

# PRAYER GUIDE SEPTEMBER 2025

## **Missions partner of the Month:** Barentsens

Jack and Pat Barentsen are missionaries serving in the Netherlands. Jack serves as a seminary professor teaching church leadership, but is also involved in teaching and training pastors in Europe.

- Please pray for their safety as they travel to the US for a brief visit.
- Please pray that God will use this time to refresh and renew them.
- Please pray for Jack's efforts to "pass the baton" to the next generation while he begins to transition towards retirement.

## **Local partner of the Month:** First Church of the Brethren

- Please pray for wisdom and guidance at a very important congregational meeting to be held this month.
- Please pray for God's blessing on two young adults who have trusted Christ recently and who will soon be baptized.
- Please pray for Pastor Mike Rath, who lost his wife last November.

## **Birthdays in September**

Please take time to pray for these people on their birthdays.

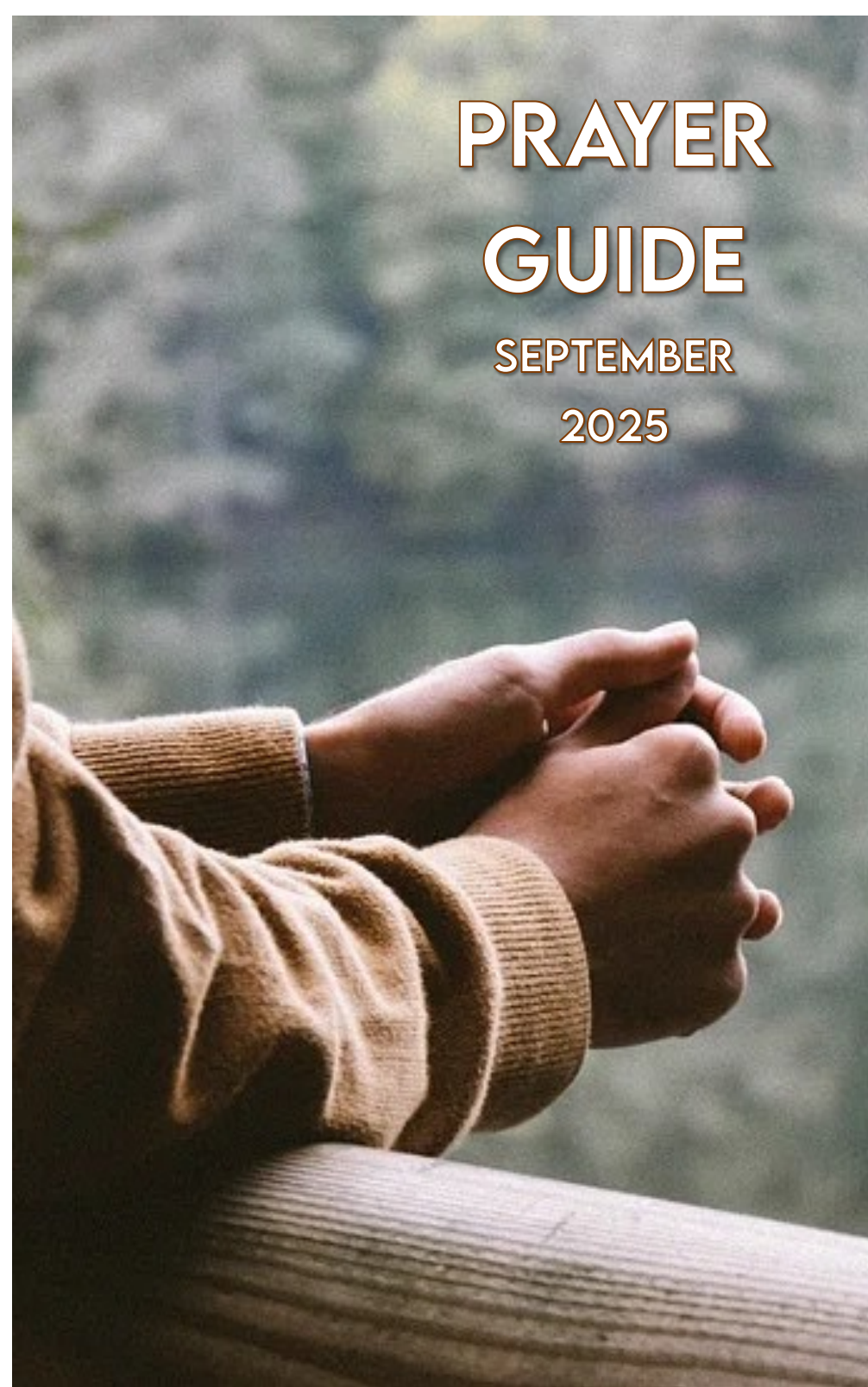
Sandy Barnes (1)	Hayden Martin (15)	Brad McKay (19)
Glenda Haggerty (6)	Jon Larson (15)	Bill Eichhorn (26)
Katherine Scram (6)	Kim Blomberg (15)	Beckett Ost (29)
Janet Olafsson (8)	Carolyn Spring (18)	Gamble Stone (30)
Alison Grider (12)	Sheila Miner (18)	Justin Workman (30)
Cassidy Ziegelbaur (12)		

## **This month's Prayer Encounter**

Thursday, September 18

\*Please let us know of prayer requests or answers to prayers that we can communicate with the church family.

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## Scripture: John 15:1-8

(read daily or weekly and meditate)

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

*Reflections:*

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## The liturgy of prayer: Prayers of Response

All prayer is a response to the steps God has already taken in reaching out to you and inviting you into an ongoing conversation with Him. Each day, take a few moments to notice how God is at work in your life—and then talk with Him about those things.

You might guide your reflection with questions like these:

- What has God shown me in His Word?
- What people has God been using in my story, and how?
- What circumstances in my life have been shaping me? How might God be using them?
- Has the Holy Spirit been nudging me in a specific direction?

*Heavenly Father,*

*You are the great Initiator who always goes first. I love You because You first loved me. I long to pursue You with my life because You first pursued me. Open my eyes, ears, and heart to You today. Help me experience Your presence and recognize how You are at work in my life. Make Yourself clear in whatever way You choose to speak. I confess that I am easily distracted—please help me focus on You today. Amen.*

## The needs of the Church:

### Individuals

Lee Woods (Nick Pennell's father) - Lee has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. He will be assessed at Mayo Clinic and is hoping to start chemo in late September.

Jon and Jane Larson—Please pray for Jon as he continues to recover from cancer treatment.

Colleen Davis—Please pray for her and her family as she faces the challenges of ALS. She has been placed into hospice care.

Glynis Sylvia—She continues to have trouble with hip and leg pain.

Linda Twigg—Linda will be receiving infusions for cancer treatment maintenance, but continues to do better.

### Corporate

Please pray that God would give us a spirit of anticipation as we launch a new ministry year, and that great things would happen!

Please pray that God would bring us more families, and that we would see our Faith Safari Base Camp program add more children.

Please pray for our small groups as we begin the fall. Pray that more people would be added to groups and that spiritual growth would happen in each group.

Please pray for our Walk Thru the Bible seminar on the 13th. We are asking that a good number of people participate, but that the morning also has significant impact on our church.

Please pray for the Intervarsity groups at OU and OCC to start the year well. Pray that those who have expressed interest will follow through.

Pray also for our college groups here at WCC.

## Ministry Focus:

Wednesday night programs.

### Waterford Kids:

PreK-5th grade

### Waterford Youth:

6th-12th grade

The Movement (18-25's)

Adult Bible studies

*We are asking God to use this time*

- to build relationships among families,
- to connect with new families who need a church home,
- to grow our kids and adults in practical, intentional faith.