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# Five Blessings

A simple, friendly way to touch the lives of your friends and neighbors by  
praying...

**Five Blessings**

for

**Five Neighbors**

for

**Five Minutes**

a day, for

**Five Days**

a week, for

**Five Weeks**

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## What can prayer do for your city?

What would your city be like if every neighbor and neighborhood were prayed for daily? It would be one of the most blessed cities in the world. Think of it! The blessings that God wants to give us as we pray for others could transform our city. His desire is for us to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

## What will it take?

God's plan to transform personal lives and whole cities calls for prayer. Believers praying for their neighbors and then being available to them. You can make a difference by simply praying...

- five blessings, for
- five neighbors, for
- five minutes a day,
- five days a week, for
- five weeks.

## Who is my neighbor?

A neighbor is any person who is nearby—a family member, friend, fellow worker, classmate, or playmate. In Luke 10, Jesus describes a neighbor as someone who helps a person in need. Who will you help?

## What “blessings” should I pray?

Think of the word BLESS to remember five important ways to pray for your neighbors:

- B Body—health, protection, strength
- L Labor—work, income, security
- E Emotional—joy, peace, hope
- S Social—love, marriage, family, friends
- S Spiritual—salvation, faith, grace

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## **Why should I bless my neighbors?**

First, your neighbors matter to God. They are precious in his sight and he loves them. He wants to see them come to know him. Prayer will open their hearts to his love and will move them toward the Father and his family (Luke 15:11-24).

Second, God commands that we make requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for everyone—"everyone," including your neighbors. God wants everyone "to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:1,4). As you pray, you will be blessed.

## **Can I do more than pray?**

You can pray alone, but why not band together with one or more believers? You can serve your family, believing neighbors, or fellow employees and form a Light-House of Prayer!

A Light-House of Prayer is a cluster of two or more believers banded together to pray for each other, the unsaved, the blessings of Christ with those who live or work nearby.

## **How do I connect with my neighbors?**

The mission of every concerned and caring neighbor is simply to ask them for prayer requests. Most people today are stressed out or at a breaking point. Pray. Praywalking your neighborhood or workplace will get you out to pray "on site with insight." Doorhangers will inform your neighbors that you are praying for them.

## **Will my prayers really make a difference?**

Yes! Make yourself available to God, and he will lead you into ministries of service and evangelism. You'll have a threefold impact. By praying, you'll release God's grace and power to bless. By sharing, you'll build bridges of love to them. By sharing the gospel, you'll help people come to know Jesus Christ and be saved.

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## Will my prayers really make a difference?

“Give me my prayer. God works through prayer.” God has chosen to give us blessings through prayer. Prayer is God’s power, but God has chosen to work through our intercession to accomplish his purposes. Things will happen because you prayed that wouldn’t have happened if you hadn’t prayed.

My neighbors have experienced the power of prayer. When we began our prayer for persons living in our neighborhood, we saw people come to know him, family members become involved, and others receive blessings. Prayer makes a difference.

## Start by saying Yes to God. Pray a commitment prayer like this:

“God, I know that my neighbors matter very much to You and that I am to command to make requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for them. So, out of obedience to you and out of love for my neighbors, I commit myself to ask for your blessings of health, for their families and marriages, for work, for the next five weeks. I’ll do this, with your help, in the best of my ability, in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

## Persons I will pray for:

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## Persons I will pray with:

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# My five week commitment...

Begins the week of \_\_\_\_\_ ends the week of \_\_\_\_\_

## My impressions as I prayed:

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Write your name below to commit to pray for your neighbors. Return this commitment slip to your church office.  
Next, you will pray for God's blessings for your neighbors for five minutes a day, five days a week, for five weeks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# My Personal Prayer Journal

| Requests | Date | Answers | Date |
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## **The following resources are available from Houses of Prayer Everywhere**

- Make Your Home a Light-House
- Developing a Prayer-Care-Share Lifestyle
- Pocket Prayer Journal
- Voices of Prayer—audio, poster, or flag
- Light-House—a bi-monthly newsletter
- Prayer greeting cards
- Doorhangers

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