



The people group “African American Neighborhoods” is the largest single unreached people subgroup in the greater Montgomery area. Representative of this group are “unreached Jermaine and Keisha.” These are the two most popular first names found in this group. Nationally almost 70% of this group do NOT define themselves as “evangelical” or “born again.”

Almost 40% of Montgomery area’s residents are in the lifestyle group called “Urban Essence,” which includes “African American Neighborhoods,” “Unattached Multicultures,” “Academic Necessities,” “Urban Diversity,” “New Generation Activists,” and “Getting By,” the poorest group nationally. This is twice the national average. Most of our Southern Baptist churches are composed of clusters of people who are in other people groups. Pray that we would, with God’s help, find ways to reach these unreached groups with the gospel.

### **Day 6 - Focus on your church and its vision**

Read Acts 2:43-47 & 5:12-16

What are some ways that your church is focusing on reaching people with the gospel?

Pray for these efforts that they might bear fruit. Or, if these efforts are not effective, pray that God would give your church leaders a new vision, or a willingness to try new approaches to take the gospel to Montgomery. Pray for openness among those who might resist change. Pray particularly for those who have a vested interest in ineffective programs, that they might glimpse a greater need and a larger purpose.

Is your church doing anything to reach individuals in the above mentioned people group, or in other similar groups? Pray for a God-given vision for your church to make effective disciples among the diverse people groups in Montgomery.

### **Day 7 – Focus on the discipline necessary to be effective instruments in God’s victory**

Read I Peter 1:3-16, 2:1-12

Pray that the Holy Spirit would so direct your life and discipline you to be a faithful witness in word and deed, bringing honor to Christ. Explore particular areas with the Father where you need to exercise greater discipline in living for Him. Ask Him to help you. Thank Him in advance for His faithfulness in bringing you this assistance. Pray for others who need this same level of discipline. Intercede, seeking God’s guidance for them.



# **Seven Day Prayer Guide**

**Montgomery Baptist Association**



### **Day 1 – Focus on praise to God**

Read Psalm 46

Meditate on each phrase and seek answers to the following questions, praying each to the Father. In what ways is God my refuge and strength? From what do I seek refuge? Where am I weak and where is the strength of God most needed in my life?

What troubles has God seen me through? What do I fear most? Why? What can I do about that? When my world begins to fall apart, where is my strength?

What in today's world situation makes my heart most afraid? Where do I find real security? Is my real security found in God? If not, why not?

Write down as many attributes of God as you can think of. Pray through each attribute praising God for who He is. Celebrate God's goodness today.

### **Day 2 – Focus on confession**

Read Psalm 51: 1-2

Confession and repentance must precede forgiveness. You have many sins that are obvious to you. Confess these to the Father. Ask the Father to reveal those sins that may not be clear to you at this time, or those you may not want to acknowledge. Confess those He brings to mind at this time. Ask Him to continue revealing these hidden sins to you throughout the day. Seek agreement with God about your sinfulness, both in act and in your sinful nature. Commit to do this throughout the day.

Are there ways you have failed to show concern for your family? For your community? For the people of the greater Montgomery area? For the people and people groups of the world? Ask God to show you ways you have fallen short of His goal for you in these areas. Confess this lack of concern to Him.

Seek God's promised forgiveness. If you have openly confessed, accept His forgiveness.



### **Day 3 – Focus on God's provision**

Read Ephesians 6:10-18

The Spiritual armor is God's provision to help you live for Him. Each piece of the armor is designed (figuratively), to help you function effectively in the world doing Kingdom work. However, the omission of any one or more pieces of the armor leaves one vulnerable. The "whole" armor...

Belt of truth  
Breastplate of righteousness  
Shoes of preparation of the gospel of peace  
Shield of faith  
Helmet of salvation  
Sword of truth (Word of God)

Alert and praying at all times in the Spirit with perseverance, petitioning for all the saints...

### **Day 4 – Focus on the enormity of the needs**

Read John 4:34-38, Luke 10:1-9

Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth workers into His harvest.

Who are the workers? Where are the workers? Where are the workers supposed to work?

Why are the workers not currently reaping the harvest? Whose harvest is it?

What does His harvest represent? What is my part in the harvest?

How do I get out of the house/church and into the field/world? What ways has God already shown me that I need to be busy in His work?

Why do we define 90% of the Lord's work by what goes on inside the church building?

What will it take to get me into the fields?

### **Day 5 – Focus on the needs of the greater Montgomery area**

Read Jeremiah 29:7

"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you."

Who will reach Montgomery for Christ? Will the Brazilian Christians or the Chinese Christians come to evangelize our city? Will the Texans or the Georgians come to reach Montgomery?

Pray that God would convict all Christ followers who live, work, shop, or visit Montgomery that it is our mission to reach our "Jerusalem." Ask the Father to remind us that He sent His Son for all people everywhere, including all people groups who live in Montgomery.

