

Weekend to Remember

# One-Year Prayer Guide



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## FOREWORD

*The soul learns to pray by praying: for prayer is communion with a transcendent and imminent God who on the ground of his nature and attributes calls forth all the powers of the redeemed soul in acts of total adoration and dedication.*

—Arthur Bennett

It is assumed that as Christ followers we pray. Jesus mentions three times in Matthew 6:5-7, “When you pray ... .” He then goes on to give us a model prayer that, as disciples, we can use to direct our own times of prayer.

It is tremendously exciting to know that the Author of Creation wants us to interact with Him through praise, worship, petition and intercession. “Just as the eternal truths of the Almighty God intersected with our world through the power of his creativity, so he invites us to cry out from this temporal realm to intersect eternity through the means of his graciously given creative power.”<sup>1</sup>

This guide is provided as a starting point for a creative prayer ministry in each region where there is a Weekend to Remember<sup>®</sup>. There are many lists of activities and other things to pray for, and therein lies a danger. The danger being “caught up in the list” and not focusing on the end result of wanting our God to interact with both those who are both involved with our ministry and those for whom we minister.

To help keep focus, we encourage the liberal use of God's Word when praying. “The best way to talk to God is in his own words. When we pray the Word of God, we embrace the will of God.”<sup>2</sup> With this in mind Colossians 3:16 is a great verse on which to meditate and to pray for oneself.

Enjoy God, enjoy one another, and enjoy praying. We look forward to celebrating with you as we hear about the fruit of our labor as a result of prayer.

## OVERVIEW – HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The intent of this prayer guide is to be exactly that, a guide. We believe that each prayer leader and petitioner has been gifted by God with specific skills and talents to allow for individuality and creativity in each specific prayer plan application. The intensity of prayer will vary throughout the Weekend to Remember® (WTR) yearly cycle. The guide is organized with an introduction to personally prepare for prayer followed by individual sections for each of the WTR phases and ending with appendixes. Each phase section is divided into a Phase Purpose, Praise Focus, Phase Activities and Processes (as appropriate for the local team, FamilyLife and HomeBuilder Movement activities), and Prayer Directives and Scriptures.

It is recommended that each one praying have his or her own Bible available for reference in order to read the suggested prayer scriptures and as a ready reference to look up scriptures brought to mind during prayer.

The recommended prayer frequency is suggested as a minimum prayer effort.

- Follow-up phase (0-2 months after the WTR)
  - One time of corporate prayer
  - Prayer requests distributed bimonthly
- Planning phase (10-5 months out from WTR)
  - One time of corporate prayer
  - Prayer requests distributed bimonthly
- Recruiting phase (5-3 months out from WTR)
  - One time of corporate prayer
  - Prayer requests distributed weekly
- Promotion phase (12-0 weeks out from WTR)
  - One time of corporate prayer (could be the prayer walk at hotel property)
  - Prayer at the hotel property
  - Prayer requests distributed weekly
- WTR phase will use the on-site prayer guide and the prayer team praying through each session and application project in a room designated only for prayer.

The appendixes provide some additional resources for prayer and for planning.

## INTRODUCTION

Praise the Lord! We praise God that you have been called to take “the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17b NIV) and pray for those involved in promoting and attending the Weekend to Remember. You will need your Bible in order to pray effectively for these requests.

This Prayer Guide is filled with the Word of God for you to declare as you intercede for those involved in promoting and those attending the getaway. When you pray Scripture for these requests, you are imparting the life and power of God. As you enter the world of intercession, you place yourselves on the front battle line for God. In order to combat spiritual attack, one MUST be prepared. Begin now by reading Ephesians 6:10-18 and take up the armor of God.<sup>3</sup>

Each time you pray you are encouraged to use the acrostic PRAY. You will begin each day or session (depending on how prayer is scheduled) with **Praising** God, **Repentance** from sin, **Asking** God according to His will, and **Yielding** yourself to all that God speaks to you from His word. You may then use the specifics of the prayer guide to focus your prayers.<sup>4</sup>

**Praising:** Praise is acknowledging God for who He is by name and attributes. You may even choose to praise through song. Included in praise are prayers of thanksgiving for what He has done.<sup>5</sup>

**Repentance:** It is necessary to approach God in an attitude of repentance. “If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin ...” (1 Kings 8:46 NASB). “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9 NASB).

**Asking:** “This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him” (1 John 5:14-15 NASB).

**Yielding:** Yield yourself to God: Spend time quietly sitting at His feet and meditating on His Word. He will guide and direct your prayers. “Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him” (John 14:21 NASB).

### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures  
forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all  
generations.

Psalm 100 (NIV)

## REPENTANCE AND CLEANSING

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to  
the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope.  
Psalm 130:1-2, 5 (ESV)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Psalm 51:10 (ESV)

“Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.”  
Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

- ◇ Is there anyone you have not forgiven?
- ◇ Did you fight with your spouse or a family member or anyone else today?
- ◇ Is your life self-controlled or God-controlled?

### ASKING

Each phase has suggested topics for which to “ask” God during each time of prayer.

Invite the Holy Spirit into the follow-up, planning, recruiting, and promotion phases for the upcoming getaway (John 14:25-26 and John 16:5-11). Ask the Spirit for unity and peace among those praying, planning, recruiting, and promoting the getaway (Psalm 133 and Ephesians 4:1-6).

Pray that God’s purpose will be accomplished in each person working toward a successful getaway. Pray that God will be preparing the hearts of couples of His choice to be in attendance. Pray that God’s will be done in the lives of those having attended the recent WTR. A prayer for yourself and others praying might look like this:

Lord, enable all of us to honor you by submitting to each other (Ephesians 5:21). Give us patience, faithfulness, and encouragement; and help us to live in complete harmony with the attitude of Christ toward each other (Romans 15:5-6). Keep us vigilant to guard against any separation of spirit between us.<sup>6</sup>

### YIELDING

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding;  
think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.  
Don't consider yourself to be wise; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.  
Proverbs 3:5-7 (HCSB)

Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.  
Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 2:2-5 (NKJV)

## PRAYER FOR THE FOLLOW-UP PHASE

(0–2 months after WTR)

**Phase Purpose**—The purpose of this phase is to praise and thank God for the results of the recent getaway, pray for the continuing impact of His Word on the getaway guests, and ask His guidance as a new season for prayer is planned.

### PRAISE

#### God's Name and Character

“The Lord is my Shepherd,” YAHWEH ROI (yah-WEH row EE). He guides, nourishes, and protects (Psalm 23).<sup>7</sup>

#### Guiding Scripture

Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

. . .

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

Psalm 146:1-2, 5-8 (ESV)

#### Phase Activities and Processes

- Team Activities
  - Team meetings.
  - Prayer Director (PD) and Weekend to Remember Director (WTRD) plan the upcoming year's calendar.
  - PD adds intercessors to the prayer team.
  - Catalysts follow up and thank with top comments.
  - Coaches thank Group Coordinators with top comments.
  - PD thank intercessors with top comments.
- FamilyLife Activities
  - FamilyLife HomeBuilders meetings for events in the area.
  - FMRs' planning for the new year.
  - Hotel contracting and negotiations.



- Speaker scheduling.
- HomeBuilders Movement Activities
  - Art of Marriage
  - Couples Series
  - LifeReady
  - New staff and volunteers

### **Prayer Directives and Scripture**

- Praise and thanksgiving for the recent getaway. (Mark 4:20)
- Pray for the getaway guests by name who indicated spiritual decisions. (1Peter 2:2-3)
- Pray in general for the getaway guests. (Nehemiah 4:14)
  - Husband, wife, and parent prayer cards.<sup>8</sup>
- Pray for the pastors (and their church if known) by name. (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:24a)
- Pray for FamilyLife staff and volunteers by name. (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- Pray for those considering FamilyLife staff and volunteer team. (Colossians 1:9-12)
- Pray for intercessors. (Acts 6:4)
- Pray for hotel contract negotiations. (Proverbs 16:11, 13)
- Pray for those considering hosting an Art of Marriage event. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Pray for those considering leading a HomeBuilders Couples Series<sup>®</sup>. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Pray for those considering using the LifeReady materials. (Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:2)

## PRAYER FOR THE PLANNING PHASE

(10–5 months out from WTR)

**Phase Purpose**—The purpose of this phase is to set the details and communicate the prayer plan for the upcoming WTR to the team and ensure adequate prayer coverage for the recruiting and promotion phases.

### PRAISE

#### God's Name and Character

God, Mighty Creator, Elohim (e-lo-HEEM), He is the creator. (Genesis 1:1)<sup>9</sup>

#### Guiding Scripture

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. —1 Peter 1:13-21 (NKJV)

#### Phase Activities and Processes

- Team Activities
  - Team meetings and activities.
  - Prayer.
  - Team leadership planning meetings.
  - First corporate prayer gathering.
  - Identify strategic church partnership targets and begin networking.
- FamilyLife Activities
  - Development of recruiting data bases.
  - Setting goals.
  - Marketing decisions and planning of priority radio stations.
- HomeBuilders Movement Activities
  - Art of Marriage promotions and events
  - Couple Series studies
  - LifeReady studies

#### Prayer Directives and Scripture

- Praise and thanksgiving for the results of the previous WTR getaway.
- Intercession by name for returning volunteers. (2 Peter 3:18)

- Pray that they will be fully prepared for the next WTR getaway and sensitive to the Spirit's leading in their preparation and planning (Romans 12:1-21; Colossians 1:9-12a).
- Pray for the PD and WTRD as they evaluate the prayer plan. (Proverbs 16:9)
- Pray for the WTRD as they evaluate the church plan. (Proverbs 15:22)
- Pray for the Catalysts and WTRD as they evaluate the catalytic plan. (Proverbs 20:18)
- Petition and intercession for new volunteers. (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2)
- Group Coaches, Catalysts. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)
- On-site workers. (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2)
- Petition for Group Coordinators to be recruited. (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2)
- Pray for selection of radio stations for promotion campaign. (Proverbs 24:3, 27)
- Pray for data base organization.
- Pray for goal setting. (Proverbs 19:21)
- Pray for speakers and FamilyLife as they plan their schedules. (Philippians 1:3-11)
- Pray for Art of Marriage events and promotions.
- Pray for HomeBuilders Couples Series studies.

## PRAYER FOR THE RECRUITING PHASE

(5–3 months out from WTR)

**Phase Purpose**—The purpose of this phase is for the Church Group Coaches to recruit Church Group Coordinators and for the Catalysts to be firming up relationships with churches, businesses, and other community contacts.

### PRAISE

#### God's Name and Character

The Lord Will Provide, Yahweh Yireh (yah-WEH-yir-EH), Provider. (Genesis 22:13-14)<sup>10</sup>

#### Guiding Scripture

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know the Messiah's love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think—according to the power that works in you—to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. —Ephesians 3:14-21 (HCSB)

#### Phase Activities and Processes

- Team Activities
  - Prayer
  - Continue recruiting for Group Coaches and Intercessors
  - Build relationships with other local prayer networks
  - Team trainings/meetings
  - Group phone calling
  - Individual phone calling
  - Church and Community Catalysts recruiting and follow up
- FamilyLife activities
  - FMR promotion and training trips
  - Preparation for e-mail recruiting
  - Marketing radio station promotion discussions
- HomeBuilders Movement Activities
  - Art of Marriage promotions and events
  - Couple Series studies
  - LifeReady studies

## Prayer Directives and Scripture

- Praise for all the pastors who have promoted the WTR marriage getaway in the past. (Ephesians 3:13-19)
- Pray with anticipation for those who will promote it this season. (Matthew 9:37-38)
- Pray for all the interactions/relationships with the Coordinators/Catalysts and the local church leadership. (2 Timothy 1:8-11)
- Pray that pastors will see the WTR getaway as a support to their ministry and will encourage their flock to attend. (Acts 20:28)
- Pray for the local pastors and their families and the stresses that they face. (Philippians 4:6-8)
- Pray for the actual phone calls to invite others to be Group Coaches and intercessors. (Romans 12:10-15)
- Pray for those who will be receiving the phone calls that their hearts will be turned to hear the need and the opportunity for them to be involved in the ministry. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Pray for the team meetings/trainings that Christ would be glorified, that couples will be encouraged and motivated to reach out to their friends, family and co-workers.
- Praise Him for the previous year of local radio promotion and pray for the spots that will air for this upcoming getaway.
- Pray for the mailing of the postcards and their timely arrival.
- Pray for the finances for marketing the WTR on the radio so that many will hear about the getaway.
- Pray that any Art of Marriage events would promote the WTR.
- Pray that all Couples Series study groups would form groups and promote the WTR.
- Pray that all LifeReady studies would form groups and promote the WTR.

## PRAYER FOR THE PROMOTION PHASE

(12–0 weeks out from WTR)

**Phase Purpose**—The purpose of this phase is for the Community and Church Group Coordinators to promote and invite couples to attend the WTR. Group Coaches and Catalysts will continue to follow up and coach the Group Coordinators. The prayer team will be praying for specific needs and requests on behalf of couples requesting prayer during conversations with Group Coordinators and Catalysts.

### PRAISE

#### God's Name and Character

The Lord my Banner, Yahweh Nissi (yah-WEH nis-SEE), Powerful. (Exodus 17: 15-16)<sup>11</sup>

#### Guiding Scripture

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. —Philippians 1:3-7 (NKJV)

#### Phase Activities and Processes

- Team Activities
  - Prayer
  - Continue recruiting Group Coordinators
  - Follow-up and coaching of Group Coordinators
  - Team meetings
  - On-site volunteer selection
  - Prayer walk at the hotel property
- FamilyLife activities
  - eCoaching e-mail series
  - Group Coordinator Web page
  - National Group Coordinator support
  - Pastor interviews and registrations
  - Radio promotions
  - Getaway planner preparation
  - On-site volunteer selection
  - FMR preparation
  - Speaker preparation
- HomeBuilders Movement Activities
  - Art of Marriage promotions and events
  - Couple Series studies
  - LifeReady studies

## Prayer Directives and Scripture

- Pray for each recruited Group Coordinator by name and their church. (Philippians 1:2-4)
  - Their marriages
  - Courage to be very proactive and promotion
  - Clear communication
  - Support from church leadership
  - Any prayer requests turned into team
- Continue praying for the recruiting of Group Coordinators. (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2)
  - From unreached churches
  - That couples would have courage to become a Group Coordinators
- Pray that the Coaches would be diligent and wise in their interactions with Group Coordinators. (Philippians 4:1-9)
- Ask the Lord to provide the right couples as getaway workers. (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2)
- Pray many would turn out for the prayer walk at the hotel. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Pray that Group Coordinators and couples in their groups would share prayer burdens. (James 5:16)
- Ask God to use the FamilyLife eCoaching e-mails to encourage Group Coordinators not in contact with the local team. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Pray that the National Group Coordinator would be able to assist all trying to establish group names. (Galatians 5:13)
- Pray for the pastor registrations and interviews to be encouraging. (Galatians 6:2)
- Pray that many would respond to the radio promotions.
- Pray for the FamilyLife staff preparations for the getaway. (Ephesians 6:10-17)
  - Diligence
  - Flexibility in the face of adversity
  - Clear communications with each other and the hotel staff
  - Their marriages and families
- Pray for the speaker team preparations for the getaway. (Ephesians 6:10-17)

## PRAYER FOR THE WTR PHASE

(Getaway Weekend)

**Phase Purpose**—The purpose of this phase is to mobilize intercessory prayer on behalf of those attending the getaway and serving there. The primary focus for prayer will be the on-site prayer team using the *WTR Getaway Prayer Guide*.

### Phase Activities

- Team Activities
  - Prayer
    - Rejoice and thank God for what he has done
    - Pray over the hotel and ballroom
  - Greeting and ushering
  - Team joins intercessors in prayer room
  - Monitor prayer boxes
  - Enjoy the WTR sessions
  - Team debriefing/evaluation
- FamilyLife activities
  - Planner responsibilities
  - Resource Center Coordinator and Associate Planner responsibilities
  - Speaker responsibilities
  - FMR responsibilities preview

### Prayer Directives and Scripture

- Use the *WTR Getaway Prayer Guide*.



## APPENDIX A – 16 WEEKS OF PRAYER COUNTDOWN TO WTR

<p><b>Week 16</b></p> <p>Pray for fruit from the Church Group Coordinators efforts. Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of those attending. Pray for any vacant team slots to be filled with God's choice. Pray for the ballroom to be filled.</p>	<p><b>Week 12</b></p> <p>Pray for the WTR Ministry Team Meeting. Pray for the Group Promotions materials to successfully get into the hands of the Church Group Coordinators.</p>	<p><b>Week 8</b></p> <p>Pray for the churches to use the bulletin inserts and other promotion materials. Pray for groups to be formed to attend the WTR. Pray for wisdom, grace, integrity, physical and emotional strength for the staff from FamilyLife that will be working at the getaway.</p>
<p><b>Week 15</b></p> <p>Pray for team unity. Pray for spiritual strongholds to be broken down and hearts moved to make the commitment to attend. Pray that the promotions will reach the outlying areas.</p>	<p><b>Week 11</b></p> <p>Pray for the Church and Community promotions. Pray that the Church Group Coordinators have success getting permission from their pastors. Pray men would take the initiative to lead their wives in attending the WTR.</p>	<p><b>Week 7</b></p> <p>Pray for Sunday School announcements. Pray for God to give hope to marriages that are failing. Pray the Holy Spirit will powerfully work to make known the Biblical principles of a covenant marriage relationship.</p>
<p><b>Week 14</b></p> <p>Pray for God's provision of finances to attend. Pray that God would urge the prayer team to fervent prayer. Pray that Satan would be bound and his efforts to keep couples from attending would be thwarted.</p>	<p><b>Week 10</b></p> <p>Pray for pastors to attend. Pray that the women will feel comfortable inviting their husbands to attend and that the men will respond positively. Pray for extraordinary creativity for the Church Group Coordinators. Pray for the remarried couples.</p>	<p><b>Week 6</b></p> <p>Pray for the Direct Mail brochures that are mailed out. Pray for continued community promotions. Pray that many would respond to the information at the church information tables. Pray for couples to boldly invite friends.</p>
<p><b>Week 13</b></p> <p>Pray for strong marriages to be made stronger. Pray that many will catch a vision of how they can strengthen families in their churches and communities. Pray for Team unity.</p>	<p><b>Week 9</b></p> <p>Pray that the Coaches would challenge and encourage their Church Group Coordinators. Pray for babysitting needs. Pray for the engaged and pre-engaged couples. Pray that the couples would be teachable.</p>	<p>Intentionally blank</p>

<p><b>Week 5</b>  Praise God for all that He is doing!  Pray for people to invite their friends.  Paid radio begins, pray for response.  Pray for pulpit announcements.  Pray for good communication within team  Pray for Satan to be bound and his efforts to cause problems thwarted.  Pray that God will call and people will be willing to fast and pray for lasting spiritual fruit.</p>	<p><b>Week 3</b>  Praise God for all that He is doing!  Pray for Sunday School and Pulpit announcements.  Pray for continued group registrations.  Pray for a smooth flow of registration and administrative details.  Pray for hotel set up.  Pray for the protection of Weekend to Remember Directors, executive committee, Group Coordinators, Catalysts and the prayer team.  Pray for the radio promotions.</p>	<p><b>Week 1</b>  Praise God for all that He is doing!  Pray God would protect people from last minute problems that would prevent them from attending.  Pray for protection of the speakers.  Pray that the speakers would be God's vessels through which He would speak.  Pray that the couples will apply what they learn.  Pray that those attending will understand how to be filled with the Holy Spirit.</p>
<p><b>Week 4</b>  Praise God for all that He is doing!  Pray for the direct mail alumni post card.  Pray for those giving personal testimonies to promote the WTR.  Pray for continued email distributions.  Pray schedules will be clear for couples to attend.  Pray all registrations come in smoothly.  Pray for the radio promotions.</p>	<p><b>Week 2</b>  Praise God for all that He is doing!  Pray for new HomeBuilders groups.  Pray for last minute registrations.  Pray that those who do not know Christ would come to saving faith in Him.  Pray that God would raise up leadership for future getaways.</p>	

## APPENDIX B – 12 MONTHS OF PRAYER COUNTDOWN TO WTR

<p><b>12 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Thank God for all He did! Pray for the email that thanks the guests for attending. Pray for protection of the guests from Satan's attacks. Pray for those that are seeking a church home. Pray that God would guard against conflicting events at the time of next season's WTR. Pray for the team celebration event to be well attended. Pray for the completion of the recruiting of the promotional team .</p>	<p><b>9 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Pray for protection of the Field Ministry Rep and the City Ministry Team. Pray that the prayer teams will be committed to Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray for the location of the volunteer team training. Pray for future Coaches to be raised up. Pray for a prayer team that aches to pray. Pray for the right speakers to be brought to the right city.</p>	<p><b>6 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Pray for the upcoming Coaches' recruiting and training. Pray for every available seat to be filled. Pray for upcoming promotions. Pray for pastors to attend. Pray for the selection of resource material. Pray for the FamilyLife staff working for your WTR. Pray for the couples that think they need the WTR the least and those that think they need it the most.</p>
<p><b>11 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Thank God for all He did! Pray for the e-mail that checks on those that attended to produce encouragement. Pray for the recruitment of additional members of the City Ministry Team and Prayer Team members. Pray for hotel choice and scheduling.</p>	<p><b>8 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Continue to pray for Prayer Team Recruitment. Pray that God would begin to stir in the hearts of the men and women the need to hear His plan. Pray for favor with the radio stations. Pray for churches that do not have coordinators.</p>	<p><b>5 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Pray for the completion of recruiting and training. Pray for the upcoming recruiting of Church Group Coordinators. Pray for a sense of urgency in promoting the WTR.</p>
<p><b>10 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Pray for fruitful and timely follow up with those receiving Christ. Pray for all City Team slots to be filled. Pray for on time delivery of all promotional materials. Pray for the support of HomeBuilders groups. Pray for the active follow up of churches that have sent guests.</p>	<p><b>7 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Pray for team unity. Pray for humble and teachable spirits. Pray for team connecting activities. Pray for struggling families in the community. Continue to pray for Coaches to be called to the harvest.</p>	<p><b>4 months:</b> _____</p> <p>Praise God for all He is doing! Pray for the recruiting of the Church Group Coordinators. Pray for the relationship with the hotel.</p>

## APPENDIX C – 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE WTR

Welcome to “40 Days of Prayer” as we approach the FamilyLife Weekend to Remember® (WTR) What a privilege and honor to bow before the Most High God and intercede on behalf of FamilyLife for the saints in battle for their homes and marriages, and for those who have yet to choose eternal life in Jesus Christ. What an opportunity and responsibility to cry out for them, to ask for blessings, and to be a blessing. Grab your bible and let’s pray!

As you read Psalm 150 emphasizing different words with each reading, reading some lines louder than the next, you may find it a challenge to stay in your seat! You may find yourself with hands lifted high, shouting praises to the King, or possibly humbly bowed with the words softly on your tongue as you envision His throne and the saints singing and dancing in praise. Maybe you’re up and dancing around or possibly you have found some cymbals or something to make your own music—whatever it is, as long as we have breath, let’s join together as we praise the Lord, and now as we intercede.

Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.  
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,  
praise him with tambourine and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and flute,  
praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Psalm 150 (NIV)

**Day 1** – 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NIV): “Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

Pray this scripture over FamilyLife, pastors, speakers, prayer warriors, the ministry team, all present and future Coaches, Church Group Coordinators, Catalysts, and for all aspects leading up to, during, and following the WTR.

**Day 2** – Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV): “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, ‘Destroy him!’”

*Complimentary scriptures: Romans 8:31, John 4:6*

Pray these scriptures as we acknowledge there is an enemy who does not want God to prevail and who is opposed to the work being done to rescue and restore marriages, families, and homes. The ultimate opposition is against the sharing of the gospel, the truth that sets all

mankind free! Let us stay in the battle with confidence of our victory in Christ, with complete surrender and compassion, not with a prideful spirit in the victory.

**Day 3** – Jeremiah 29:11-14(a) (NIV): “‘For I know the plans I have for you’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and will bring you back from captivity.’”

Embrace this scripture for yourself and seek Him with all your heart to answer your deepest heartfelt questions, concerns, or needs. He will listen and He will respond. Pray this over the couples He is drawing to the WTR that even if they do not know this promise, the Holy Spirit will move in such a way that they will turn attentive, spiritual eyes and ears toward Him.

**Day 4** – Ephesians 3:20 (NIV): “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

*Complimentary scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3*

Pray these scriptures over the Coaches and Church Group Coordinators (CGCs) as they continue in the battle to promote and encourage promotion of the WTR. Pray that the passion for saved lives and marriages will burn so strongly in each one that they will be quick to respond to the Holy Spirit’s nudging to make a phone call or send an email to those He brings to mind. Pray for renewed strength and a fresh wind to persevere in the efforts of promotion and exhortation. Ask God to send those alongside the Coaches and Church Group Coordinators to give them an encouraging word. Pray for good communication between the Coaches and CGCs, with contact being made and updates shared. Pray for the radio stations that will be airing the WTR promotions. Pray that radios will be turned to the stations and that people will “hear” and respond via phone or e-mail.

**Day 5** – Ezekiel 34:26 (NIV): “I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.”

Pray this over the WTR hotel; the management, facilities, grounds, staff, and guests. Thank God for His perfect provision in this venue and what He will accomplish leading up to and during the weekend of the WTR. Pray that it will be evident to all involved that God is choosing to bless the hotel for hosting the WTR. Pray for good and sound business relationships between the hotel and FamilyLife management and staff as details become reality. Pray that all involved with FamilyLife will be memorable guests as we bear His name, that each of us will be a blessing to those who cross our path.

**Day 6** – Psalm 51:6 (NIV): “Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; / you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Psalm 5:11-12, 2 Timothy 1:7*

Pray these scriptures over the speakers ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) who give so graciously of their time away from family as they have a heart for God and for

marriages. Pray for their wisdom, protection over their marriage, family, finances, health, and for traveling mercies. Pray that they will be self-disciplined in their physical, spiritual, financial, and emotional daily walk. Pray that all of their needs will be met and the needs of their family while they are here. Pray that God will give them a fresh word to share and that they will be excited for the current examples to share. Pray that they will come completely surrendered to the work of the WTR and will be able to lay aside the other “stuff” back home, with peace. Pray for empowerment of the Holy Spirit to speak boldly through each speaker as they present truth and that the Word will penetrate each heart and mind. Pray that God would surround each speaker with His favor as with a shield. Pray that each speaker would leave the WTR very encouraged for how God worked through them and re-charged to serve and be effective in their own families and communities.

**Day 7** – 1 Corinthians 14:40 (NIV): “But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”

*Complimentary scripture: Colossians 2:5*

Pray these scriptures over the details and mechanics of the WTR. Pray for the timely shipping and receiving of materials from Little Rock to the hotel along with the sorting and setting up/tearing down. Pray for the lighting, sound, temperature, seating, food preparation and serving, parking, room accommodations, luggage handling, all materials to be used by speakers, team, and staff, prayer room set up and reassemble, prayer boxes and requests, protection over computers for all the various uses, timeliness and ease with registration, and greeters in place to welcome each guest. There are many details so please pray as the Holy Spirit brings others to mind.

**Day 8** – Matthew 8:26-27 (NIV): “He replied, ‘You of little faith, why are you so afraid?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, ‘What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!’”

Pray this scripture over the weather surrounding and on the weekend of the WTR, that there would be nothing to hinder anyone from making the trip to the hotel. Pray for the traffic into and around the metroplex as couples make their way to the hotel. Ask the Most High God, to clear the pathways of those driving and the airways and terminals for those flying.

**Day 9** – Matthew 6:33-34 (NIV): ““But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

*Complimentary scripture: Matthew 6:25-26*

Pray these scriptures over the guests attending the WTR that each will be able to easily transition from the hustle bustle of the world and be prepared to listen and receive God’s Word. Pray that each will be able to lay their concerns before the Lord and as they enter into the hotel, they will feel the peace of the Holy Spirit. Pray that hearts will be tender and eager to learn and apply the biblical principles to be presented. Pray for understanding of the lessons and a desire to know how to apply them to their lives. Pray for protection of their minds from distractions and from fleshly thoughts. Pray for ears to hear the Word of God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be allowed to minister to their hearts throughout the WTR. Pray that the deeds of the flesh will be

broken and that the fruit of the Spirit will prevail. Pray that any and all strongholds will be broken and replaced with a willingness to listen.

**Day 10** – Proverbs 17:22 (NIV): “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Psalm 95:7b-8a, Psalm 141:5a*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR for peace and protection from the enemy. Pray against discouragement and for them to persevere through any obstacles the enemy has put or will put in their way. Pray that the Lord will break down the walls in their hearts and that there will be much laughter. Pray that each individual will not harden his/her heart to the Holy Spirit and will receive correction through the speakers’ teaching.

**Day 11** – Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV): “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

*Complimentary scripture: Psalm 139:23-24*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that God would peel away the layers of deception and that each person would see themselves honestly. Pray that each couple will have an openness to share with their wife or husband areas of deceit and to speak honestly. Pray for vulnerability before the Lord and to each other and then for their protection in this vulnerability. Ask God to stir their hearts so that oneness will be the desire of their souls.

**Day 12** – Proverbs 24:3-4 (NIV): “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; / through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Proverbs 15:1, Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 15:23*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that as they hear the speakers give biblical principles that they will be able to discern any barriers in place. Pray that couples will be moved toward transparency with one another. Pray for the breaking of destructive patterns and the development of healthy patterns. Pray for honesty with one another and gentleness.

**Day 13** – Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7 (NIV): “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven . . . a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak.”

*Complimentary scriptures; Colossians 3:8, 12; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; Jeremiah 29:11*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that the Lord would give them ears to hear each other. Let each person be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger. Pray that anger will not be allowed to grow, that walls of anger will be brought down, and that anger will not be allowed to be a hindrance to oneness. Pray that the Lord will bring hope to each heart and that there will be vulnerability in expressing their hope. Pray that couples will dare to hope for His purposes in their marriages.

**Day 14** – John 17:22-23 (NIV): “I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Genesis 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6, Genesis 2:18*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that each couple will get the right picture of a godly marriage and to understand that their marriage is a tool to express God’s glory to the world. Pray that couples will receive God’s purposes for marriage as truth and begin to walk out these purposes in their own marriage, reflecting God’s image, mutually completing each other, and transferring a godly legacy.

**Day 15** – Psalm 147:3: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

*Isaiah 51:3, Psalm 34:4-5*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that those who have lost children or who are unable to have children will be comforted by the Lord. Pray that each person will be released from strongholds of pride, shame, guilt, and fear.

**Day 16** – Genesis 2:24 (NIV): “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Philippians 2:3, James 1:17*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that they will leave any dependence on parents or other things and cleave to one another emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Pray that each couple will allow God to use their differences and weaknesses to build dependency. Pray for couples to receive their spouse as God’s perfect provision.

**Day 17** – 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV): “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Luke 10:19, Revelation 12:11*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR who may be facing significant obstacles to oneness due to abuse issues in the past or present; unfaithfulness, infidelity, or addictions. Pray against every effort of Satan to defeat oneness and every human excuse to reject God’s plan. Pray for complete healing and restoration.

**Day 18** – 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV): “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

*Complimentary scriptures: John 6:44, John 3:16*

Pray these scriptures over each guests of the WTR that God will create a hunger in the soul of each person and draw them to Himself through the Holy Spirit. Pray that each person will



understand the depth of God's love for them. Pray that nothing will interfere with or hinder the Truth from being heard and received.

**Day 19** – Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV): “The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.’”

*Complimentary scriptures: Romans 3:23, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-9, Acts 4:12, John 14:6*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that each unbeliever understands the depth of their depravity and the resulting isolation from God. Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal the person of Jesus Christ and that they will place their trust in his death, burial, and resurrection.

**Day 20** – Luke 11:13 (NIV): “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

*Complimentary scripture: John 14:16, 26*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that each person will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray that all will understand what the Holy Spirit does in their lives and what it means to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Pray that couples will spend time in God's Word, pray together as a couple, fellowship with other believers, and confess sin and turn from it when it occurs. Pray that the fruit of the Spirit will begin to be evident.

**Day 21** – James 4:1-2 (NIV): “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Matthew 5:23-24, Psalm 34:13-14*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that when they hear what anger is, they will understand. Pray for couples to have the courage to individually walk through the process of resolving conflict, taking ownership of his or her responsibilities. Pray for couples to walk humbly through the process of resolving conflict with the goal of attaining oneness.

**Day 22** – Psalm 13:2-3, 5 (NIV): “How long must I wrestle with my thoughts / and every day have sorrow in my heart? / How long will my enemy triumph over me? / Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. / Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death . . . / But I trust in your unfailing love; / my heart rejoices in your salvation.”

*Complimentary scripture: Galatians 6:1*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that any who are struggling with depression will seek counsel. Pray for understanding if anger that has been turned inward is the root cause of depression. Pray for understanding as couples will hear truth about loving confrontation and that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts to share, receive, and respond through His leadership.

**Day 23** – Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV): “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Colossians 1:17, Proverbs 19:11*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that couples will understand the power of forgiveness. Pray for the Lord to begin the process of rebuilding trust in hurting couples. Pray for individuals to put trust in the Lord and His ability to “make all things new” and to “hold all things together.” Pray that couples will depend on the Holy Spirit to guide and heal them. Pray that couples will be prepared to receive their spouse’s repentance and extend forgiveness with God’s grace.

**Day 24** – 1 Corinthians 7:5 (NIV): “Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Ecclesiastes 9:9, Song of Solomon 7:10-12*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that God will prepare the hearts of couples to understand to what extent physical, emotional, mental, and/or spiritual factors are affecting sexual intimacy; pray also for direction from the Lord in combating those factors. Pray for couples to celebrate God’s design, to celebrate their differences, and to have freedom in sexual expression. Pray for couples to increase companionship, commitment, passion, and intimacy.

**Day 25** – Romans 6:8-14 (NIV): “Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Colossians 3:5, Psalm 119:133*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that individuals will turn from sexual sin and that they will run from all temptation. Pray that shackles will be broken which are holding individuals in bondage to sexual sin, including, but not limited to emotional and/or physical relationships outside of marriage, homosexuality, pornography, romantic fantasies of any kind, masturbation, and intimate conversations with members of the opposite sex.

**Day 26** – Psalm 103:2-5 (NIV): “Praise the LORD, O my soul, / and forget not all his benefits— / who forgives all your sins / and heals all your diseases, / who redeems your life from the pit / and crowns you with love and compassion, / who satisfies your desires with good things / so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Psalm 147:3, Psalm 34:4-5, 1 Peter 4:8*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR for healing of sexual abuse, for He is the Lord who heals. Pray that He would “bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair” according to Isaiah 61:3 (NIV). Pray for release from any shame and fear related to sexual sin or as the result of the sin of others. Also pray that husbands and wives will not deprive one another of sexual intimacy.

**Day 27** – Genesis 2:23-25 (NIV): “The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones / and flesh of my flesh; / she shall be called “woman,” / for she was taken out of man.’ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Hebrews 13:4, Romans 12:1-2*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that couples will recognize that sex is a gift from God and that an attitude of giving establishes oneness. Pray God will prepare the hearts of the couples to be able to appreciate, affirm, re-evaluate, renew, and rebuild marital relationships. Pray that the marriage relationship will truly reflect God’s plan for the family. Pray also for those who may not be able to be intimate with each other and that couples will truly surrender their sex life to the Lord, that their thinking about sex will be aligned with God’s thoughts and purposes. Pray for God to expose any places where individuals have pursued sexual fulfillment outside of their marriage; pray for repentance and restoration.

**Day 28** – Proverbs 31:10-12 (NIV): “A wife of noble character who can find? / She is worth far more than rubies. / Her husband has full confidence in her / and lacks nothing of value. / She brings him good, not harm, / all the days of her life.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:5, Genesis 2:18, Galatians 3:28, Ephesians 5:33b*

Pray these scriptures over the women of the WTR that each woman will personally embrace God’s design of wife and mother. Pray for women to prioritize wisely. Pray that Jesus Christ will be each woman’s first love. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit for each woman to love Jesus, her husband, her child(ren) with wholehearted abandon. Pray for the women to have open hearts regarding the definition of “helper.” Pray that each woman would be genuinely awed by the honor God himself has bestowed on the role of helper. Pray that each woman would accept that a husband and wife have equal standing spiritually before God. Pray for women to respect and support their husbands.

**Day 29** – 1 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV): “Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Ephesians 5:28-30, 1 Peter 3:7, Malachi 2:14b-15, Exodus 18:21, 1 Timothy 3:4, Matthew 11:28-30*

Pray these scriptures over the men of the WTR that each man will take responsibility to accept God’s design for marriage. Pray for husbands to love like the Savior. Pray that men will lead like a servant and with understanding. Pray for the men who are abdicating or abusing their role as

the spiritual head of the home. Pray for conviction from the Holy Spirit, repentance, confession, and complete restoration. Pray husbands will understand their role as family leader and pray for godly character. Pray for the husband as the family manager. Pray that men will know to whom they can run in time of need and that they will commit to live their lives submitted to the control of the Holy Spirit.

**Day 30** – John 13:34 (NIV): “[Jesus said,] ‘A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.’”

*Complimentary scriptures: Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:11a, Philippians 4:8*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that each person will choose to love. Pray that each person will choose to be generous with forgiveness. Pray that each person will choose to give enthusiastic encouragement.

**Day 31** – Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV): “[Joshua said to all the people,] ‘Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’”

*Complimentary scriptures: James 1:2-4, 2 Thessalonians 3:5*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that couples will commit to leave a godly legacy and that they will persevere.

**Day 32** – John 15:4 (NIV): “[Jesus said,] ‘Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.’”

*Complimentary scripture: Romans 12:1-2*

Pray these scriptures for the guests of the WTR that there will be a personal pursuit of growth in Christ for both individuals and couples.

**Day 33** – Ephesians 6:10-13 (NIV): “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

*Complimentary scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that each couple would have an understanding of God’s spiritual armor and the importance of being armed as they lead their

families into the battle. Pray that couples will lean on the power of the Holy Spirit to deal with the challenges they will undoubtedly face.

**Day 34** – Acts 1:8 (NIV): “[Jesus said to the apostles,] ‘But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”

*Complimentary scripture: Matthew 28:19-20*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR that they will have a desire to reach out to the world. Pray that they would rely on the Holy Spirit to lead them in sharing what God has done in their own life, as well as the lives in their family, with biblical principles of love, repentance, confession, forgiveness, and restoration.

**Day 35** – Psalm 119:105 (KJV): “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Matthew 6:33 (NASB): “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Proverbs 11:14, 2 Corinthians 6:14*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR who are engaged or thinking about engagement, that each person will seek God’s will for his life and marriage. Pray that couples will seek and listen to wise counsel. Specifically, pray they will make a commitment to premarital counseling and find a mentor couple. Pray that couples will honestly evaluate issues from past relationships that could become stumbling blocks. Pray that they will be set free from any bondage or wounds so that they can truly understand the will of God for their life. Pray that their motives will be pure. Pray that they will acknowledge every fear. Pray that they will consider the needs and interests of children involved in their decision.

**Day 36** – Hebrews 13:4 (NIV): “Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”

*Complimentary scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR who are engaged or thinking about engagement that the couples will have ears to hear the Bible’s instruction of the sanctity of the marriage bed and to abstain from sexual involvement until marriage. Pray that each individual currently involved in any impurity will be convicted, repent, and confess. Pray that the Lord will cause each person to be filled with self-control and will provide them with accountability.

**Day 37** – James 1:5 (NIV): “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Proverbs 8:17, Titus 3:5-7*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR, that any individual who may not yet know Jesus Christ as his or her personal savior would come to this saving knowledge and receive His free gift of eternal life.

**Day 38** – Philippians 4:19 (NIV): “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

*Complimentary scripture: John 14:27*

Pray these scriptures over the guests of the WTR as they make child care and/or elder care arrangements. Pray that God will raise up willing helpers and that the guests will rest in the peace given them by Jesus. Pray that those receiving the care would be overcome with His peace, as well as the caregivers.

**Day 39** – Psalm 29:11 (NIV): “The LORD gives strength to his people; / the LORD blesses his people with peace.”

*Complimentary scriptures: Ezekiel 34:26, Deuteronomy 7:13*

Pray these scriptures over the WTR and over all who participate on any level, that they will graciously receive the blessings that God chooses to give to each one and each couple.

**Day 40** – Psalm 100 (NIV):

Shout for joy to the LORD all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Complimentary scripture: Psalm 145:1-7*

Pray these scriptures over the WTR as it is by His hand and purpose that we serve and to Him all glory, honor, and power are given. We praise you Most High God!

## APPENDIX D – IDEAS FOR PRAYER

Corporate prayer, single, or multiple meetings based on team size

- Praise and worship God
- Singing
- Thanksgiving for what God will accomplish
- Intercession for prayer topics

Corporate prayer suggested formats

- Brunch, dinner, or dessert gatherings
- Formal chapel service
- Prayer walks
  - Neighborhood
  - Hotel
  - State capitol buildings
  - Courthouses
- Meeting in WTR hotel meeting room
- Significant prayer time as part of a volunteer team meeting

WTR getaway prayer room suggestions

- Soft or cushioned chairs
- Chairs arranged for private prayer
- Table, bulletin board, etc., for submitted prayer requests
- Background music
- Things to give the room a warm reverent feeling
  - Dim lighting
  - Greenery, silk flowers
- Extra Bibles
- Enough *WTR Prayer Guides* for all those praying
- Computer with Internet access to e-mail prayer requests to those praying off-site

## ENDNOTES

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