

# In the **beginning**, God...

“Beginning verses” to ponder as we begin a new school year:

>In the **beginning**, God created the heavens and the earth.  
[Genesis 1:1 ESV]

>The fear of the LORD is the **beginning** of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! [Psalm 111:10 ESV]

>The fear of the LORD is the **beginning** of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. [Proverbs 1:7 ESV]

>The **beginning** of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. [Proverbs 4:7 ESV]

>"The LORD possessed me [wisdom] at the **beginning** of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the **beginning** of the earth. [Proverbs 8:22-23 ESV]

>The fear of the LORD is the **beginning** of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. [Proverbs 9:10 ESV]

>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the **beginning** to the end. [Ecc 3:11 ESV]

>Better is the end of a thing than its **beginning**, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. [Ecclesiastes 7:8 ESV]

>A glorious throne set on high from the **beginning** is the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water. [Jeremiah 17:12-13 ESV]

> "You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. [Nehemiah 9:6 ]



# September Prayer Guide

For the renewal of your soul,  
your social circle, your  
family, and your church.

Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

And he said to them, "When you pray, say: “Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. ...”” [Luke 11:1-2]

You know the Lord's prayer, but **do you have a habit of prayer?**

Prayer keeps us mindful of God's presence and care.

Paul expands prayer beyond “asking God for stuff”. He encourages Timothy, who is starting a new church, to teach his people to pray with “**supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings**”.

**Just like the gasoline treatment to clean your engine, you can use STP to clean the engine of your prayer life.**

**S**orry. We apologize to God for the things we have done and left undone. If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 Jn 1:9]

**T**hanks. We thank God for **ALREADY** paying for our sins. And we thank Him for our salvation. Oh, give **thanks** to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! [Psalm 118:1]

**P**lease. We ask God for help in these tough times. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. [James 4:2]



## Prayer Guide for September

### Sorry:

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. [Romans 7:18-19 ESV]

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, **"I will confess** my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:3-5 ESV]

### Thank You:

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 7:24-25 and 5:8 ESV]

... if anyone does sin, we have an advocate [lawyer] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation [appeasement] for our sins, and not for ours only but also **for the sins of the whole world.** [1 John 2:1-2 ESV]

### Please:

I love those who love me, and **those who seek me diligently find me.** [Proverbs 8:17]

As you bring your needs before the Lord, please use this guide to pray for Faith Lutheran Church & School. Your church needs your prayers.

Sept.	Gracious Lord, hear our prayer to (insert the prayer of the day)
1 ☐	keep us mindful of the blessing of our vocation this Labor Day
2 ☐	protect our precious children in a dangerous world
3 ☐	grow participation in our Wednesday night discussions
4 ☐	protect our church and school from all assaults of the enemy
5 ☐	help us seek your will first
6 ☐	unite our congregation as one body under Christ
7 ☐	increase excitement in our Sunday morning Bible classes
8 ☐	give wisdom to our Elders and our Word and Sacrament Ministry

Sept.	Gracious Lord, hear our prayer to (insert the prayer of the day)
9 ☐	give abundant wisdom and joy to the church council members
10 ☐	let our children feel the love of their church family
11 ☐	motivate our school families to join our church
12 ☐	give peace to those who have lost loved ones
13 ☐	bless the needy in Walker County with hope and care
14 ☐	raise up more parents to worship God with their families
15 ☐	encourage the teachers, aides, and admins managing our school
16 ☐	bless our efforts to increase our church body
17 ☐	bless our time spent together in fellowship
18 ☐	protect our home and church facilities from danger and damage
19 ☐	remind us to include you in our daily lives
20 ☐	let parents, grandparents, aunts, & uncles guide little ones well
21 ☐	enrich our lives with the joys of your love and mercy
22 ☐	empower us to continue our financial commitments
23 ☐	encourage Jane in the management of our church office
24 ☐	increase the size and health of our congregation
25 ☐	raise up evangelists, teachers, and preachers at Faith
26 ☐	have mercy on those who are sick and suffering
27 ☐	see our part in YOUR mission at church and in Huntsville
28 ☐	grow our curiosity for your word
29 ☐	be thankful for all you have provided us
30 ☐	help us boldly proclaim the good news everywhere we go

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

May this practice of prayer bless you, your friends/family, and Faith – YOUR church - as we grow to know God and make Him known.