



**As we enter 2012, let us pray that God's Holy Spirit will fill us with discernment as we seek His will for the future of Calvary Baptist Church. Jeremiah 33:2-3 encourages us to call upon the Lord, reminding us that He will answer and will tell us "great and mighty things" we do not know. Please join us in daily prayer.**

**Sunday, January 1: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 51:10, 2 Timothy 1:7**  
Father, this is a new year, and I pray that during this year, You will see a new me! Your Word makes it clear that if I am in Christ, I am a new creation – old things have passed away and all things have become new. May I have eyes to see others in a new way – realizing that each person who crosses my path has great value. May I have ears to hear the cries of those who are hurting and discover new ways to bring Your blessing to their lives. May my mouth be renewed so that I may speak Your truth in love and tenderness to those who need a word of encouragement and guidance. May my hands and feet be renewed to be more available as an ambassador for Your kingdom. But most of all, Father, I ask that You create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me – renew my very soul so that this year I may have the courage to live for Your glory. **Judy Shrout , visitor Christian Fellowship Class**

**Monday, January 2: Mark 10:43-45** Father in Heaven, in my desire to be recognized, I often forget that your Son told his disciples to be servants. Help me to understand that achieving greatness in your eyes requires the giving of myself in service to others. Forgive my selfishness, and give me a desire to look for ways to use my talents in your service. Specifically, lead me to a place of service in Calvary's ministry. **Jim Humphrey, Remnant Class**

**Tuesday, January 3: Luke 5:36-39** We live in a diverse community whose needs are ever changing. As we consider changes to our traditions and structure, may the Holy Spirit clearly lead us to effective approaches to meet our community's needs. May our hearts and minds be pliable and open to fresh ways of expressing Christ's love. **Sherry Browne, Remnant Class**

**Wednesday, January 4: John 20:21 and John 8:28-29** In John 20:21 Jesus tells us as the Father has sent me “so send I you.” What an awesome gift He gave us! The privilege to take up His mission to show the world that our Father in Heaven loves them. How do we take up this cause? We follow our Lord’s example (John 8:28-29). Jesus says I do nothing on my own, I say only what the Father taught me, and I always do what pleases Him. We do nothing that does not bring glory and honor to our Father. Father in Heaven, as we continue to take up your mission to be your presence in our community and the world, help us remember we do nothing on our own. We pray for your Spirit to dwell in us guiding us moment by moment. We seek your will, Father, and we pray that the body of believers that is Calvary Baptist Church will follow Christ’s example and do only that which pleases you. **Benita King, Friends in Christ Class**

**Thursday, January 5: Psalm 92:4-5** Father, thank you for providing us with complete joy through your son Jesus. May we display an attitude of joy and gratitude for the numerous blessings you have given us, including our church family. Help us to demonstrate this joy as we reach out to others and allow this perspective to permeate throughout the Faith Forward process. **Anna Yuhas, BLT Class**

**Friday, January 6: Psalm 13** Lord, sometimes we feel as if we have been forgotten – as if you are hiding your face from us. Often times we wrestle with our thoughts until we become filled with sorrow. Lord, there are times when we feel defeated. But you, O God – you give light unto our eyes. Help us, Lord, to trust wholeheartedly in your unfailing love. Make us keenly aware of your power and your salvation. Build us up, God, so that we might cry out in praises to you. Let us never forget, Lord, that “you have been so good to us.” **Dana Sizemore, Keeping It Together Class**

**Saturday, January 7: 2 Chronicles 20:15** Holy Father, how humbling it is to know your supreme sacrifice for us. As we deal with the fears and the dread of facing the unknowns that life brings, help us each day to claim your promise that we are not to be afraid or discouraged, because the battle is not ours, but yours. Guide us and keep us on the path to follow your lead, and may we always seek to give you the glory. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name. **Rachel King, Bykota Class**

**Sunday, January 8: Hebrews 4:4-16** Father, we come into your presence to be still and know that you are God. Give us eyes to see what is important to you and hearts to obey all you show us. Thank you for Jesus, who died in our place and lives to intercede for believers that we can confidently ask you for all we need, knowing we will receive mercy and grace to help us. Forgive us, Lord, when we try to do anything without depending on you, and help us freely forgive others as you forgive us. Mature us through faith in your word and yielding to your indwelling Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ Name we pray and thank you in every circumstance. Amen. **Jo-Ellen Stotz, College Class**

**Monday, January 9: Hebrews 11:1** Our most gracious Heavenly Father, as I celebrate my eightieth birthday on this date, I gratefully acknowledge the Christian Faith that has brought me thus far. It was this Faith that led me to Calvary Baptist Church more than sixty years ago, and it has been this Church Fellowship that has nurtured the Faith of my family and me through these many years. O Lord, I earnestly pray that each of us, as members of Calvary Baptist Church and the Body of Christ, will continue to exhibit our Christian Faith by boldly acknowledging our Faith and Belief that Jesus is Your One and Only Son, the promised Savior, and by proclaiming the Lordship of Christ in our lives. But just as Your Holy Word reminds us that Faith without Works is dead, may we continue to expand our personal and church outreach ministries to meet the many social and spiritual needs of those within and beyond our Church Fellowship. And lest we forget, O Lord, may we likewise be reminded that the ultimate goal of our Faith is the fulfillment of the Great Commission given by Christ to every Believer that we are to share the Good News of Your Son Jesus, as our Lord and Savior, and the Promise of Eternal Life given to all Believers. It is then, Lord, that each of us can rest, assured of a Working Faith that ultimately leads us to our Heavenly Home with You. This prayer is humbly offered in the Name above every name, the Blessed Name of Jesus. AMEN.

**J. Hunt Perkins, Ecton Class**

**Tuesday, January 10: Romans 15:13** Almighty God, the source of our hope, our joy, and our peace, we thank you this day for your presence in our lives. Help us to learn to give up our anxieties, our insecurities, our anger, our despair and bring them to you. Empty our minds, hearts and hands of these things that can cause us to drift from you. In their place, fill us with your grace and mercy, your tenderness and compassion, your hope, your joy, and your peace. And in so doing, compel us to share these gifts with those who do not yet know you. What a blessing we will all receive through these acts of sharing! God of all that is good, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit that indwells and comforts us. We thank you that through the Holy Spirit we “may overflow with hope.” **Mona Carpenter, Sisters in Grace Bible Study**

**Wednesday, January 11: Luke 1:38** Holy Father, today let us set aside the fear of failure. May we abandon our comfort and step into courage. Let us not rely on safety bars and seat belts that constrain us to stay where we are and dwell in what we are familiar with, all the while praying that someone else will answer your call. Encourage us to embrace a spirit of adventure, recognizing that courage usually requires leaving behind what is comfortable and that leaving is always hard. When the call comes to a new challenge, rid us of all doubt, help us to settle down to trust you and release all fear into your arms of faith. When we are weak in the knees, remind us it is time to stop standing and get on our knees and pray like never before. As we struggle and doubt, may we not take the easy way out or doubt the author of our faith. Let us rely on you,

Lord, realizing that any earthly safety is a mirage. May we, as women, celebrate each other's successes, walk with one another in pain, pray for one another, and realize that it is impossible to invite others into obedience unless we ourselves are obedient. Today let us renew our commitment to be faithful. May we say with courage, like Mary, "May it be to me as you have said." **Joye Smith, Director, Calvary Women's Ministry**

**Thursday, January 12: John 17:22-23 and Romans 15:5-7** Holy Father, we join our voices to pray with Jesus and Paul as they prayed for unity. We pray for endurance for the tasks before us. May we find encouragement and direction in your Word. Keep us alert to whatever You will do next. Give us a God-listening heart. May each of us contribute to the unity of the body of Christ by being willing to faithfully serve. Father, we ask this that we as a congregation will be able to speak with one voice to praise and glorify you. May Calvary exalt your name both in word and deed that others may come to know You. In the name of our Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen. **Margie Stone, Bethany Bible Study Class Teacher**

**Friday, January 13: Romans 8:3-8** The Calvary Christmas Project--why has it touched so many for so many years? Romans 8:3-8 says we all have different gifts and "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Heavenly Father, we thank you that we have the opportunity to reach out to those in our community who need a helping hand. And we thank you for the bond we form as we serve together through the Calvary Christmas Project. Help us to continue throughout the coming year to lift these families up in prayer as their struggles and needs are real all year and not just at Christmas. **Dianna Sergeant, Christmas Project Coordinator**

**Saturday, January 14: Psalm 8** Wow! Lord, you are truly immense-- beyond the heavens. Yet you are mindful of us, making us in your image for intimate fellowship with you as often as we want. Forgive us when we don't meet you as often as **you** want. This psalm reminds us that we have a stewardship responsibility toward the earth. Give us creative ways that we may daily discharge that responsibility. **Dick Lamb, retired astrophysicist**

**Sunday, January 15: Psalm 19:1-6** On this your day, O Lord, I pray that your Word will go out to the ends of the earth, for now is the day of Salvation. May it be proclaimed through music and song that stirs the souls of men and women and draws them to you. May continual praise be lifted to you in every time zone throughout the day as your light dispels the darkness. May your message of love and reconciliation through Christ be preached in power and strength in every language of every nation. May the Good News be as newsworthy as the front page of today's paper. May it be the topic of discussion among the rich and the poor, the powerful and the meek. May it

shatter every barrier and capture every heart. And may people everywhere bow and confess that Jesus is Lord, for Jesus *is* Lord. **Jan Hill, Remnant Class**

**Monday, January 16: Psalm 46:10** We communicate, collaborate and congregate instantly in today's always-on, always-connected, anytime, everywhere world, without physical restraints. But just because we *can* communicate instantly and constantly with anyone in the world doesn't mean we *should* do that. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God advocates for discernment in our lives. The kind of discernment that provides balance and guidance day-to-day and moment-to-moment. I believe He wants us to utilize the wonder that is technology and the access it affords, but doesn't want us to let it interrupt our time with Him. How committed are you to spending quality, face-to-face and *alone* time with God? When was the last time you took a Technology Sabbath to spend the day with the Lord? "Be still and know that I am God," says Psalm 46:10. So what are you waiting for? Leave that cell phone in the car the next time you go to worship. Turn it off to play a board game with your family or friends. Walk in a garden with God...and without your technology. **Doris Settles, Friends in Christ Class**

**Tuesday, January 17: Micah 6:8** Allow us to see injustice, for once we recognize it, I pray that there be nothing else to do but follow Your Son's example and make right. Allow our hearts to love. I pray that we love mercy as you do, and find it in our hearts to forgive, to care, and to empathize. Allow us to experience your Holy Spirit so that we may walk beside you, and be transformed in Your image. May we offer you our lives so that we may walk with You in humility each day. Lord, you have made it plain how we should live, and I pray that we remind ourselves to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You on this day and every day. It is in the Holy and Precious name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen. **Jazmin Smith, UK senior**

**Wednesday, January 18: 2 Chronicles 20:1-6, 12-17** Heavenly Father, I praise You for You are God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. You have never failed me nor forsaken me. Your love and faithfulness to me in the past has amazed me for You have been my help, my fortress, and my stronghold. Truly, power and might are in Thy Hands. I come to You now, feeling overwhelmed by the circumstances of \_\_\_\_\_ which I am facing. I don't know how I can face or overcome this difficulty on my own. It has become like an enemy to my peace, and I am powerless. Father, in Jesus, I come to seek You, Your presence, and Your power. I hear You, and I believe Your Words that the battle is not mine, but Yours. I praise You for the victory in the Name of Jesus Christ. **Susan Scott, Believers in God Class**

**Thursday, January 19: Proverbs 16:3, 2 Timothy 1:7, Proverbs 3:27** We thank you, Father, for all thy blessings so generously given to this congregation. Thank you, too, for your Word which guides and sustains us. As we proceed in our efforts to become all that we can be for thy Kingdom, please remind us Your Word tells us to commit our works unto the Lord so that our thoughts may be established, that God has given us a spirit of power and love, not fear, and that we are not to withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in our power to bestow it. Grant us the accomplishment of Thy will through the power of our faith, the power of Thy love, and guidance so we may become a reflection of Thy love. **Frances Marcum, Bykota Class**

**Friday, January 20: 1 Thessalonians 5:18** We bow in humble honor to You, our Father in Heaven. Forgive us our many shortcomings. We are truly Thankful for all you have given us by the incredible sacrifice on the cross. We understand without you there would be literally nothing. Thank you for the many blessings of life, liberty, children, home, church and friends. There are not enough pages in all of history to list Your goodness. That being said, Lord, we want especially to thank you for the Calvary College Ministry and the wonderful students involved who love You so very much. You are an awesome God! In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen. **Louie Stotz, Teacher, College Class**

**Saturday, January 21: 1 Peter 4:10** Dear God, thank you for blessing each one of us with special gifts and talents. Help us to discover what these are and to use them for your glory. I pray that each member of Calvary Baptist Church will seek out ways to use their gifts in one of the many ministries or missions opportunities at our church. Through these acts of service, may your light shine through us and may we help lead others to You. **Madeline Fuller, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Youth Group**

**Sunday, January 22: Matthew 5:44** Dear God, while your son's life on earth gives us great comfort, it also challenges us radically. Remind us that in living and in dying Christ taught us how to love and pray for our enemies. When we forget that you desire fellowship with all human beings, remind us that you love even our enemies and that you command us to show your love to them. Forgive us for rejecting and failing to love those for whom you died. Make us aware of the resentment and hatred we harbor against others. Help us today to experience a deeper prayer life and fellowship with you by remembering in prayer those who are difficult to love. And we ask for you to remind us that, like our enemies, each of us desperately needs your love and forgiveness. **Joanna Lile, Crossroads Class**

**Monday, January 23: Romans 8:28** Dear Lord, it is good to know that as we seek to fulfill your will because we love you, you are creating a good future for us because you love us. When you give us challenges in life, you are giving them to us to make us

stronger, to help us focus on authentic things, and to guide us to a greater future. In this way, you are blessing us and leading us - even if we do not even know it. Through good times and bad, your love always leads. Amen. **Bethany Boggs, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Youth Group**

**Tuesday, January 24: Philippians 1:6** Almighty God, creator of the heavens and earth, thank You for always seeing me through. Even now, when the road ahead is unclear, I know You have not brought me this far to leave me here. I praise You for what You have finished in Jesus Christ my Lord. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen. **Steve Tompkins, Believers in God Class**

**Wednesday, January 25: Isaiah 58:11** Dear God, I pray that you give our church guidance in this process of making our church better and helping us be the body of Christ. Help the leaders of our church be wise and make good choices. Thank you for showing us that You can use each one of us. No matter how young or old we are, we each have a part in sharing Your love with everyone we meet. Guide us as individuals and as a church as we plan for the future. Amen. **Brooke Allison, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School**

**Thursday, January 26: Jeremiah 29:11** Dear God, You once said to your servant Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." These words still mean something today. During our busy lives, we need to remember Your plan for us, Lord. Still, I pray to you, God, that you would exercise your plan for Calvary Baptist Church, so that we may better carry out our ministries for others and further be closer to You. In Jesus' name as we always pray, Amen. **Andrew Tonks, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Youth Group**

**Friday, January 27: Romans 14:7** In Genesis 26:12-22 the account is given of Isaac digging wells for his flocks to drink in the Negev, a very dry area of Israel. The Philistines, the constant adversary of the Hebrews, kept filling them up so Isaac's flocks were without water. Finally, Isaac dug a third well, and there was no problem. Genesis 16:12 says, "The Lord blessed him." Have you lost count of the wells that the "Philistines" have filled in your life? Even in a dry period of one's life there is "green" hope that the Word of God gives to His children. Just below the surface there is the "life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit." **Leah Atkinson-Brand, Vota Vita Class**

**Saturday, January 28: Jeremiah 9:23-24** Heavenly Father, without you, we have nothing and are nothing. You have demonstrated your goodness and power in ways that leave us completely in awe of you. Teach our minds to pursue you, so we know you more. Teach our eyes to seek you, so we see your goodness in our lives. Teach us to desire your goodness, not so we can boast about the good things you give to us, but

so everyone will realize how good you are. So we elevate you, worthy God, above the knowledge we acquire, the blessings you give, and ourselves. Teach us to always love you, so we forever embrace your continuous, overwhelming, and undeserved love for us. **Charles Johnson, Graduate Student, Next Class**

**Sunday, January 29: Psalm 16** Lord, we pray today, as we worship and attend the Faith Forward luncheon and meeting, that You will guide us as we dream dreams for the future of Calvary Baptist Church. Your Word promises that You will show us “the path of life” and the future path of our church. You are “worthy to be praised.” May we glorify and honor You in every step of this journey. **Sherry Johnson, Vota Vita Class**

**Monday, January 30: Ephesians 2:10** Creator God, we know from the psalmist we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." We know from Paul's letter to the Ephesians that we are Your "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works." Thank you, God, for making each one of us at Calvary Church. Thank you for bringing us together for this time and in this place. Help us to know that You are not finished with us whether we are 5 or 85. Give us the desire to do the good work "which You have prepared in advance for us to do." Bless that work so that it not only affects the people we love and help in Your name, but that it changes us as well. **Carrie Beth Tonks, Minister of Childhood Education**

**Tuesday, January 31: Psalm 100** Dear Father, we praise You because You are God and because You are good. We praise You because You are big enough to create the universe, yet You make yourself small enough to know and to meet our every need. We praise You because we are capable of doing exceedingly and abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine when You are within us. We praise You because when we come to You in a spirit of praise, there is no pain You cannot heal, no sin You won't repeal, no goal we can't achieve, and no heart who won't believe. Remind us that when we praise You first, You will lead us through the challenges of the moment and reveal the way to peace and joy in Christ Jesus. In the name of the one who is eternally worthy of our praise, Amen. **Amanda Hale, KIT Class**

**“Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!**

**Serve the Lord with gladness...**

**Enter into His gates with thanksgiving...**

**For the Lord is good;**

**His mercy is everlasting,**

**And His truth endures to all generations.”**



