

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE
“We Never Pray Alone”
Romans 8:23-29

On one occasion Jesus told his disciples to go into their prayer closet and connect with God one-on-one. After all, prayer is a conversation with our heavenly Father. However, we never pray alone because we have a third party that always shows up during our prayers. This morning’s teaching will reveal who the third party is and how he helps us pray.

#1. THE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE – COPING WITH LIFE AS WE WAIT FOR JESUS TO RETURN, vv. 18-25

- A. Suffering comes before the glorified body, v. 18
- B. Hope in the resurrection strengthens us, vv. 23-24
- C. Hope is imparted to us by the Holy Spirit, Romans 15:13

#2. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US _____, v. 26a

- A. The Holy Spirit sustains us as we wait for Jesus’ return
- B. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses
- C. The Holy Spirit understands our limitations in prayer
- D. The Holy Spirit knows we don’t always know how to pray

#3. THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US – HE IS OUR _____ v. 26b – 27a

- A. The definition of intercession: praying for someone.
Standing in between God and the other person
- B. The Spirit intercedes with wordless groans
- C. The Father searches our hearts & knows the mind of the Spirit

#4. THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US ACCORDING TO THE _____, v. 27b

- A. The Father searches our hearts
- B. The Father knows the mind of the Spirit
- C. The Father also hears the intercession of Jesus - our High Priest, Romans 8:34, Heb 7:24-25, 1 John 2:1-2

APPLICATION POINTS

- ♣ The _____ hears our prayers
- ♣ The Triune God answers our prayers _____

#5. THE HOLY SPIRIT’S INTERCESSION ENSURES THAT GOD WILL _____ US TO BE LIKE _____, vv. 28-29

- A. God works every situation in life for our good
- B. God calls us with a purpose
- C. God foreknew us & predestined us to conformity to Jesus
- D. God’s Son is firstborn among many believers - resurrection

NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. In what ways does hope sustain the believer in this age?
- #2. Describe a time where you groaned inwardly waiting for Jesus to return.
- #3. Describe a time where you didn't know how to pray about something in your life.
- #4. What does the word weaknesses mean? (v. 26)
- #5. What does it mean to intercede for someone?
- #6. Describe the language of the Spirit as he intercedes for us (v. 26)
- #7. Describe how God and the Holy Spirit communicate (v. 27).
- #8. What does it mean to intercede according to the will of God?
- #9. Discuss Jesus' role in intercessory prayer. (Romans 8:34, Heb 7:24-25, 1 John 2:1-2)
- #10. How does God work all things for the good of those who love him?
- #11. What does it mean to be conformed to the image of Christ?
- #12. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

To

Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance &
Forgiveness!*

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Show me the wonders of your great love*

Psalm 16:6-7

October 30, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY OCTOBER 30th

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on prayer this morning, as we continue the 30-day prayer challenge.

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Keep praying for the revitalization of Hillcrest Church. Visit our website (HillcrestRoseville.com) or Face Book page every day where you will find Scripture and suggestions of how you can pray for the church.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE HALLSTENS

Our prayers are with the Hallsten family regarding the passing of Keith's and Tom's father.

PRAY FOR KATHY LANDER

Let's send our love and prayers to Kathy as she recovers from successful surgery.

NOVEMBER 6TH – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Turn your clocks back 1 hour

NOVEMBER 8TH – HILLCREST WILL BE A POLLING PLACE

Hillcrest will be used to cast your votes in the upcoming election.

NOVEMBER 12TH 5:00 PM – FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT CHURCH

Pizza and games provided or bring your favorite game. Invite a friend.

NOVEMBER 13TH – POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Bring a dish to share and we will celebrate the kitchen remodel, the Halloween outreach and all the good things God has done.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH / FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Combined trunk-or-treat, carnival games, free snack bar event in our parking lot. Last year over 200 people came through. We need lots of help:

- **BORROWED** Searchlights, light bulb strings; long extension cords and stands for mounting lights to light the entire parking lot
- **VOLUNTEERS** to run 4 carnival game stations (basket-ball toss, corn hole and tin can pyramid toss etc.) Candy distributed as prizes.
- **VOLUNTEERS** for 8-10 Trunk-or-Treat stations—decorate your car, dress up in costume and give out candy. (The church will supply all the candy you need)
- Help before and after the event to set up and clean up.
- Donate wrapped candy to the church starting now and up to Oct 31. Drop off point by the kitchen.

Contact Kathy Brooks 916-847-8123 or sign up on clipboard (by offering box) to help.