wisdom, guidance, and direction for all the many decisions that we must make every day eases our burden and lightens our load knowing that God is with us through the day leading and guiding us through all that we do. We have a powerful resource in prayer to lift our spirit and guide us through this life if we only follow the example of Jesus and begin our day in prayer and living in a continuous attitude of prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17). God bless you! Love, Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, friend, Pastor, David, or Hey You.

### January 12 – 18 – Gain Prayer Resources



**Rev. Laura Ballinger** came to the Asbury Seminary campus during the early days of the launch of the Global Methodist Church to encourage the faculty and staff with an information update about this new movement of God. She said that “Prayer is the oxygen that fuels the life of the Global Methodist Church.” We all affirmed that statement with a hearty Amen! Also, on the GMC website John Wesley is quoted as saying “Prayer is certainly the grand means of drawing near to God, and all other means are helpful to us only so far as they are mixed with, or prepare us for, this.” More quotes and ideas to encourage prayer can be found under [Prayer Resources on the GMC website.](#)

## January 19 – 25 – Pray Globally

**Operation World** is a resource that my friend, **Howard Fryman and former OMS missionary**, is always encouraging us to read every day to learn about the status of the Christian Church in each nation of the world. This helps us be more specific in our prayers and thus increases our faith for those in difficult places who may be experiencing persecution. Download the App from the Play Store. For instance, did you know that Thailand has a population of 71,885,799 with 85.3% in the Buddhist religion and only .5% Evangelical Christian. Much prayer is needed. Please know that we have Global Methodist Missionaries serving there. They are **Rev. Mike and Sherri Morrissey**, Executive Directors of the mission: “Thailand Now!” Pray for them and learn more at [thailandnow.org](http://thailandnow.org).



Read the data for a different nation everyday and pray for the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and saving grace to move there for souls to be redeemed and that whole nations turn to God.

## January 26 – 31 – Pray for a faithful future



**Dan Schall** is a gospel singer who travels the country doing concerts and has produced [many music albums](#). In his newsletter recently he tackled the question, “*What About the Future?*”

In **Hebrews 11:7** we are told of Noah who, “being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household.” Here at the start of a new year we are probably all a little (or a lot) concerned about what this year will hold. And with good reason. Last year was a doozy, right?! What can we learn about facing tomorrow with faith? Even long time Christian’s struggle, I see it in churches.

But the Bible gives us a lot of reason to “**construct an ark**” to help us make it through 2025. “**God gives us a way to construct that ark**” verses:

- “Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow” (Matthew 6:34)
- “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that’” (James 4:13-15)
- “Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?” (Matthew 6:25-27)

**The truth is, we have no idea what the future will bring us**, but we have the absolute assurance of who holds our future. He is the one who has “engraved you on the palms of [His] hands” (Isaiah 49:16). When I think of a tattoo, I think of our son Allen: Can’t scrub it off, can’t rub it off. **The tattoo needle was the spike driven through His hands at Calvary.**

The same **“eternal God (who) is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms”** (Deuteronomy 33:27).

Reading the rest of Hebrews 11:7 we find the result of Noah’s act of faith: “By this he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.” Here at the start of the new year, let’s make it our prayer that by faith we will be a beacon of light in a dark world, pointing people to Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Hear the words of the old song:**

**Many things about tomorrow  
I don’t seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.**

**Final thoughts on living into the year 2025 by Bishop Carolyn Moore**

These prayer guide notes from Bishop Moore’s WCA IIPN December Prayer Guide are worth repeating.

**Personal:**

What are the “as if” prayers you need to be forming for your own life, so that unresolved areas are being prayed over prophetically, rather than anxiously? Practice listening for areas that need a prophetic word, then pray hopefully over what you hear.

**Community:**

Even while our world reels from wars, severe weather, and the discouragement of another election season, we still have a responsibility to seek the peace of the places to which Christ has called us (Jeremiah 29:7). Pray for unity in the Spirit over your own church, city, annual conference, and country. Pray “as if” prayers over areas that are still broken — as if the Lord is healing, as if the circumstances are resolving, as if God is reconciling all things.

**You’ve got to hear this!**



On Wednesday, November 13, 2024, during the GMC Dreams and Visions Conference at Asbury Seminary, **Bishop Carolyn Moore** spoke in Estes Chapel. She gave a powerful message for all of us to consider as we begin 2025. It was entitled “[Are you watchable?](#)” The sermon was recorded and is available to watch on the [ATS website here](#).

**May you and your family know a Christ Centered New Year,**

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