

30 Days of Prayer for Northeast/Central Pennsylvania

Day 1 – In 1790, Pennsylvania was the heart of a revival movement that ushered in a new era of revivals in the United States. Religion had sadly declined during the previous years. At this time there were no American missionary societies, no Bible societies, no tract societies, and no education societies. At home—religious indifference; abroad—the darkness of death over the heathen world. This revival period continued for many years, and soon powerful revivals prevailed in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia. Today pray that God will again revive His people in Pennsylvania and that revival and a spiritual awakening will sweep across the state (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Day 2 – Pennsylvania is a significant mission field with over 9.1 million nonevangelized men, women, teenagers, boys and girls. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction of sin upon their hearts and send Christians to share the gospel with them (2 Peter 3:9).

Day 3 – The prayer focus for the next 28 days is on the Northeast and Central region of Pennsylvania (NECPA). The area covers 31 counties and has 77 Southern Baptist congregations. Pray that each congregation will be sensitive to reaching the unchurched in their communities, towns, and county (Romans 10:1).

Day 4 – Pray that each pastor will love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God's Spirit will work in his heart with power that he will value and follow Biblical priorities (Matthew 6:33).

Day 5 – Pray for a fresh anointing of God on the ministry of each pastor. Pray that God's working will be powerfully evident both in his personal life and in the spiritual life of the congregation (Romans 15:18-19).

Day 6 – Four million people live in the NECPA region and seven out of ten or over 2.9 million are nonevangelized. Pray that God will draw

the people here into a personal relationship with Jesus (John 6:44).

Day 7 – Six Counties (Bradford, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna) have NO Southern Baptist Congregation. Pray that God will raise up church planters and provide the resources for them to reach these counties with a population of over 306,000 people, 85-90% of whom are nonevangelized.

Day 8 – Pray that God will encourage and strengthen the believers in the NECPA area (Acts 2:42).

Day 9 – Gerald Mounce is the Director of Missions for the Northeast Pennsylvania Baptist Association (NEPBA). This association covers 17 counties making it the largest geographical association in Pennsylvania. Pray for Gerald's safety as he travels throughout the association.

Day 10 – The NEPBA has 20 Southern Baptist congregations, 13 of which are pastored by bi-vocational pastors. Pray for the families of each of these pastors and for God to give each pastor the spiritual and physical strength he needs and for wisdom as he balances his time between family, work, and the church.

Day 11 – Pray that God will open doors and hearts to receive the gospel as Gerald ministers in the NEPBA (Colossians 4:3)

Day 12 – Missions volunteers are an important part of ministry in NECPA. Pray that God will call out many missions volunteers to come to the region. Jesus said that we are to pray for laborers (Matthew 9:37-38).

Day 13 – Larry Theisen is the Director of Missions for the Keystone Baptist Association (KBA). The association covers 9 counties in Central Pennsylvania. Pray for Larry as he works with the existing churches and works to plant new churches in the association. Pray that he will be salt and light to the people in KBA.

Day 14 – Richard Wall is the Church and Community Ministries Director for the KBA. Pray for him as he works to meet the needs of

needy people and assist churches with ministries of caring.

Day 15 – Pray for Alberto Hernandez, the Hispanic Catalytic Missionary as he works to reach Hispanics in York with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray that God will remove any obstacles to the spreading of the gospel in this area.

Day 16 – Pray for Johnny Pons, Student Ministries Director and SBC campus minister at Penn State University. Pray for wisdom and creativity for him as he gives guidance and direction for ministries to and with students and faculty on campus. Also pray for him as he assists KBA churches with starting ministries to students on other college campuses in the area.

Day 17 – The South Central Baptist Association is currently without a Director of Missions. Pray that God will give the search committee wisdom and discernment as they seek a DOM.

Day 18 – Harrisburg the capital of Pennsylvania and Hershey are two key cities located in the SCBA. Pray that the Father will open doors to the gospel in this area and that many will hear and receive Jesus (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2). Also pray for the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania /South Jersey (BCPSJ) which is located in Harrisburg. Pray for the state convention staff as they work to strengthen and establish churches across their convention.

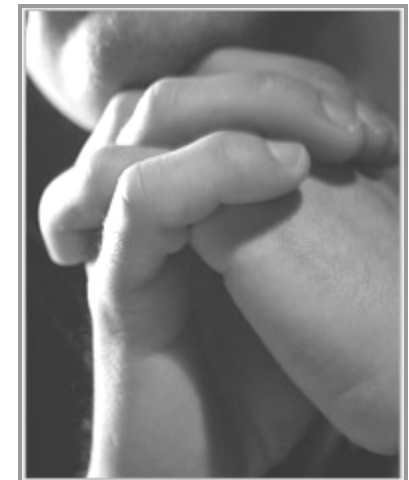
Day 19 – Gail Hallman is the BCPSJ Church Mobilization Director and as part of her responsibilities assists in mobilizing missions volunteers. Pray that the Father will make Gail's ministry exceedingly fruitful and that He will glorify Himself through the mission volunteers (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

Day 20 – Stan Smith is the BCPSJ State Missions Director. Working with limited resources and over 9.1 million nonevangelized people, the task can be challenging. Pray that God will continue to raise up strong believers around Stan who will encourage him in that tasks God has given him (Philemon 20). Stan and Gail are members of the ARM Steering Committee.

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Day 21 – Barry Whitworth is the BCPSJ Church Planter Strategist for the three associations in the focus area. Working together with the associations they have identified 36 key population areas for new church starts. Pray that God will call out the church planters and provide the resources to start the new works. Pray that through the power of the gospel God will transform this area (Romans 1:16).

Day 22 – The Scranton–Wilkes-Barre area is a priority area for new church starts. Located in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, it is the home of over 523,000 people of whom over 70% are nonevangelized. Pray for workers for the fields that are white, ready for harvest (John 4:35), and that many in this area will be transformed by the power of the gospel (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Day 23 – York County is home to almost 410,000 people and is located near the Harley Davidson plant and museum, Gettysburg, Amish country and Hershey Park. While not only a popular tourist site, the area has been identified for new church starts. Pray that the people in this area will hear the voice of God and receive Christ as their Savior and Lord and not harden their hearts (Psalm 95:6-8).

Day 24 – Lancaster County is the heart of the scenic Pennsylvania Dutch Country and the Amish people. It is also the home to almost 500,000 people. Pray that many will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as they come to understand that salvation is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Day 25 – Reading is located in Berks County, the home of 400,000 people. While filled with history – the Daniel Boone homeplace, Reading Railroad and much more, it is also filled with many people who do not know Christ. Pray that God will grant the people in this area a hunger and thirst for Him and His Word (Psalm 42:1-2). Pray that church planters and volunteer teams will catch a passion for this area.

Day 26 – Church planters and short-term volunteers are needed in NECPA. Pray that many will respond to the call of God to do missions in this major mission field.

Day 27 – Prayerwalkers and prayer partners are needed. Pray that God will call out intercessors who will pray daily for this region and others who will come and prayerwalk targeted areas (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Day 28 – In order to effectively reach the NECPA region, long-term partners are going to be critical. Pray that churches and associations will respond to God's call and partner with the associations, churches, and church planters to reach this part of Pennsylvania for Christ.

Day 29 – Pray for spiritual unity among the congregations and among the spiritual leadership as they focus on planting new congregations in NECPA. Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among congregations and their leaders.

Day 30 – Pray that God will give each congregation, pastor, and association a clear Biblical vision of what each can and should be for His glory, and that each pastor will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the church and each associational missionary to the association.

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