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*"Pray, Do Not Give Up"*

Jesus is our example in prayer and He has some clear instructions to the children of God in Luke 18: 1 - 8. Luke writes, "Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Jesus said, "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?'" (Luke 18:2-8)

Luke's statement in verse 1 is a duty to persevere in prayer. We know this, for the key word "should" (pios) means absolutely necessary that men persevere in prayer.

Just as man needs food, water, and sleep, Christians need prayer. I tell my boys often they cannot ride upon the pleasures of their parents' prayers forever. They must let Jesus teach them to pray.

When should Christians pray? "Always" (pantote) meaning at all times. As surely as time passes by in the clock of life here, Christians must always pray. Christians are to develop a constant spirit of prayer, to maintain an unbroken consciousness of God's presence. To be led of the Holy Spirit in prayer at all times and in all occasions. They are to walk in a constant state of prayer. The best way to do this is to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. The best way to overcome sin is to spend every moment in prayer. This communion with God will enable them to literally walk in step with the Holy Ghost.

Pastor Charles Spurgeon wrote, "Keep the altar of prayer burning. This is the very life of all godliness. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore, let this burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence, evidence, and barometer of vital Christianity.

**Do Not Give Up in Prayer!**

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# Worship With Us THIS SUNDAY



**NORTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 The Rev. Herman Lambrecht  
 805 W. Wilberforce, Norton  
 SUNDAY — 8:00 a.m. Early Service  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 MONDAY — 6:00-8:00 p.m. TOPS

**EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 The Rev. Herman Lambrecht  
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

**CROSSROADS MINISTRIES**  
 Preacher/Teacher Terry L. Laughlin  
 603 Sunset Dr., Norton, KS 67654  
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**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 Alberta Slaby, Senior Warden  
 102 E. Waverly, Norton  
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 11:45 a.m. Bishops Committee  
 Celebrant, Fr. Barney Gordon  
 Lay Reader, Georgia Briery  
 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Host, Ron and Geri Temple  
 3:00-4:00p.m. God's Pantry, Georgia Briery

**CROSSROADS CHURCH**  
 313 West Lincoln Street  
 Interim Pastor, Ron Scheimo  
 Phone: 877-2416  
 SATURDAY — 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer  
 SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 WEDNESDAY — 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Father Vincent Thu Laing  
 877-2234  
 stfranci@ruraltel.net  
 108 S. Wabash, Norton

Mass Schedule  
 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass  
 Wednesday — 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.  
 Thursday 7:30 a.m.  
 Friday 7:30 a.m.  
 Saturday 7 p.m.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment  
 TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Bingo  
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. SYF (K-8)  
 First Friday of the Month — Adoration following Morning Mass  
 First Saturday of the Month — 8 a.m. Marian Devotions  
 K of C Third Monday of Month at 7:30 p.m.

**NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**  
 Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m. and Norton Manor Services 3 p.m.  
 There is no meeting of the alliance during the summer months

**PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH**  
 The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele  
 410 Holland, Prairie View  
 973-2794  
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship

**LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
 2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View  
 The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele  
 973-2794  
 SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (WELS)**  
 805 West Holme Street  
 West Hwy. 36, Norton  
 877-3138/3824  
 timmomeyer@ruraltel.net  
 Pastor Timm O. Meyer  
 SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m. NCF Worship  
 SUNDAY — 7:00 a.m. Time of Grace on Fox TV  
 9:05 a.m. Goodness from the Good Shepherd Radio Broadcast, KQNK, 106.7FM/1530AM  
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:55 a.m. Ladies and Men's Meetings  
 12:01 p.m. NCF Worship Service  
 4:10 p.m. Communion at Russell, KS  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service at Hays, KS  
 TUESDAY — 3:40 and 4:00 p.m., Group Home Devotions  
 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., NCF Bible Studies  
 SATURDAY — 1:00 p.m., NCF Worship Service

**NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Jeff Nielsen, Minister  
 Mike Sander, Youth Minister  
 Cody Petersen, Intern  
 e-mail: ncc\_office@sbcglobal.net  
 208 N. Kansas, 877-2871  
 SUNDAY — 8:00 a.m. Early Service  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:40 a.m. Worship Service  
 Noon, Fellowship Dinner  
 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. "Ignite" Spam Olympics  
 TUESDAY — 7:00 p.m. Grief Support Meeting  
 WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Pure Prairie



9:00 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship  
 6:15 P.M. AWANA and TREK  
 FRIDAY, SEPT. 18-SUN., SEPT. 20 — Women's Retreat at King Solomon  
 SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 — Small Group Kick-Off, Brian and Tina Tummons at Sunday School Hour and Worship  
 8:00 a.m. Early Service  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Brian and Gina Tummons Speaking  
 10:40 a.m. Worship Service  
 6:00 p.m. "Ignite" Pirate Day  
 7:00 p.m. "Small Group Kick Off"

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**  
 Pastor Terrill Worthington  
 1010 Churchill Dr.  
 877-2181

SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)  
 9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 6 p.m. Choir Practice  
 7 p.m. Evening Service  
 WEDNESDAY — 6 p.m. 3D at Parsonage  
 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, King's Kids, Jr. High and High School Worship  
 8 p.m. Committee Meetings, Team Practice  
 2nd THURSDAY of each month — 7 p.m. Women of the Church of God  
 3rd SATURDAY of each month — 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 The Rev. Rick Rostek  
 814 N. Second, Norton  
 877-2430

SUNDAY — 9:00 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 TUESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors, Colby;  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council  
 WEDNESDAY — 2:00 p.m. Andbe Home  
 5:15 p.m. Choir  
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation  
 LWML Kansas Assembly of Leaders, Salina

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA**  
 Kirk Kasson, Pastor  
 e-mail: congo@ruraltel.net  
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Church Services  
 6 p.m. Bible Study at Kim and Kirk's  
 7 p.m. Teens For Christ  
 TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Discipleship  
 THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Discipleship

**ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN**  
 Father Ben Saw  
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN**  
 Pastor Troy Buss  
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Church services  
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Larry Danforth  
 669-2554  
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School  
 11 a.m. Worship Service, Choir

**LENORA CHURCH OF GOD**  
 Pastor Maurita Lymer  
 785-567-4459  
 SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 THURSDAY — 7 p.m. Evening Bible Study

**NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
 105 S. Case Street  
 Pastor Jerry Nowack  
 SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:45 a.m. Church Services  
 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

**LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 The Rev. Dean Gilbert  
 554 Washington, 854-7626  
 SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
 FIRST SUNDAY — 12 noon Fellowship Dinner  
 1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting  
 FIRST WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

**NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Charles Ross  
 112 S. Archer, 877-5214  
 SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Worship Service  
 6 p.m. Evening Service  
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

**LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP**  
 One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road  
 Pastor Jerry Cummings  
 877-2426  
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service  
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs  
 7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
 Phillipsburg Ward  
 Tom Arnett, Bishop  
 SUNDAY — 10:00 a.m. Sacrament meeting  
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 Noon - Priesthood and Relief Society  
 WEDNESDAY — Young Men/Young Women, Ages 12-18

**LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 The Rev. Dean Gilbert  
 303 W. Church, 689-4350  
 SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service  
 FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF  
 SECOND WEDNESDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women  
 THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

**UNITED PARISH OF LENORA**  
 The Rev. Gary Dudder  
 140 E. Iowa, 567-4420  
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Social Hour  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Guest Speakers Each Sunday  
 SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Worship Service  
 TUESDAY — Sewing at the Community Building

**MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
 Lee Preston  
 9 miles west 4 1/2 miles north of Norton  
 August 16, Lee Preston will be preaching as well as the next three Sundays, then after service there will be a dinner followed by a music program by Virgil Monk.  
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship  
 3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO**  
 stjosephcc@ruraltel.net  
 Father Vincent Thu Laing  
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 FRIDAY and MONDAY — 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service  
 Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

**ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Larry Danforth  
 669-2554  
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship  
 WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
 TUESDAY and THURSDAY — 9 a.m. Vita Band Exercise Class, Everyone Welcome  
 7 p.m. Bible Study at Grace Reeves

**HENDLEY/WILSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**  
 The Rev. R.L. Malchow  
 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour  
 1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley  
 2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville  
 Coffee Fellowship after service  
 3rd Thursday U.M.W.

**WILSONVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Minister, Keith Theobald  
 SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11 a.m. Worship and Communion  
 1st Thursday, B.C.W. 9 a.m.

**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Larry Danforth  
 693-4519  
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service  
 MONDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study at Fellowship Hall

**THE ROCK**  
 FRIDAY — 7:00-10:00 p.m. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Graders  
 First Sunday Night of the Month — Quarry, 6:30