



**Annual Meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention
November 14-15 / First Baptist Church, Montgomery**

30 Days of Prayer

Thank you for taking the time to pray in the days leading up to this year's 200th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Your role cannot be overstated. D. L. Moody said, *"Those who have left the deepest impression on this sin-cursed earth have been men and women of prayer. You will find that PRAYER has been the mighty power that has moved God and man."*

As we commemorate what God has done through Alabama Baptists these past 200 years, let us seek God for His strength as we move forward in faith! We encourage you and your church to pray for the next thirty days as we celebrate and commemorate the faithfulness of God to Alabama Baptists.

October 15

Scripture: Psalm 100:4-5

Devotional: As we embark on this journey of celebrating 200 years of the Alabama Baptist Convention, let us begin with a heart of gratitude. Give thanks to the Lord and reflect on the blessings and growth that have come to our Convention over the years. Specifically, thank God for the impact Alabama Baptists have had on your life.

October 16

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Devotional: Trust in the Lord with all your heart as we remember the foundations of our faith. The Alabama Baptist Convention has stood firm through trials and tribulations, guided by faith and unwavering trust in God's plan. We have not always been perfect, but we serve the Perfect Lord. Pray that we acknowledge Christ in all that we do so that He will make our paths straight.

October 17

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3

Devotional: If we are to continue to finish the race God has set before us, we must be united. Ask God to strengthen us in unity of the Spirit as we celebrate our rich history and diverse community of believers and as we finish well for His glory.

October 18

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19

Devotional: We rejoice over all the Lord has done over these past 200 years through Alabama Baptists. This celebration is not the end, however, but the beginning. Prayerfully reflect on the ways He has led us in the past and anticipate the new horizons He has in store for us. Pray that our greatest days of Gospel ministry are yet to be seen.

October 19

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

Devotional: We have one mission, the Great Commission. Ask God to grant us a greater burden for the lost. Pray that He will pour out His Spirit upon Alabama Baptists so that we have a renewed commitment to telling every person the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray that God uses us to be instruments of another great revival and awakening.

October 20

Scripture: Colossians 3:23

Devotional: Pray that our churches will do everything for excellence as unto the Lord. We ask our Savior to open the eyes of our state to see that our convention's work is a labor of love and therefore a testament to our dedication to God's service.

October 21

Scripture: Romans 12:4-5

Devotional: We are one body in Christ, and each member plays a vital role. Take a moment to appreciate the diversity of gifts and talents within our Convention that have contributed to its growth and impact. Ask God to show you how you can utilize your gifts and talents to further the kingdom of God.

October 22

Scripture: Psalm 119:105

Devotional: The Word of God has been our guide for two centuries. Pray that we will continue to rely on His Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Ask God to keep Alabama Baptists as “people of the Book.”

October 23

Scripture: Matthew 5:16

Devotional: Reflect on the impact our Convention has had on the world. Pray that our good deeds and acts of kindness will be a shining light, drawing others to Jesus Christ and the salvation He offers.

October 24

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Devotional: Ask the Lord to keep us steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord. In spite of the challenges in our country, pray that Alabama Baptists' perseverance will be a source of encouragement to people all over our state and world.

October 25

Scripture: 1 John 1:9

Devotional: In order for us to finish well, we must be a people who are “confessed up.” Pray and confess your sins to the Father. If there is something you need to make right, confess and repent.

October 26

Scripture: Proverbs 16:3

Devotional: Ask God to evaluate all our plans. We desire for His plans to be our plans. Therefore, pray that our plans and endeavors are always rooted in God's will and that we will faithfully and obediently trust in His guidance.

October 27

Scripture: Philippians 1:6

Devotional: Prayerfully reflect on this promise from our Lord. He began a good work in us and He is the one who will faithfully enable us to finish!

October 28

Scripture: Acts 4:12

Devotional: Today is our birthday as Alabama Baptists! It was on this day 200 years ago that 15 people met at Salem Baptist Church near Greensboro to form what would become the Alabama Baptist State Convention. A sign marking the location proclaims, "They met to promote missions, education and closer cooperation among Baptist churches in Alabama." Pray that we will remain focused on these ideals of missions, education and cooperation, but even more important, pray that we always focus on Jesus! Ask God to keep us focused on the Gospel. Pray that we never waver in proclaiming the name of Jesus.

October 29

Scripture: Romans 8:28

Devotional: In your prayer time today, focus on the truth that He works in all things for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Thank Him that He has been faithful with us through the good days and some darker days. Through it all, He has touched multitudes of people through us.

October 30

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: For Alabama Baptists to be all that God wants us to be, each of us must offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Spend some time offering yourself to Him today as a living sacrifice.

October 31

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9

Devotional: Reflect on the privilege and responsibility of being a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Pray that we as Alabama Baptists never take for granted that we were called out of darkness into His marvelous light.

November 1

Scripture: Psalm 34:8

Devotional: Alabama Baptists have tasted and seen that the Lord is good! As we celebrate 200 years and yet know that there is still much to be done, remember the goodness and faithfulness of God in our Convention's journey.

November 2

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Devotional: Meditate on this passage. Ask God to show us more of His holiness. Pray for the realization of His cleansing touch on your life. Reflect on His calling. Are you willing to go wherever?

November 3

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional: Pray that we all exhibit more of the fruit of His Spirit. Ask God to show you if His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are guiding your life.

November 4

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12

Devotional: Just as a body has many parts, so it is with the church. Each member of our Convention has played a unique role in our collective journey. Thank God for the numerous ways God has used your church to further missions throughout Alabama and around the world.

November 5

Scripture: James 1:5

Devotional: Pray for God's wisdom concerning the local church in which you serve Him and in the Alabama Baptist Convention. Seek God's wisdom as we look ahead to the future of our Convention.

November 6

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

Devotional: Pray that Alabama Baptists run with endurance the race set before us, looking to Jesus. Our Convention's journey is a marathon, and Jesus is our ultimate source of strength.

November 7

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Devotional: Thank God for who He is, what He has done in your life and the power available to Christians through prayer. Because of prayer we can give thanks in all circumstances.

November 8

Scripture: Ephesians 6:18

Devotional: Pray for a specific need that you or someone close to you has. You may pray the BLESS prayer: B—Bodily needs, physical health; L—Labor needs, work, finances; E—Emotional needs, strains and stresses in life; S—Social needs, relationships at home, at work, at school, in the church; S—Spiritual needs you and others have.

November 9

Scripture: Ephesians 4:4-6

Devotional: Pray that Jesus is exalted in your local church. Pray for your pastor and leaders by name. Ask God to increase your church's impact on your community.

November 10

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-5

Devotional: Pray for our convention officers: Buddy Champion, president; Morgan Bailey, first vice president; Jarman Leatherwood, second vice president; Debbie Oliver, recording secretary; Mike Jackson, statistical and registration secretary; and Rick Lance, treasurer (as well as executive director of the State Board of Missions). Also ask God to bless Candace McIntosh, executive director of Alabama WMU, and all your Alabama Baptist state missionaries. Pray that our upcoming convention meeting will honor God, uplift the cross of Jesus, and encourage us to boldly finish in the power of the Holy Spirit.

November 11

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Devotional: Pray for Spiritual Renewal and Awakening. Ask God to further His rule and reign in our world. Pray for the influence of Spirit-filled, Spirit-led Christians and churches all over the Alabama Baptist Convention.

November 12

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20

Devotional: Thank God for His grace and goodness in your life. Thank Him for the gift of salvation. Thank Him as we commemorate all He has done through Alabama Baptists over the past 200 years. Ask Him to do “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.”

November 13

Scripture: Revelation 21:5 and Philippians 3:13-14

Devotional: “Behold, I am making all things new.” As we conclude this 30-day journey, let us eagerly anticipate the new things God has in store for the Alabama Baptist Convention in the next 200 years (or until He comes again). Pray for the Alabama Baptist Pastors Conference meeting today at Taylor Road Baptist Church, Montgomery, and again lift up the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, taking place tomorrow and Wednesday at First Baptist Church, Montgomery. The theme of this year’s annual meeting is “Unfinished,” based on Philippians 3:13-14. As we “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,” may we be found faithful!

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Alabama Baptist Convention, it is our prayer that these Scriptures and devotionals have inspired you to reflect on our rich history, to renew your commitment to God's mission, and to look forward to the future with hope and anticipation.

