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Newsletter

Word for the Way is a blog designed to give you a brief dose of God's Word, the Bible, to encourage, to strengthen, and to prepare you for your daily walk in this thing we call life.

Monday Missions

The focus of our **missions** prayer this week will be our Pastors and their Families. Please place an extra emphasis on your pastor during your prayer time this week.

Prayer is essential to a pastor—an absolute necessity. He must pray. That's a given. However, just as important in my mind is this: *a pastor must also be prayed for*. If a local assembly is to accomplish the whole will of God in their city and if commission of the Lord Jesus is to be fulfilled there, then these two things must be actively pursued.

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul again and again instructs the churches to which he addressed his letters to pray for him. To the church at Rome he writes, "Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together *with me in prayers to God for me*." (Romans 15:30 NKJV)

To the Ephesians he says, "...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel." (Ephesians 6:18-19 NKJV)

And to the church at Colossae, "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak." (Colossians 4:2-4 NKJV)

It was so important to Paul that his spiritual children should pray for him that he brings it up in both of his letters to the Thessalonians. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith," (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2), and simply, perhaps forcefully, "Brethren, pray for us." (1 Thessalonians 5:25)

On more than one occasion I heard my father-in-law, the late Rev. Billy W. Lewis, say, "The light that

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Bible Reading Jun 28—Jul 7

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Prov 19

Jun 29 Eze 13-15

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Prov 20

Jul 1 Eze 19-22

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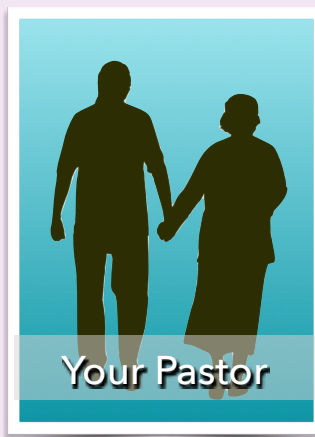
Jul 3 Eze 26-29

Jul 4 Eze 30-32
Prov 22

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shines the farthest shines the brightest at home.” This saying came to my mind as I was planning this edition of the [WordfortheWay](#) newsletter this week.

I have always had a heart for our missionaries and the work that they do the world over. I certainly am not taking away from the sacrifice and toil that they endure to fulfill their calling. As a matter of fact, two main purposes of [WordfortheWay](#) newsletter is to promote the reading of God’s Word and to help our missionaries by soliciting prayers on their behalf.

This week I felt impressed to focus our prayers on our often unsung heroes. So far this year we have had readers from 30 countries, not counting the United States. I believe that there are pastors in every one of those countries—pastors that are fighting battles daily. God only knows the various struggles that they are wrestling with right now.

For every pastor there are saints who call him *Pastor*. This little article is meant as a gentle reminder to those precious saints of God. Lift your pastor in prayer this week (and every week). He needs you.



*Be sure to write
and come by to
visit!*

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Brethren, Pray For Us!

2 Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one.

3 I do not say this to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.

6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

—2 Corinthians 7:2-7 NKJV

May God bless you my friends—



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