

Sunday	Us	For me to respond to God's Word today
	Church	For the Holy Spirit to come in Riverlife Service. For people to be saved
	WORLD	For the c. 30 nations represented at Riverlife; Is.43.6 – Pray for people to come from North, South, East & West
Monday	Us	Friends
	Church	Greater intimacy with the Father; Greater holiness; an increasing passion for prayer; an increasing love for God's Word
	WORLD	For greater love & unity between Bern churches; For God's Kingdom to advance and His name to be honoured
Tuesday	Us	Immediate Family
	Church	<u>Leaders &amp; staff</u> : Nick & Grace; Bob & Lilo; The Elders (PCT); The Board; Angie; Life Group leaders; Michelle & ECHO leaders.
	WORLD	Bern churches and those near where you live.....
Wednesday	Us	Extended Family
	Church	Sunday School; Anita & Sunday School leaders; ECHO Youth Group
	WORLD	<u>For those in authority</u> : Members of the Government in Bern; local authority leaders; Police; Schools, teachers, doctors
Thursday	Us	To love Jesus more & more; To love others more & more; To love God's heart more & more
	Church	Prayer to become stronger; Mom's Connect; Life Groups; Worship Team
	WORLD	That God would reverse the suicide rate in Switzerland and create a greater hunger for Himself
Friday	Us	Work/School/University
	Church	<u>Families</u> : Protection, health & spiritual growth; Godly marriages & parenting. For the single - that we are the family they need.
	WORLD	For non-believers to hear the Good News & respond; For healings, signs & wonders to be regularly seen in Bern
Saturday	Us	For greater humility; for a servant heart; To discover our place/be effective in the Body of Christ.
	Church	<u>Sundays</u> : Welcome & Refreshments teams; Children & youth work; Worship, Projection & sound teams; Teaching; Release of power
	WORLD	<u>National &amp; Global events</u> in the news

# Pray

The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is very important – very important and pressing – but still less important and less pressing than prayer.

~ S.D. Gordon

# Quotes about Prayer

'When we work, we work; when we pray, God works. (Bill Hybells)

'Prayer – secret, fervent, believing prayer – lies at the root of all personal godliness.' (William Carey)

'In prayer, real prayer, we begin to think God's thoughts after him: to desire the things he desires, to love the things he loves, to will the things he wills. Progressively, we are taught to see things from his point of view.' (Richard Foster)

'Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness. (Martin Luther)

'Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?' (Corrie Ten Boom)

'Prayer is like riding a bicycle or swimming. You learn it by doing it.' (Luis Palau)

'There are four ways God answers prayer: 1) No, not yet; 2) No, I love you too much; 3) Yes, I thought you'd never ask; 4) Yes...and here's more!' (Anne Lewis)

'Heaven is full of answers to prayer for which no one ever bothered to ask.' (Billy Graham)

'Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails.' (Watchman Nee)

## Suggestions for Prayer Times

- **Pick a time** when you can be quiet and encounter God.

- **Pick a place**...some people like to sit quietly, others go on a run or a prayer walk, but if this distracts you find another way to pray.

- **Pick a way** to pray that feels natural to you...speak out loud, write your prayer down, draw your prayer, sing your prayer, above all communicate with the One who loves you!

- **Encounter**. Before you ask for things or even speak or sing your worship to God, take time to consciously and intentionally come into His Presence.

- **Consider keeping a prayer diary** to jot down your prayers, your answers to prayer, people you need to remember before God, aids to worship, etc.

- **Use online resources:-**

<http://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

[www.24-7prayer.com](http://www.24-7prayer.com) and click the 'Help Me Pray' Page

- **Read a helpful book**. One of the best & most recent is 'Dirty Glory' by Pete Greig. But if you only have time for one thing, pray rather than read a book on prayer!

**PRAISE** (speaking to God about Himself) "You're great!"

**THANKSGIVING** (speaking to God about His gifts) "Thanks @"

**CONFESSION** (speaking to God about our sin) "Sorry@"

**INTERCESSION** (speaking to God about others) "Help them."

**PETITION** (speaking to God about ourselves) "Help me

