
PRAYER OF ADORATION

A prayer of adoration, acknowledging God for something of who he is or what he has done.

Prayer Item: God the Son—His Priesthood

Details: “You *can* ascend the hill of the Lord. You can get close without fear of judgment, for you come to him through Jesus, your High Priest. He has covered your sins, consecrated you, and introduced you to the Father. The hope of your salvation is found in the priesthood of your Savior.” Adore Christ this week as your Great High Priest who did all that was necessary to secure your eternal salvation.

Note: Each week, we will include, as a prayer of adoration, a focus on a particular aspect of God’s character or work. As a part of this, we will addend, at the end of the prayer guide, a brief reflection on the prayer of adoration from Joe Thorn, pastor of Redeemer Fellowship in St. Charles, Illinois.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

Prayers thanking God for what he has done in answer to previously prayed prayer.

Prayer Item:

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PRAYERS OF PETITION—BBC FAMILY AND MINISTRY SPECIFIC

Prayers specifically relating to the membership and ministry of BBC.

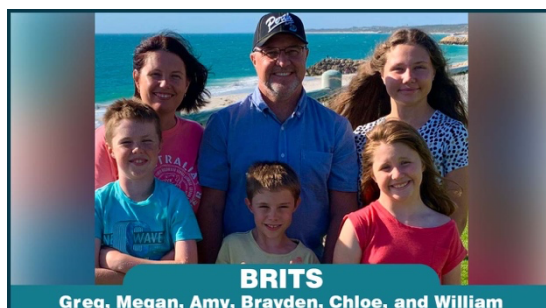


BENNETT
Alan & Petro

Family: Alan and Petro Bennett

Introduction: Alan and Petro joined BBC in 1994 after searching for a church after they were married. They thank the Lord for the many years we have been privileged to be able to attend BBC. They are thankful for God’s many blessings and mercy and grace in our lives.

Prayer: Pray for unsaved loved ones and especially Petro’s health as she continues with her monthly treatments.



BRITS
Greg, Megan, Amy, Brayden, Chloe, and William

Family: Greg, Megan, Amy, Brayden, Chloé, and William Brits

Introduction: Greg is an insurance broker who runs his own business. Megan helps him with HR and other areas of the business. She also runs the home and looks after our four children: Amy, Brayden, and twins Chloe and William.

Prayer: Pray for the family as they continue to process and mourn the death of Greg's mom, feeling the big void that it has created. Pray for the family to be salt and light in a watching world. Pray for much patience and resilience in raising our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We thank the Lord for Amy's confession of faith and pray that the Lord will continue to hold and keep her. Pray for the salvation of Brayden, Chloé and William. Pray for the family's witness to Megan's Dad while he is here for five weeks and that the Lord will create winsome discussion opportunities and soften his heart. His salvation remains heavy on the family's heart. Continue to give thanks to the Lord for Greg's business.

Prayer Item: The van den Heuvel business

Details: A week or so ago, the empty building across from the van den Heuvels' business (K Systems) in Jeppestown was overtaken, which has resulted in increasing crime and violence in the area. This has caused great unsettledness and increased risk for K Systems. Pray that the building's owner will take action and that the unrest will quickly settle. Pray for God to protect K Systems and its employees.

Prayer Item: BBC's parents

Details: Pray for parents in our church to constantly keep before them the privilege and responsibility to raise godly children. Pray for wisdom to identify the godless worldviews with which our children are confronted and for the ability to counter those worldviews with truth.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—FROM THE TEXT

Prayers arising specifically from the texts of Scripture preached that Lord's Day or from prayers in the Bible.

Prayer Item: Grateful reflection

Details: Pray that we will learn to frequently and gratefully reflect on where God has brought us from, where he has brought us to, and where he promises to bring us one day. Pray that this reflection will produce in us great reverence for God.

Prayer Item: Commitment to sanctification

Details: As we gratefully reflect on God's sovereign work in our salvation, pray that we will at the same time grow in our commitment to sanctification. Pray that we will recognise our responsibility to work out our salvation with fear and trembling as we progress in Christlikeness.

Prayer Item: A gospel-informed view of sin

Details: Pray that we will see our sin in light of the gospel. Pray that we will fight our sin with faith and worship.

Prayer Item: A communal approach to sin

Details: Pray that we will help each other in our fight against sin. Pray for more transparent, word-based friendships.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—SISTER CHURCHES AND FELLOW BELIEVERS

Prayers relating specifically to sister churches and fellow believers connected in some way to BBC.

Prayer Item: Missionary/minister focus—Newton Chilingulo

Details: Our missionary focus for the week is Newton Chilingulo in Lilongwe, Malawi. Newton asks for prayer as follows: (1) Pray for the church to shepherd well five newly married couples in the past year. (2) Pray for good fruit from the church's Sunday school, which was launched last month. Pray for sufficient volunteers for this ministry. (3) Newton continues to await his court date. Pray that this will be expedited. (4) Pray for wisdom for Newton and Vanessa as they raised their children with gospel grace and consistency.

Prayer Item: Sister Church—Trinity Baptist Church (Limpopo)

Details: Our sister church for the week is Trinity Baptist Church in Mbhokota Village in the Limpopo Province. Pastored by Paul Schlehle, the church requests prayer as follows: (1) Pray for God to provide teachers for Miseve Classical School. (2) Pray for conversions at the dozen or so preaching point Seth Meyers and Paul have throughout the Tsonga villages in Hlanganani. (3) Pray for new elders and deacons at Trinity. (4) Pray for visa renewals for the Schlehle family, who have been waiting over a year.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—THE GREAT COMMISSION

Prayers relating specifically to the missions outreach of BBC, broader Great Commission initiatives, and the persecuted church.

Prayer Item: Chad (Central Africa)

Details: Praise God for continued religious freedom and the welcome given to missionaries. The growth of the church is due to the mobilisation of Chad for Christ campaign, with a vision to reach every sub-prefecture of Chad. Every year thousands of believers are mobilised for evangelism. Pray for gospel fruit. Read more about gospel needs in Chad [here](#).

Prayer Item: China (1.3 billion people; 13.4% unreached)

Details: Pray for continued church growth and pure biblical teaching amid ongoing persecution. Pray for Jesus' teachings to take deep root in the culture and expose all false religions. Pray for a renewed value for life to abolish abortion, suicide, abandonment, and human trafficking. Read more about gospel needs in China [here](#).

Prayer Item: Ambushed in India

Details: Pastor Nahtiya, his son, and other church members were recently making their way home through the jungle after worship when they were ambushed by Hindu radicals throwing stones at them. Some members were able to break away, only to be attacked again by villagers wielding axes, sticks, and other tools. Pastor Nahtiya's sixteen-year-old son and another believer were struck repeatedly. Police arrived and helped take the severely injured men to the hospital. When questioned, the attackers falsely claimed that Pastor Nahtiya had come to their village and threatened to attack them. The case against him is ongoing, but the attackers are already free, and the medical and legal costs from the attack continue to mount. Pray for the medical costs to be met, for the judicial officials to rule justly, and for the attackers to come under gospel conviction.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—GENERAL REQUESTS

General prayer requests, not specifically falling under any of the above categories.

Prayer Item: Our country—President Cyril Ramaphosa

Details: Pray for President Cyril Ramaphosa as he offers leadership to the South African government. Pray for wise decisions that will not in any way impact on gospel freedoms in South Africa.

Prayer Item: Submission to Scripture

Details: As a biblical worldview comes increasingly under attack, pray that we will put more stock in the plain truth of Scripture than in our experiences and observations. Pray that our confession concerning the authority of Scripture will be lived out in everyday life.

Prayer Item: Sensitivity to sin

Details: Pray that we will be sensitive to the conviction of the Spirit regarding sin in our lives. Pray that we will not be hardened by sin's deceitfulness but that we will see through its fleeting pleasure to its destructive power and therefore be quick to confess and repent of sin in our lives.

Prayer Item: Appreciating the incarnation

Details: Pray that our focus on Christ's incarnation over the advent season will stir our hearts to gratitude and worship. Pray that we will not allow the commercialism of the season to distract us from our adoration of Christ.

Prayer Item: Embracing humility

Details: Pray that, as Christ humbled himself, taking the form of a servant, we too will humble ourselves and serve one another.

Prayer Item: Increasing joy

Details: Pray for evident earthly joy for those who love and serve God. Romans 5 gives us ample reason to be joyful even in our difficult circumstances.

Prayer Item: Discerning friendships

Details: Pray that each of us will be discerning about our associations (Psalm 1). Pray that we will pursue intentional relationships with those who are pursuing Christ and will help us to do the same.

PRAYERS OF PETITION—HEALTH AND PHYSICAL RELATED REQUESTS

Prayers requests for health and other physical-related matters inside and outside the church.

Prayer Item: Expectant couples

Details: Michael & Sunila Savage-Reid

Prayer Item: Health needs

Details: Jeremy Johnson; Gloria Brown; Lee Taylor; Mary Moodley; Daisy Gxabagxaba

MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION

An introduction to the latest membership applicant(s) to BBC.

NONE THIS WEEK

MEMBERS IN PROCESS

A list of prospective members, currently in the membership process, and the members leading them in this process.

1. **Antony Kramer**—Jonathan Hing
2. **Katia Pulvenis**—Ursula Human
3. **Emma Cable**—Jessa Oommen
4. **Urban and Adele Badenhorst**—Chad & Bronwyn Hutchinson
5. **Cheree Koekemoer**—Joey Fourie

6. Claudius and Marlize Rostoll—Doug & Jill Van Meter

GOD THE SON—HIS PRIESTHOOD

Devotional thoughts from Joe Thorn on the person and work of God to help guide your prayer of adoration.

**“This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant . . . because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”
(Hebrews 7:22–25)**

You need a priest. Why? Because you are not fit to stand before God on your own. God demands purity, and you are impure. God demands righteousness, and you are unrighteous. God is holy, and you are unholy. Who can ascend the hill of the Lord and draw near to God? Only those with clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false (Ps. 24:3–4). And that is not you. You need One to go before you. To stand between you and God. One who will make peace and intercede on your behalf, who can show you the way to God.

All of the priests in the Old Covenant were mere shadows of the Great Priest who was to come. Those men were sinful and no better than you. They stood as priests to prepare God’s people for the High Priest who would actually accomplish all that they did symbolically. The priest you need is Jesus Christ.

He is a Priest who hears your confession and forgives your sin. He is a Priest who perfects the prayers that you offer to God. And he is a Priest who continues forever. His priesthood never ends. His intercession never ceases. He does not grow old, his mind never grows dull, his love never fades. And because Jesus is your Priest forever, your access to God and your intimacy with him is forever secure.

This is reason to rejoice, to sing, and to draw near to God. You *can* ascend the hill of the Lord. You can get close without fear of judgment, for you come to him through Jesus, your High Priest. He has covered your sins, consecrated you, and introduced you to the Father. The hope of your salvation is found in the priesthood of your Savior.