

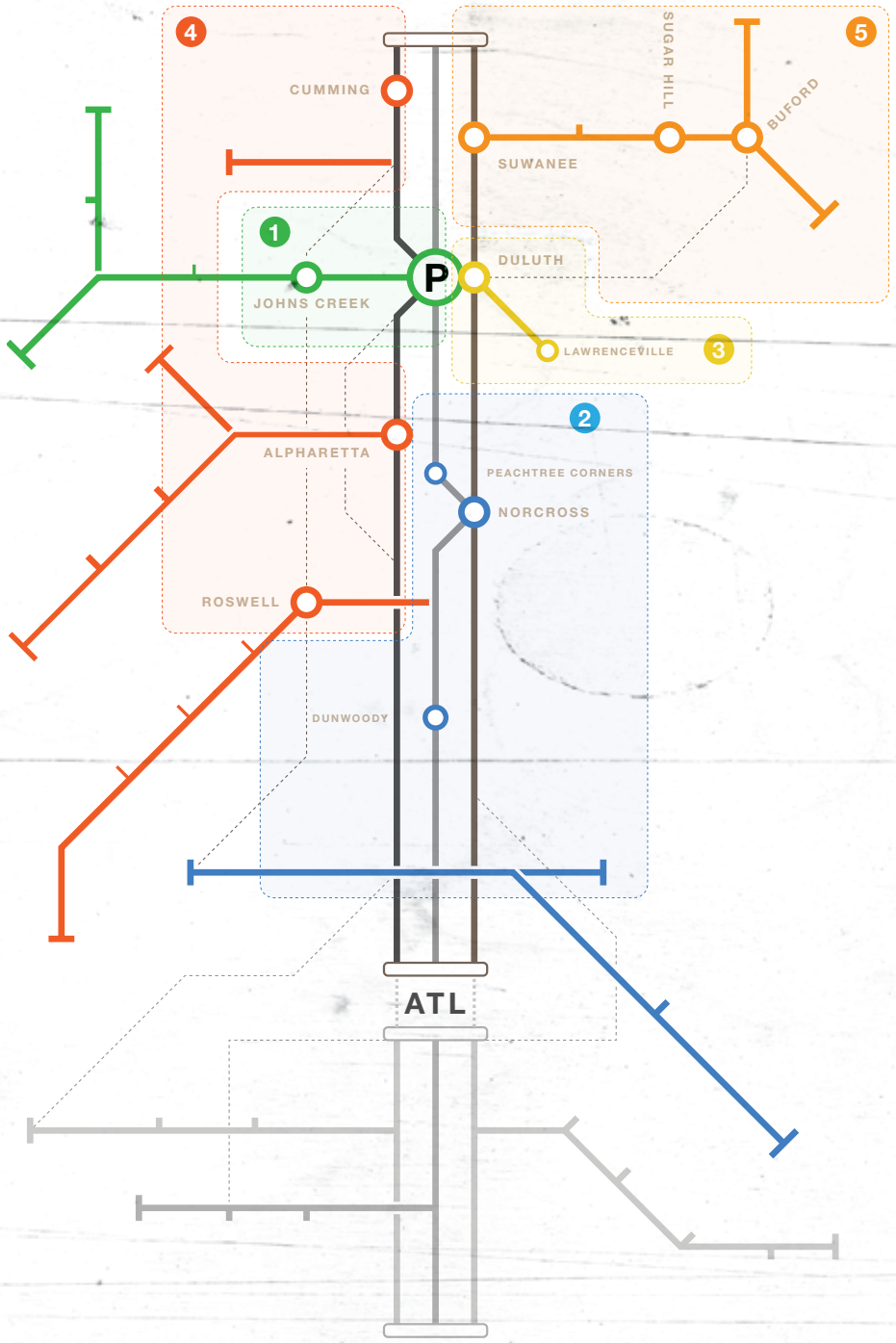
BUT SEEK

THE WELFARE OF THE CITY
WHERE I HAVE SENT YOU
INTO EXILE, AND PRAY TO
THE LORD ON ITS BEHALF,
FOR IN ITS WELFARE YOU
WILL FIND YOUR WELFARE.


JEREMIAH 29:7

PRAYER GUIDE | PERIMETER CHURCH





MANY PERIMETER PRAYER WARRIORS CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME WEAVING TOGETHER SCRIPTURES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF PRAYER TO CREATE THIS GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



In order for us to love our families, neighbors and cities, we must first draw on the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. As we draw close to God, He will fill us with His peace, joy and assurance. The foundation of our families and cities begins with prayer. We pray that God will give us eyes to see, hearts to love and hands to serve so that His kingdom will come on earth as it is in Heaven. We pray that God will break barriers and cast out sin so that our cities may be transformed for His glory.

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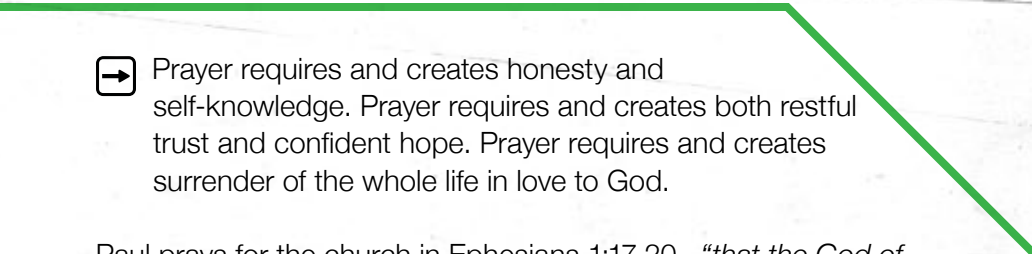
FOUNDATION FOR PRAYER

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The very foundation for our life in Christ is prayer. God has made Himself known to us through the incarnate Christ, through His Word and by His Spirit. Prayer is not a suggestion; it is a command, for our good and His glory. It is a striving to know our God, to experience fullness in Christ and to be worthy ambassadors to a lost and hurting world. Prayer unleashes the limitless, abundant power of God in a way that nothing else can.

In his book, “Prayer,” (p.141) Tim Keller summarizes the “touchstones of prayer,” those practices that make our prayers “powerful and effective” (James 5:16):

- ➡ Prayer is a duty and a discipline. It is conversing with God. Prayer is adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.
- ➡ Prayer is made “in Jesus’ name,” based on the Gospel with a heart engaged in loving awe.
- ➡ Prayer is accepting one’s weakness and dependence.
- ➡ Prayer orients your view toward God and is spiritual union with God. Prayer seeks a heart sense of the presence of God.

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- ➡ Prayer requires and creates honesty and self-knowledge. Prayer requires and creates both restful trust and confident hope. Prayer requires and creates surrender of the whole life in love to God.

Paul prays for the church in Ephesians 1:17-20, *“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to those who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.”*

This resurrection power that emptied the grave has given us access into the very throne room of God as Hebrews 4:16 tells us, *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.”*

We dare not be prayerless!

PRAYING FOR OUR CITIES

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God has providentially placed each of us in our geographic location to be a part of His story of redemption. We have been called to be a faithful presence in our cities and to push back the evil through actions motivated by grace and prayer. Prayer for our cities begins with confession of our sins to the Lord and He will forgive. *"I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity; I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord' and you forgave the iniquity of my sins. Let everyone who is godly pray to Him in a time when He may be found. And I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go."* **PSALM 32:5,6,8**

DAILY PRAYERS FOR OUR CITIES

➡ **SUNDAY** - Pray that the Gospel would be boldly and unashamedly proclaimed in our local churches. That our churches would be places for the broken, unwanted and hurting. That Christ will be offered as the only remedy for the very thing we cannot do, make ourselves better or save ourselves.

➡ **MONDAY** - Pray that Romans 8:35-39 would become a reality. Pray for yourself, for your family, for your pastors, for your church. That our hope would be found in Christ and in Christ alone and that His hope would produce Gospel boldness in our lives.

- ➡ **TUESDAY** - Pray Matthew 6:10 over your city. Spend this day replacing the word “earth” with the name of your city... for example “In Sugar Hill as it is in heaven.”
- ➡ **WEDNESDAY** - Pray that the Spirit would weed out the sin in your life that has kept you from living a life on mission. That He would open up opportunities for you to be present and intentional with the Gospel in your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors by name.
- ➡ **THURSDAY** - Pray Psalms 33:8 boldly over your city. That people would stand in awe before Him.
- ➡ **FRIDAY** - Pray Habakkuk 3:2 over your city. That the Lord’s love, wrath, justice and mercy would be made known in the city.
- ➡ **SATURDAY** - Pray that the Lord would increase our burden for our city. That our love and growth in the Gospel would produce a desire to see others saved, and grow in their love and understanding of who God is, what He has done and what He is doing.

WHO SHOULD I PRAY FOR IN MY CITY?

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| ☞ City Leaders | ☞ Churches |
| ☞ Citizens | ☞ Non-profits |
| ☞ Children | ☞ Police Department |
| ☞ Businesses | ☞ Fire Departments |

Work for the peace and well-being for the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its peace you will have peace. JEREMIAH 29:7

PRAYING FOR REDEMPTION FOR YOUR CITY

Every city has areas of brokenness and idols because all of us have brokenness and idols. Praying against idols in our cities is praying the very heart of God. Pray that God would reveal the brokenness so that it can be healed. We ask that God would remove the idols that sit on the thrones of His people's hearts because we do not have the power to change hearts. May God use His redeemed people to be agents of redemption where they live, work and play.

Pray that God will reveal and remove anything that the people in our cities want more, treasure more or love more than God.

"So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world." COLOSSIANS 3:5

Pray that they would not exchange the truth about God for lies and that God would have mercy on us.

"And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or consider Him worth knowing as their Creator, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do things which are improper and repulsive, until they were filled with every kind of unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice and mean-spiritedness. They

are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient and disrespectful to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful. Although they know God's righteous decree and His judgment, that those who do such things deserve death, yet they not only do them, but they even enthusiastically approve and tolerate others who practice them."

ROMANS 1:28-32

PRAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Isaiah 61:1 *"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners;"* Proverbs 31:8 *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed."*

PRAY FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION – Colossians 2:2 *"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ."*

PRAY AGAINST THE LOVE OF WEALTH – Mark 10:22 *"At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth;"* Proverbs 3:9 *"Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce."*

PRAY FOR FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION – Zechariah 2:2 *"Gather before judgment begins, before your time to repent is blown away like chaff. Act now, before the fierce fury of the LORD falls and the terrible day of the LORD's anger begins."*

PRAY FOR THOSE IN POVERTY – Psalms 35:10 *"My whole being will exclaim, 'Who is like you, LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.'"*

PRAY FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION – Isaiah 54:2 *"Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense!"* Psalm 68:6 *"God places the lonely in families."*

PRAYING FOR PERIMETER'S NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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We are blessed to have non-profit partners with whom we can co-labor to do so great a work that God has called us to do together.

PSALM 82:3-4 - *"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

Being an advocate for our non-profits comes in many forms. Whether we are giving our time in service, skills or resources, realize that it's God's great love that motivates us. Please be praying for all the volunteers, staff and clients of our non-profit partners listed and God's provision for their needs.

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today." **FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

PARISH 1 - JOHNS CREEK

PARISH 2 - ATLANTA | DUNWOODY | PEACHTREE CORNERS | NORCROSS

PARISH 3 - DULUTH | LAWRENCEVILLE

PARISH 4 - ALPHARETTA | ROSWELL | CUMMING

PARISH 5 - BUFORD | SUWANEE | SUGAR HILL

COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS	LOCATED IN PARISH	PARISHES SERVED	WEBSITE
A Beacon of Hope	1	1 2 3 4 5	friendsofbeacon.com
After School Matters- Norcross High School	2	2	norcrosshighfoundation.org
Beaver Ridge Elementary School	2	2	breschool.com/home.html
Bethany Christian Services	2	1 2 3 4 5	bethany.org
City of Refuge	2	1 2 3 4 5	cityofrefugeatl.org
Connections Home	5	1 2 3 4 5	connectionshomes.org
Corners Outreach	2	2	cornersoutreach.org

COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS	LOCATED IN PARISH	PARISHES SERVED	WEBSITE
Duluth Hands of Christ	3	3	duluthco-op.org
Eagle Ranch	5	1 2 3 4 5	eagleranch.org
Family Heritage Foundation	3	3	fhfi.org
Friends of Refugees	3	3	friendsofrefugees.com
Georgia Center for Opportunity	2	2	georgiaopportunity.org
Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett	2	2 3	goodsamgwinnett.org
Haven Atlanta	2	1 2 3 4 5	havenatl.org
Hi Hope Center	3	1 2 3 4 5	hihopecenter.org
Home Repairs Ministry	2	1 2 3 4 5	homerepairs.org
Hope Inc.	3	1 2 3 4 5	hopbe.org
Human Coalition	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	humancoalition.org
KidsHope USA	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	perimeter.org/kidshopeusa
Movers & Shakers	2	2 3 5	atlmoversnshakers.org
Norcross Cooperative Ministry	2	2	norcrossco-op.org
North Fulton Community Charities	4	4	nfcchelp.org
North Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry	5	5	northgwinnettcoop.org

COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS	LOCATED IN PARISH	PARISHES SERVED	WEBSITE
Operation Liberate	3	1 2 3 4 5	operationliberate.com
Out of Darkness	2	1 2 3 4 5	outofdarkness.org
PAWkids	2	2	pawkids.org
Project Lift	4	4	projectlift.org
Project Kids Eat	2	2	campuschurch.org
Promise686	2	1 2 3 4 5	promise686.org
Rainbow Village	3	1 2 3 4 5	rainbowvillage.org
Refuge Coffee Co.	3	3	refugecoffeeco.com
Salvation Army of Gwinnett	3	2 3	salvationarmyatlanta.org
Street GRACE	2	1 2 3 4 5	streetgrace.org
Summerour Middle School	2	2	gwinnett.k12.ga.us/ SummerourMS
The Lantern Project	3	3	thelanternproject.org
Victoria's Friends	4	1 2 3 4 5	victoriasfriends.com
Wellspring Living	2 3	1 2 3 4 5	wellspringliving.org
Whirlwind Missions	2	2	whirlwindmissions.org
World Relief	3	3	worldreliefatlanta.org
Robert D. Fowler YMCA	2	2	ymcaatlanta.org

PRAYERS

AGAINST SATAN

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2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5 - *"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ."*

We battle the evil one on our knees with the heart of a warrior. God is Sovereign and His victory is assured. Our adversary's days are numbered, but we know he is not going down without a fight. While Ephesians 6 tells us that there is a battle raging against the powers of darkness in the heavenly places, God has equipped us to join in the battle with prayer. God has already given us the most powerful weapon of all – His Word. God tells us that "my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it". As you pray God's very words below, be assured that they will not return void.



*We enter God's presence with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Praise releases God's power in battle which we read in **PSALM 149**.*

PSALM 144:1 - *"Blessed be The Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle." In 2 Chronicles 20, the armies of Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, defeated their enemies when they made the choir of Levites and Korahites their front line troops. Their powerful praise threw the enemy into confusion and brought about their defeat. "Give thanks to The Lord for His steadfast love endures forever."*

➡ We enter God's presence with hearts cleansed from sin through confession and repentance.

PSALM 66:18-20 - *"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, The Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me."*

➡ **We stand firm, strong in The Lord, and put on the armor of God, our protection.**

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 - *"Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm...having fastened on the belt of truth...having put on the breastplate of righteousness...put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace...take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one...take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication."*

➡ **We lift up the powerful Word of God and pray with the authority of Christ and in His name.**

ISAIAH 55:11 - *"... so shall My Word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it;"* John 14:20 - *"In that day you will know that I am in My Father and you in Me and I in you."* Christ is our armor, our strength, our victory against the "flaming darts of the evil one" leveled against us, especially in the battle for our mind.

➡ **We pray for victory and defeat of our enemy in unity and agreement with other believers.**

MATTHEW 12:25 - *"Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste and no city or house divided against itself will stand;"* Matthew 18:19-20 - *"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them."*

➡ **We persevere in prayer until the answer comes.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 - *"...pray without ceasing...;"* Galatians 6:9 - *"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up;"* 1 John 4:4b - *".... greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."*

“IF SINNERS BE DAMNED, AT LEAST LET THEM LEAP TO HELL OVER OUR DEAD BODIES. AND IF THEY PERISH, LET THEM PERISH WITH OUR ARMS WRAPPED ABOUT THEIR KNEES, IMPLORING THEM TO STAY. IF HELL MUST BE FILLED, LET IT BE FILLED IN THE TEETH OF OUR EXERTIONS, AND LET NOT ONE GO UNWARNED AND UNPRAYED FOR.”

Charles Spurgeon



PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

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PRAYER WALKING OUR SCHOOLS

Schools are busy communities within our cities made up of children, parents, teachers, business partners, city officials and others. Not only is it important to pray for the next generation, but also for all those involved in the lives of the students. When you prayer walk, pray that God would use believing peers and adults to be living expressions of God's love and grace in our schools. You can pray with your friends; family, Connect group, Discipleship group or by yourself. Pray over each classroom and teacher by name. Pray for every locker and each student that will use it. Pray over the buses in the parking lot, the cafeteria tables, the administration and the facilities staff.

Prayer walking the schools can be done anytime, but consider important times such as testing, the beginning and end of the school year, Teacher Appreciation week or when something good/bad has happened.

AREAS OF INTERCESSION

→ STUDENTS

PROVERBS 3:5-6 - *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

→ STAFF & ADMINISTRATION

Counselors, Coaches, Cafeteria Personnel, Custodians,
Substitute Teachers

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11- *“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.”*

→ CHRISTIANS ON CAMPUS

MATTHEW 5:14-16 – *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone*

in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

→ SCHOOL BOARD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PROVERBS 16:9 – *"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."*

→ AGAINST EVIL, VIOLENCE AND BULLYING

JOHN 17:15 – *"My prayer is not that you take them out of this world but that you protect them from the evil one."*

→ LAND & PHYSICAL BUILDING

ISAIAH 54:2 – *"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."*

→ FAMILIES

MATTHEW 11:28 – *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

→ CLOSING PRAYER

PSALM 91:11 - *"For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways."*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 - *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."*

**DEEPEN YOUR CONNECTION WITH GOD
FOR YOUR CITY - PRAY!!!**

ADDITIONAL PRAYER GUIDES & RESOURCES:

“Sharing God’s Heart for the Poor” by Amy Sherman

“Prayer” by Tim Keller

“A Praying Life” by Paul E. Miller

“The Circle Maker: Praying circles around your biggest dreams and greatest fears” by Mark Batterson

“This Day We Fight!: Breaking the bondage of a passive spirit” by Francis Frangipane

“The Practice of the Presence of God: A pure and uncomplicated way to walk continually in God’s presence”
by Brother Lawrence

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FOR MORE PRAYER RESOURCES AND TO FIND
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.**

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PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE, ILLOGICAL
AND SELF-CENTERED;
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

IF YOU ARE KIND, PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF SELFISH,
ULTERIOR MOTIVES;
BE KIND ANYWAY.

IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL, YOU WILL WIN SOME FALSE FRIENDS
AND SOME TRUE ENEMIES;
SUCCEED ANYWAY.

IF YOU ARE HONEST AND FRANK, PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU;
BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.

WHAT YOU SPEND YEARS BUILDING, SOMEONE COULD DESTROY
OVERNIGHT;
BUILD ANYWAY.

IF YOU FIND SERENITY AND HAPPINESS, THEY MAY BE JEALOUS;
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

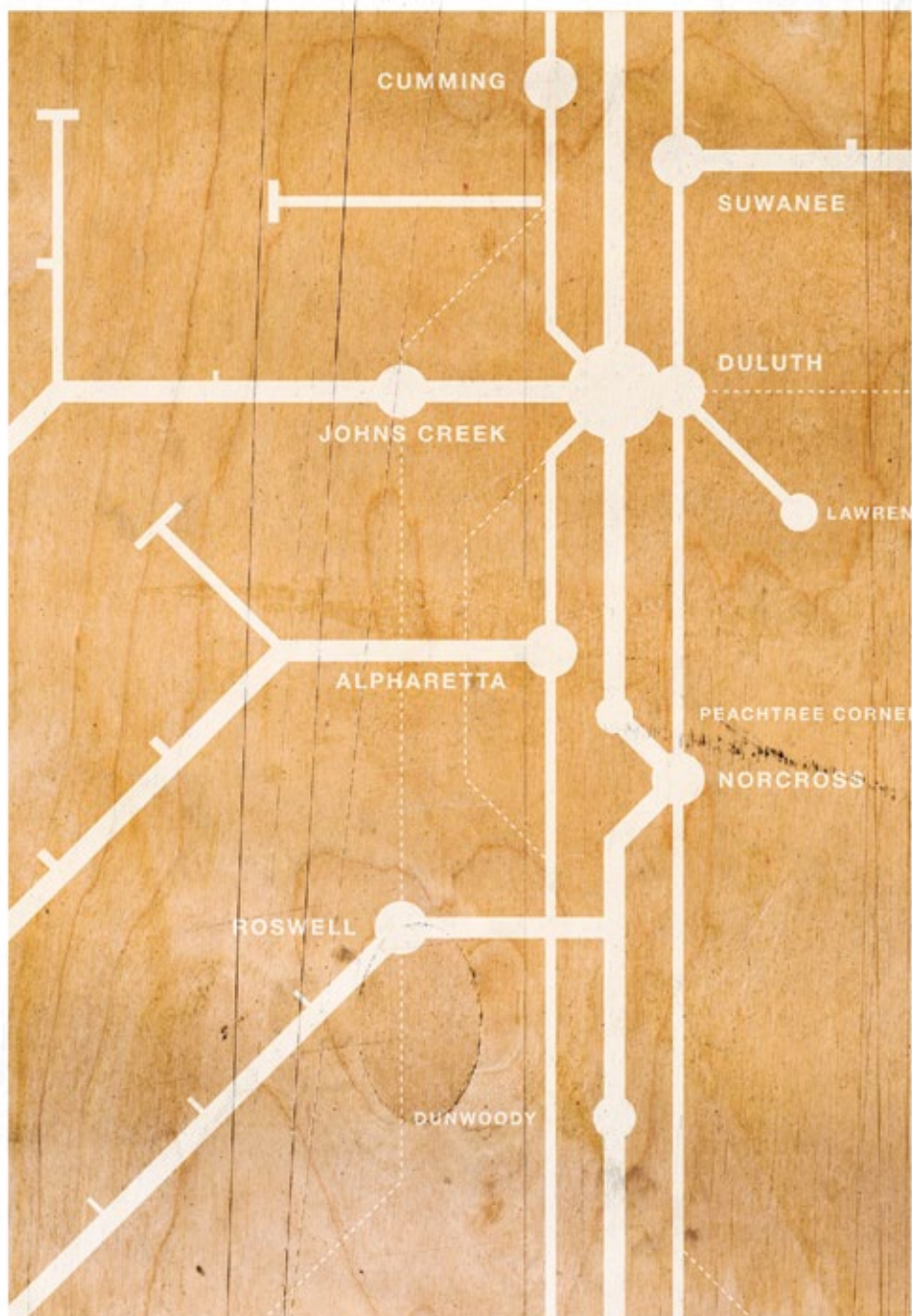
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