

III. Prayer Partner Retreat

A. OUTLINES TO LECTURES

The following lessons were given at the 1989 Prayer Partner Retreat. For your convenience for reproduction, the outlines are not complete. To obtain the answers and supplementary materials that John Maxwell used, please listen to the cassette tapes that are provided with this kit. Following the outlines, reproductions of the materials that he used at the retreat are provided.

1. Prayer Partner Challenge From Pastor Maxwell
2. 101 Prayer Partners
3. Praying For My Leader
4. Praying For Myself
5. Praying For My Prayer Partners
6. Praying For My Church

B. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS used at the 1989 Prayer Partner Retreat

1. "Pastors Need Prayer, Too" pamphlet
2. "Praying For One Another" pamphlet
3. Prayer Partner Card
4. Daily Prayer Agendas and Response Card
5. Prayer Partner Commitment
6. Prayer Partner Response
7. Prayer Partner Information

C. SUNDAY SERMON OUTLINES

1. Advancing On Our Knees

The day after the retreat with the Prayer Partners, Pastor Maxwell conveyed to the entire congregation, through this sermon, the "40 Day and 40 Night" prayer emphasis. The people were given the "Top Ten Prayer Requests" and the opportunity to respond to the challenge to prayer and fasting.

2. Six Steps To Answered Prayer

This scriptural study of Jeremiah 32-33 heightened the congregation's understanding and practice of prayer.



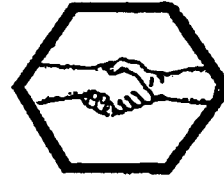
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First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

- I Timothy 2:1, 2

Prayer Partner



Pray for Pastor Maxwell

His Spiritual Growth
His Family

His Leadership
His Physical Protection

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Prayer Partners

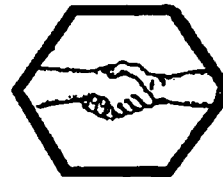
**Responsive
And
Yielded,
Experiencing
Results**

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the sky poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

- James 5:17-18

Prayer Partner

Two hands joined together is symbolic of two members of the body of Christ coming together in spiritual unity and accountability. It speaks of strength and love.



I will pray daily for the persons listed below for this coming year.

1. Pastor John Maxwell
1345 Skyline Dr., Lemon Grove
460-5000
2. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

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**SKYLINE
PRAYER PARTNER
CALENDAR**

October 1989

1. 40 Days & 40 Nights
2. Pastor Maxwell
3. H.O.M.E. Groups
4. Pastor Dan Reiland
5. Church Relocation
6. Pastor Sheryl Fleisher
7. Weekly Giving
8. Personal Revival
9. Pastor Bill Westafer
10. LBA Meeting
11. Sunday School
12. Choir Program
13. Pastor Dan Perrin
14. Celebration of Joy
15. Corporate Revival
16. Pastor Jay Buckingham
17. New Christians
18. Otay Water Hearing
19. Pastor Larry White
20. Radio Ministry (KPRZ)
21. Pastor Dave Cottrell
22. New Sunday Evening Service
23. Pastor Randy Rebold
24. Skyline Senior Citizens
25. Pastor Tim Elmore
26. Skyline Missionaries
27. Pastor Richard Hundley
28. Skyline Leaders Conference
29. God's Challenge - Our Choice Offering
30. Pastor Steve Babby
31. Living Christmas Tree

40 Days & 40 Nights

Prayer Agenda for Oct. 1 - Nov. 9, 1989

- Personal Revival
- Weekly Tithes and Offerings
- Celebration of Joy
- Church Relocation
- H.O.M.E. Groups
- God's Challenge Offering
(November 5)
- Skyline Leaders Conference
(November 9 - 15)
- Living Christmas Tree
- New Sunday Evening Service
(January 1990)
- Corporate Revival

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40 Days & 40 Nights

Between October 1 and November 9, I will . . .

- Pray every day for the Top 10 needs.
- Fast for one day for the Top 10 needs.

Personal prayer request: _____

Name _____

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- Be motivated by love for God and a desire to help others. Hebrews 6:10, NIV.
- Pray fervently to be led by the Holy Spirit to the exact needs of the one in Christ for whom you pray.
- Be specific, systematic, and steadfast in praying for others' needs.
- Agree in prayer with others, the "two or three" of Matthew 18:19-20.
- Learn to saturate a situation or problem with prayer from all possible angles.
- Pray for others as you pray for yourself. Any problem you have others probably have, even if in a slightly different form. (It may be that some things in this pamphlet will suggest things you will need to pray for yourself, too.)
- Pray with the authority you have in Christ to bind the power of Satan. Matthew 18:18; Mark 3:27.
- Pray the prayer of faith and claim the victory. I Corinthians 15:57-58.
- Use a passage of Scripture as you pray for others. Here are some suggestions: Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1:9-12; Ephesians 3:14-21. Use Scripture also when you pray for yourself.

ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

TAKE HOLD

PRAY

A C-60 cassette #302, containing six ten-minute messages expanding this pamphlet, is available for \$2.00 U.S., including postage and handling, only at the Orange address.

Praying for One Another

NOTE: This outstanding pamphlet, prepared by Rev. Will Bruce, was distributed to each Prayer Partner at the retreat during the "Praying For My Prayer Partners" lecture. They are inexpensive and valuable tools for this prayer ministry. You are encouraged to order them through -

Overseas Missionary Fellowship
10 West Drycreek Circle
Littleton CO 80120
800-422-5330

So you may be aware of the overall content, the headings and subtitles of the pamphlet are provided.

PRAY THAT THE PERSON FOR WHOM WE ARE INTERCEDING:

- ...Will Realize His Present Exalted Position In Christ.
- ...Will Present Himself As A Living Sacrifice.
- ...Will Be Filled With The Holy Spirit.
- ...Will Be Regular And Systematic In The Study Of God's Word.
- ...Will Grow Daily In Christlike Maturity.
- ...Will Appropriate The Full Armor Of God.
- ...Will Be Alert To Satan's Strategy.
- ...Will Not Love The World System.
- ...Will Have A Spirit Of Brokenness And Humility.
- ...Will Have A Servant's Heart.
- ...Will Build A Scriptural Family.
- ...Will Become An Effective Prayer Warrior.
- ...Will Know God's Hand On Him In Physical And Material Things.
- ...Will Engage In A Life Of Prayerful Worship And Learn To Praise The Lord.
- ...Will Be Involved In An Accountability Team.
- ...Will Reach Out To The Unsaved.

SO THEN HOW DO WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER?

- Prayer must flow from a cleansed vessel. Psalm 66:18. *"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."* Confess and let the blood cleanse.
- Be tied to the mind of Christ so thoroughly that you think His thoughts about His embattled saints.



Pastors Need Prayer, Too

Guidelines For Praying For Your Pastor

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PERSONAL NEEDS

True Humility
Stability
Relationships
Joy
Health
Self Discipline

FAMILY NEEDS

Family Relationships
Pressures

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Spiritual Freshness
Prayer
Integrity
Spiritual Warfare
Accountability

CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS

Pulpit Preparation
Christ-Centered and Christ-Exalting Preaching
Fruitful Relationships
Individual Growth
Mobilization
Discernment
Counseling



Review Top Ten Needs

1. Personal Revival
2. Weekly Tithes and Offerings
3. Celebration of Joy, October 14
4. Church Relocation
5. H.O.M.E. Groups
6. God's Challenge Offering, November 5
7. Skyline Leader's Conference, November 9-15
8. Living Christmas Tree
9. New Sunday Evening Service, January 1990
10. Corporate Revival

I want the Skyline Prayer Partners to pray...

(1) _____

(2) _____

People do what people see.

(3) _____

(4) _____

Praying For My Church

John Wesley: "Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God and I care not a straw whether they be clergy or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer."

Anyone Can Preach With 219 Men Praying

Dr. Wilbur Chapman often told of his experience when he went to Philadelphia to become a pastor of Wanamaker's church. After his first sermon an old gentleman met him in front of the pulpit and said, "You are pretty young to be pastor of this great church. We have always had older pastors. I am afraid you won't succeed. But you preach the Gospel, and I am going to help you all I can."

"I looked at him," said Dr. Chapman, "and said to myself, 'Here's a crank.'"

But the old gentleman continued: "I am going to pray for you that you may have the Holy Spirit's power upon you, and two others have covenanted to join with me."

Then Dr. Chapman related the outcome. "I did not feel so bad when I learned that he was going to pray for me. The three became ten, the ten became twenty, and the twenty became fifty, and the fifty became two hundred, who met before every service to pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. In another room the eighteen elders knelt so close around me to pray for me that I could put out my hands and touch them on all sides. I always went into my pulpit feeling that I would have the anointing in answer to the prayers of the 219 men.

"It was easy to preach, a very joy. Anybody could preach with such conditions. And what was the result? We received 1,100 into our church by conversion in three years, 600 of which were men. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit in answer to the prayers of those men. I do not see how the average pastor, under average circumstances preaches at all.

Church members have much more to do than go to church as curious, idle spectators, to be amused and entertained. It is their business to pray mightily that the Holy Ghost will clothe the preacher with power and make his words like dynamite."

(A.M. Hills in Pentecostal Light)

Reasons Why We need To Lift Up Skyline Now

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____



We can't ask God for HELP if we are making no effort ourselves;
for STRENGTH if we have strength we are not using;
for GUIDANCE if we are ignoring the guidance we now have;
for FAITH if we are afraid to act on what we now know;
for FORGIVENESS if we continue hating someone;
for MERCY if we continue to commit the same sin.

But...

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done.
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus -
He GIVETH and GIVETH and GIVETH again.

What specific area do you need God's strength?

5.

"...joyously giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."

Application:

Write down the one thing that you want a Prayer Partner to pray for you.

The Pattern of Paul's Prayer:

1. _____

- (9) *For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*
(10) *so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

What specific area do you seek to know God's will for your life?

2. _____

Three levels of change:

- (1) _____ = "What I _____."
(2) _____ = "What I _____."
(3) _____ = "What I _____."

What specific area do you need to do what you already know?

3. _____

John 15:16, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you."

What specific area do you feel needs to be more productive?

4. _____

- (11) *strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience.*

Steadfastness - _____

Patience - _____

Praying For My Prayer Partners

Samuel said, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you."

Samuel's life illustrates two important thoughts about others.

- (1) _____ prayed for _____.
- (2) _____ prayed for _____.

Paul, the Prayer Partner for the Colossae Christians did the following...

1. _____

- (3) *We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.*
- (4) *since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;*
- (5) *because of the hope laid up for you in heaven of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel,*
- (6) *which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;*
- (7) *just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bondservant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,*
- (8) *and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.*
- (9) *For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you.*

2. _____

Ways to communicate prayer requests with me.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____



Just keep on praying, Till light breaks through,
The Lord will answer, He'll answer you;
God keeps His promise, His word is true;
Just keep on praying, Till light breaks through.

10. _____

"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?"

Idol: _____

What idols need to be removed from my life?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

11. _____

I Peter 3:7, "You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow-heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered."

12. _____

John 14:13, "And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

If we confess our sins...

Checklist For Successful Prayer

"God, at this moment I have decided to..."

- Get rid of known sin in my life...
- Be transparent with You and others...
- Live a righteous and obedient life...
- Become yielded and surrendered to You...
- Ask with the right motives according to Your will...
- Ask with faith and not give up...
- Remove everything that comes before our relationship...
- Love my wife and family and...
- Be specific. Write down what you need from God _____.

7.

James 4:3, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives."

I Samuel 16:7, "...but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

8.

I John 5:14-15, "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

The Process of Praying According to God's Will:

"We ask" = _____

"He hears" = _____

"We know" = _____

"We have" = _____

We pray according to the will of God when we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26-27, "And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the spirit is because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

9.

Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened."

If you start praying for something and keep on praying for it, one of two things will happen: God will either —

(1) _____

(2) _____

4.

I John 3:21-22, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."

Prayer Partner's Motto: "Pray and Obey"

5.

John 15:7, "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it shall be done for you."

The Christian life is not so much an imitation of the Christ life as it is Christ living His life through us. In Galatians 2:20 Paul said, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* It is Christ living in me.

To abide in Christ means that I _____ to Him.

6.

Mark 9:23, "Jesus said...all things are possible to him who believes."

- (5) *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*
- (6) *But let him ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*
- (7) *For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord.*

Emerson: "They can conquer who think they can."

Henry Ford: "If you think you can, you are right. If you think you can't, you are right again."

Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

Our faith must be two-fold. We must believe:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Psalm 81:10, "I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I will fill it."

Praying For Myself

Satan yields only what he must.

He yields only what is taken. Therefore the ground must be taken step by step. Prayer must be definite. He yields only what he must. Therefore our prayer must be persistent. He continually renews his attacks, therefore the ground taken must be held against him in Jesus, the Victor's name.

Conditions For Answered Prayers:

1. _____

Psalm 66:18, *"If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear."*
Paraphrased, *"If I tolerate known sin in my life I cannot expect to get my prayers answered."*

Isaiah 59:1-2, *"Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God."*

List areas of known sin that at times you tolerate in your life:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

2. _____

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

An honest prayer will receive _____ and _____ much.

3. _____

I Peter 3:12, *"For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*



The Indispensable Man

Sometime when you're feeling important;
Sometime when your ego's in bloom;
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room.

Sometime when you feel that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist;
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example
Is to do just the best that you can.
Be proud of yourself, but remember
THERE'S NO INDISPENSABLE MAN!

6.

(12) *But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.*

(13) *So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.*

*These Prayer Partners...saw the need...seized the moment...
and shared the victory!*

The area that I feel led of the Lord to pray for Pastor Maxwell is:

3.

(9 & 10) *Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand. And Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.*

Moses climbed to the "top of the hill" in order that...

He could see the people - _____.

The people could see him - _____.

#1 Motivation Principle - People _____ what people _____.

Two-fold goal for Prayer Partners:

(1) _____

(2) _____

4.

(11) *So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed.*

Leadership is _____.

A leader is responsible to...

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

5.

(12a) *But Moses' hands were heavy.*

Moses wanted to keep his arms stretched toward heaven...but he couldn't.

Praying For My Leader

Exodus 17

- (8) *Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim.*
- (9) *So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."*
- (10) *And Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.*
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Reasons why leaders need prayer:

1. _____

(8) *Then Amalek came and fought against Israel...*

Satan watches for the "right time" to attack Christian leaders. Usually he attacks after _____ or when the leader is _____.

Prayer Partners - Ask God to protect Pastor Maxwell...

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

2. _____

(9) *So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek.*

***Any battle worth fighting calls for more resources than
the leader possesses by himself.***



101 Prayer Partners

Jesus: Matthew 18

- (19) *Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.*
- (20) *For where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.*

As it became more plain to Him that He was to suffer death, as the opposition to Himself by the Jerusalem leaders grew more acute and pronounced than before, He taught more about prayer in His inner circle and said the keenest and most intense things about its power.

The Master said, "that if two of you..."

There is marvelous power in corporate prayer. There is peculiar power in corporate prayer. There is marvelous power in individual prayer; but there is an intensified power when a group of people come together to pray.

"...if two of you agree..."

"Agree" is a musical word. If two of you make music in your praying and your music makes music in His heart, there is perfect agreement upward and crossward.

Agreement about what? "...about anything that they may ask..." Money things, men things. The changing of a man's will is the most difficult thing of all.

The last thing a man gives is his pocketbook or checkbook. That is the last bondage to be freed. He is a wonderfully freed man who gets freedom from that and yet even that is included. There is no slavery like the slavery of gold.

"anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by my father..."

Listen! Use your pencil, please, and underline the word "shall." Underscore "shall" until all your sense of doubt is gone.

Why "shall it be done for them?" Because we pray earnestly? Because we believe? Because we have faith?

These things all count, but they are not the thing. "For where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

That is to say, if there are two, there are three; if three people meet to pray, there are four. There is One more than you and I can see. And - He is taking our prayers and making it His!"

Abridged from *Prayer Changes Things* by S.D. Gordon

Today 100 Prayer Partners meet...I mean 101!



Prayer Partner Challenge...

Eleven days ago I was privileged to spend some special time with the Lord. For hours I fellowshiped with the Lord concerning our time together at this Prayer Partner Retreat. **I'm excited!** Together we are going to worship the Lord and sense His presence. Individually, you will begin a spiritual journey of change. How do I know?

"To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us. If we are unwilling to change, we will abandon prayer as a noticeable characteristic of our lives. The closer we come to the heartbeat of God the more we see our need and the more we desire to be conformed to Christ. To pray is to change."

(Richard Foster)

Men, today is only the beginning. Let's take a spiritual journey together. Moses realized the need of prayer partners. A victory over the Amalekites was only possible because Aaron and Hur (Moses' Prayer Partners) lifted up his hands and helped him intercede for Israel.

Skyline faces many battles in the days ahead. I am willing to stand on top of the mountain and pray...but I NEED YOU to stand beside me. Together we can see God do great things for us that will never be realized by any individual alone. When God hears my prayers, I want Him to hear your prayers also. When the congregation looks up and sees their leader, I want them to see you beside me.

I love you!

Pastor Maxwell



Prayer Partner Commitment...

Without a doubt, Skyline is on the verge of even greater things than we have ever seen. As we move forward and make important decisions we must have a strong, faithful prayer base.

Thanks for your interest in being a Prayer Partner.

I would be pleased to draw you to a commitment in order for you to be directed to a ministry that captures your heart, increases your vision, and draws you toward a deeper spiritual commitment. Ministry, and certainly the practice of prayer, should never be mechanical or burdensome. It should be personally fulfilling and a benefit to others.

My desire for each Prayer Partner is to develop a vital, fresh prayer ministry that permeates your life and relationship with others. All great movings of God and spiritual awakenings are preceded by individuals and groups who are committed to the discipline of prayer. I anticipate a rewarding year together as we are accountable to each other in this prayer ministry.

"Until I am committed, there is a hesitancy, a chance to draw back. But the moment I definitely commit myself, then God moves also, and a whole stream of events erupt. All manner of unforeseen incidents, meetings, persons and material assistance which I could never have dreamed would come my way begins to flow toward me - the moment I make a commitment."

I love you!

Pastor Maxwell

Prayer Partner Qualifications:

1. Become a member of Skyline if you are not one at this time.
2. Agree to the following Prayer Partner Commitments.

Prayer Partner Commitments:

1. Attend the Prayer Partner Breakfasts: November 11, January 27, March 17, and April 28.
2. Attend the 1990 Prayer Partner Retreat.
3. Pray daily for the needs of the church and staff, especially on your assigned day of prayer.
4. Once a month join other Prayer Partners in the upper room to pray during a worship service. When you cannot fulfill this responsibility you will obtain a replacement for that service.
Note: after two months of absence without a replacement, it will be assumed that you are not interested in continuing the ministry and you will be removed.
5. On the day you pray in the upper room, meet at 8:00 a.m. with Pastor Maxwell and exchange prayer requests and personally pray for his ministry that day.



1989- 90 Prayer Partner Response and Commitment...

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Street, City and Zip _____

Are you a member of Skyline? _____

Have you been or are you currently being disciplined? _____

Are you currently involved in a H.O.M.E. Group? _____

What is your birth date? _____

What service would you like to pray at? (Give your 1st and 2nd choices)

- 8:20 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

After considering the commitment involved as a Prayer Partner during 1989-90, I have decided:

- I will make the commitment.
 I do not wish to serve as a Prayer Partner at this time.

Signature: _____

Comments: _____

Personal Prayer Request: _____

Praise Report: _____



1989 - 90 Prayer Partner Information...

Please mark your personal calendar with these dates. They will also be posted in the upper room, reminders will appear in your monthly letter, and announcements will be printed in the Sunday bulletin and the midweek mailing. Please notify the office receptionist if you cannot attend a breakfast so we have an accurate count for meal preparation.

Saturday, November 11, in the Centre:

Delegates attending the Skyline Leadership conference will be observing Pastor Maxwell discipling the Local Board of Administration and the Prayer Partners.

You have two options:

- (1) Come at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and sit in on the discipleship time with the Board and the time of prayer at the conclusion; or
- (2) Come only for the concluding time of prayer at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27, 8:00 a.m. in the Centre:

Discipleship breakfast with Pastor Maxwell

Wednesday, February 21:

Pastor Maxwell is a speaker in the "How to Have a Prayer Ministry" Conference, sponsored by the Fuller Institute of Evangelism and Church Growth. The Prayer Partner ministry will be featured and Pastor Maxwell will speak three times on this day. *Skyline Prayer Partners who can attend the entire conference, February 20-22, may attend free of charge.* The only expense would be that of your motel room. Prayer Partners who can only attend for the day will carpool from the church on February 21 early in the morning and return early evening.

Saturday, March 17, 8:00 a.m. in the Centre:

Discipleship breakfast with Pastor Maxwell

Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m. in the Centre:

Discipleship breakfast with Pastor Maxwell

Saturday, September 29:

Annual Prayer Partner Retreat, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Advancing On Our Knees

Matthew 6:16-18

What Jesus teaches about fasting: (Matthew 6:16-18)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Biblical reasons for fasting:

1. _____ (I Samuel 31:13)
2. _____ (I Samuel 7:6)
3. _____ (Daniel 9:3)
4. _____ (Leviticus 16:31)
5. _____ (Exodus 24:15)

Reasons why we need to pray and fast:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Top Ten Prayer Requests

1. Personal Revival _____
2. Weekly Tithes and Offerings _____
3. Celebration of Joy _____
4. Church Relocation _____
5. H.O.M.E. Groups _____
6. God's Challenge Offering _____
7. Skyline Leaders Conference _____
8. Living Christmas Tree _____
9. New Sunday Evening Service _____
10. Corporate Revival _____

Keys To Corporate Revival

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Six Steps To Answered Prayer

Jeremiah 32 & 33:1-3

God, who desires to answer our prayers, asks us to do six things. He says to us...

1. _____ - God is my ONLY source. (32:1-5)

Background - Two great needs:

(1)

(2)

Every _____ begins with a _____.

2. _____ - God has the answer. (32:6-8)

How to handle the unusual leading of God:

(1) Be open to the _____ with God.

(2) Be sensitive to the _____ of God.

(3) Be assured by the _____ from God.

3. _____ - God's ways are higher than ours. (32:9-14)

The evidence of _____ God is _____ God.

Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments."

Spiritual victory is a by-product of obedience!

Jeremiah's obedience was...

(1) _____ (v. 9)

(2) _____ (vs. 10, 12, 13)

(3) _____ (v. 14)

(4) _____

Selective obedience is NOT obedience.

4. _____ - God is awesome! (vs. 16-25)

"When we praise God for mercies - we prolong them.

When we praise God for miseries - we usually end them." C.H. Spurgeon

5. _____ - God is in control (vs. 26-43)

6. _____ - God is ready to meet your need. (vs. 33:1-3)

When is God willing to answer my prayer?

When I... Need Him
 Listen to Him
 Obey Him
 Praise Him
 Trust in Him

Then I can call on Him!

