

AMERICAN BAPTIST INTERCESSORS BASIC PRAYER CHARGE

OBJECTIVE: The group will function as pivotal intercessors for the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN). The intercessory group will intercede for ABCCONN'S Executive Minister, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Committee, Board of Managers, Chair Persons and Vice Chair, Department members, Camp Wightman, Pastors and ABCCONN Churches individually and collectively.

The charge of the prayer group is to be faithful to their calling to carry out the following focal points for corporate prayer during group gatherings, whether in settings of physical meetings or conference calls. In the event of special or specific needs, specific prayers for the particular need or needs are to be offered.

- Pray for ABCCONN'S leaders, as a whole, that they will be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and ultimately, be led by the Holy Spirit; that in their deliberations and actions, they will not compromise God's Word but indeed will strive to be obedient to the Word of God; that their very lives will lift up a standard to God, and that God will crown them with wisdom, knowledge and understanding; that in their daily walk, they will be loving and caring persons, always being mindful to love the unlovable.
- Pray for the Executive Minister, that after pertinent deliberations with all concerned and being under the direction of the Holy Spirit, with the assistance of the President and Vice President, he will endeavor to be of one accord with their leadership; that God will crown our Executive Minister with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, patience, creativity, holy boldness, Godly leadership, and for such a time as this, the passion required to lead ABCCONN effectively in fulfilling the will of God in building His Kingdom.
- That God will empower this leadership to confront the danger and embrace the opportunities of this period of time in which we live; that we will band together in building transformative partnerships that bear the pain of our world and will together confront the dangers of these days by focusing on pastoral and congregational health through contemplative practices; that we will work collaboratively to generate

new ways to support leaders and create programs that add value to our mission.

- That God will give to this leadership, physical and spiritual strength to accomplish the journey ahead and that He will keep them spiritually alert; that they will set the example for being “faithful, available, and teachable servants”; That they will always cultivate a team spirit and encourage the member churches to “dare to dream, listen for the Holy Spirit, pray and act.”
- That the ABCCONN leadership will answer the call of Jesus Christ in every way possible, as the Holy Spirit gives revelation and guidance to promote His agenda, for such a time as this; that in our local churches, and in our international missions, we will endeavor to promote unity by being humble, gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love.
- Pray for the Pastors and congregations that God will crown them with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, creativity, a passionate drive and a holy boldness to stir up their gifts and talents; that God will use pastor and people in the mission and stewardship field to bring honor and glory to God, and that each disciple will make a conscious decision to be “faithful, available, and teachable”; that they will follow the lead of the pastor as the pastor follows Christ; that they will be committed to being team players; that they will strive to build up and not tear down; that God will grant them special favor.

SOME PRAYER CONCENTRATIONS

“If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place” (II Chronicles 7:14-15).

IDENTIFY AND BIND THE STRONGMAN (Spirit of anything that is out of the will of God)

“...how can anyone enter a strongman’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strongman? Then he can rob his house” (Matthew 12:29).

BINDING AND LOOSING: “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 18:18).

The Power of Agreement in Corporate Prayer: Matthew 18:18-19

About Everything and All Things: Philippians 4:6

For Wisdom and Guidance: Jeremiah 33:3, Ephesians 1:17, 18

Save Us and Give Us Success: Psalm 118:25

Pray in the Spirit on All Occasions: Ephesians 6:18

Always Pray (Continuously): I Thessalonians 5:17

God is Attentive to the Prayers of the Righteous: I Peter 3:12

For God’s Path and Guidance: Jeremiah 42:3

Purposed Prayer in Seclusion (Retreat): Matthew 26:36

Self Controlled (Faithful, Available and Teachable): I Peter 4:7

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