



July 1 – August 9, 2010

United Evangelical Free Church

40 Days of Prayer for Outreach

Over the next six weeks, please use the prayer guide to help you pray for United's outreach in the community and the world.

Consider fasting for a meal or a day during this time to ask God to demonstrate his power in our lives, church, and community.

The prayer guide is designed so that:

- Each week begins with an instruction based on a principle of outreach and/or a promise on prayer.
- Sunday of each week focuses on the passage of Scripture that Pastor Mark will preach on that morning.
- You can pray specifically about the outreach events we as individuals and as a church will be participating in:
 - 2010 Vision
 - Booth at the Ballard SeafoodFest
 - Individuals and/or short-term ministry teams serving in Omak, New Orleans, and Japan
 - VBS at church
 - Personal opportunities to witness
 - Preparations for Harvest Crusade in November

As you see God answer prayer, give thanks. Share with others what he is doing so that they can praise God along with you.

Week One: Pray with confidence, trusting God for great things.

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20–21, ESV)

Day 1: July 1, 2010

Ask God to search your heart and reveal any hidden sin that might be there. If there is, confess your sins. Ask God to give you a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Ask God to send a revival to United EFC and to begin in your heart.

Day 2: July 2, 2010

Ask God to pour out his Spirit in a new way in your life, our church, and our city. Ask God to demonstrate his power over the next 40 days by drawing men and women, boys and girls to himself.

Day 3: July 3, 2010

Pray for **United’s 2010 Vision**: Ask God to add 20 new families to United, with at least 10 being unchurched families. Ask God to allow us to lead 20 people to faith in Jesus Christ, with at least 10 being baptized. Ask God to help us give more to outreach, so that missions becomes at least 20% of our budget, and that we would send at least 10 adults on a short-term mission trip.

Day 4: July 4, 2010

Read Genesis 18:9-33. Notice how Abraham interceded for the city of Sodom. Ask God what he would like to do in the city of Seattle.

Day 5: July 5, 2010

Read the booklet, "How Can I Share My Faith Without An Argument?" Ask God to give you one person with whom you could share your faith.

Day 6: July 6, 2010

Pray that we will receive a favorable booth location at the Ballard SeafoodFest. Pray that God would provide adequate volunteers to staff the booth.

Day 7: July 7, 2010

Pray that we will have plenty of visitors at our booth at the SeafoodFest.

Week Two: Pray that God will open your eyes to see people as he sees them. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share your faith with them.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

(Matthew 9:36–38, ESV)

Day 8: July 8, 2010

Pray for the preparation, logistics, and training for VBS, and that needed items would be donated.

Day 9: July 9, 2010

Pray for the Japan team—Alan Butcher, Lyle Peter, Doug & Helen Miller, and Rick & Cathy Vaux—as they get ready to leave next week.

Day 10: July 10, 2010**Ballard SeafoodFest – July 10-11**

Pray that children have fun at our booth. Pray that our volunteers would have boldness and sensitivity to share their faith and have fruitful conversations. Pray that we would have a good testimony to the organizers and other nearby booths.

Day 11: July 11, 2010

Read Genesis 32:22-32. Notice how God wrestled with Jacob and waited for him to ask for his blessing. Submit yourself to God and ask him to bless your life and witness.

Day 12: July 12, 2010

Pray that God will raise up volunteers to make VBS an excellent experience for everyone involved. Ask God whom he would have you invite to VBS.

Day 13: July 13, 2010

Pray that God will give the Vermes and our team an open door of ministry in Fukuoka, Japan.

Day 14: July 14, 2010

Pray that those who stopped by our booth at the SeafoodFest might consider attending United on Sunday.

Week Three: Pray specifically for the salvation of friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Pray for people by name.

“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.” (2 Peter 3:9, ESV)

Day 15: July 15, 2010

Pray for the salvation of the neighbors that live on each side of you. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share your testimony with them.

Day 16: July 16, 2010

Japan short-term ministry team – July 16-28

Pray that the team would have safe travel and quick adjustment to jet lag and time changes, and that they would stay healthy during the trip.

Day 17: July 17, 2010

Pray for Alan Butcher, Lyle Peter, Doug & Helen Miller, and Rick & Cathy Vaux to have boldness in sharing their faith while in Japan.

Day 18: July 18, 2010

Read James 5:17-18 and 1 Kings 17-18. Notice how Elijah prayed specifically and faithfully. Ask God to help you make a difference in your neighborhood.

Day 19: July 19, 2010

Pray that God would give our Japan team good health and safety.

Day 20: July 20, 2010

Pray that the Japan team would build relationships with the people they come in contact with.

Day 21: July 21, 2010

Pray that God would add 20 new families to our church, with at least 10 of them being unchurched. Ask God to lead you to someone whom you could invite to church.

Week Four: Pray for open doors and opportunities to share the gospel.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.” (Colossians 4:2–4, ESV)

Day 22: July 22, 2010

Pray that we would lead 20 people to faith in Jesus Christ, with at least 10 of them being baptized. Ask God to help you be bolder in sharing your faith.

Day 23: July 23, 2010

Pray that we would increase our giving to outreach, so that at least 20% of our budget would go to missions, and that we would send at least 10 adults on a short-term mission trip. Ask God to help us identify a short-term mission project(s) for 2011.

Day 24: July 24, 2010

Pray for the **M.O.B. (Men of Ballard)** as they serve as salt & light in the community. Pray that their service will lead to conversations about Christ.

Pray for **Bob Butcher** as he ministers in word and deed to the Native Americans on the Colville Reservation in Omak with Mission to the World (August 24-31).

Day 25: July 25, 2010

Read Daniel 9:1-19. Notice how Daniel confessed the sins of his people and prayed for the city of Jerusalem. Confess the sins of Seattle and ask God to demonstrate his power in our city.

Day 26: July 26, 2010

Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the children who will attend VBS.

Day 27: July 27, 2010

Pray that our Japan team—Alan Butcher, Lyle Peter, Doug & Helen Miller, and Rick & Cathy Vaux—would have a safe journey back to Seattle.

Day 28: July 28, 2010

Pray for our VBS team as they prepare their lessons, music, crafts, and all the other details.

Week Five: Ask God to help you see how he is at work in your present circumstances. Ask God to help you speak up and tell someone about Christ. “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Ephesians 6:18–20, ESV)

Day 29: July 29, 2010

Pray for Alan Butcher, Lyle Peter, Doug & Helen Miller, and Rick & Cathy Vaux, that they will be able to process what they learned and experienced while in Japan.

Day 30: July 30, 2010

Pray that we will have enough staff for VBS so that it is an excellent experience for all involved. Pray that many who don't have a church home would come to VBS.

Day 31: July 31, 2010

Pray for **Mark Halstrom and the team going to New Orleans, LA**, to help two area churches with cleanup from Hurricane Katrina and outreach (August 1-7).

Day 32: August 1, 2010

Read John 17:1-26. Notice how Jesus prayed for his disciples and us as well. Place yourself under God's authority and ask him to bring greater unity to United EFC.

Day 33: August 2, 2010**VBS – August 2-6**

Pray that the kids and parents who are not from United would find us warm and welcoming, and come to our church.

Day 34: August 3, 2010

Pray that the week of VBS would go smoothly, and that the volunteers would be healthy and energetic all week long.

Day 35: August 4, 2010

Pray that our VBS teachers and helpers would clearly convey Christ's love to the children.

Week Six: Pray fervently, persistently, and confidently, knowing that God gives good gifts to his children.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?” (Matthew 7:7–10, ESV)

Day 36: August 5, 2010

Pray that our VBS teachers and helpers would clearly present the gospel, and that kids who haven't trusted Christ would do so.

Day 37: August 6, 2010

Pray that through the lessons and activities of VBS, the kids who are already believers will learn to walk closer to God, and be inspired to share their faith.

Day 38: August 7, 2010

Pray that the children and parents who attended VBS would come to the celebration today. Pray that the ones who were not from United would consider attending our church.

Day 39: August 8, 2010

Read Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-21. Notice how Paul prayed for the people of Ephesus. Pray those same requests for those who attended VBS or came to our booth at the SeafoodFest.

Day 40: August 9, 2010

Begin praying for the **Harvest Crusade, November 5-7, at Key Arena**. Ask God to put someone on your heart that you could invite.

Celebrate the goodness and grace of God. Give thanks for what God has done over the past six weeks.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, ESV)

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