

PRAYERS THAT IMPACT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THE CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD.

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEADING, I COMMIT MYSELF TO PRAY AND FAST FROM

FOR THE NEXT 21 DAYS. I WILL CONCENTRATE ON PRAYER AND KNOWING GOD AND HIS WORD.

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WELCOME TO 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING!

One of the most powerful things we can do as believers is pray. Jesus encouraged those following Him to pray and fast, and He left us with His example. Therefore, we are devoting the next 21 Days to praying prayers that will impact our relationship with God, our community, the church, and the world.

Prayer should be our first response, not our last, and it is our direct communication with God. As we focus on who God is and our relationship with Him we believe that God will open our eyes to how He sees us and how He is working in and through our lives. As we fast, we boldly ask God to increase our desire and desperation for Him.

During the next 21 days, take time each day to pray for the topic provided within this guide, dive into the scripture given, and cultivate a habit of prayer, which will lead to dependency upon the Lord. We hope you join us as we experience the power of prayer.

For encouragement and supplemental resources throughout our 21 Days follow us on social media as our Prayer Team and Pastors lead us in prayers!

PERSONAL & COMMUNITY

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DAY 1: PERSONAL WALK WITH GOD

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for your personal walk with God, and reflect on where you can grow with God.

- Pray for what you should fast during these 21 Days, and ask for consistency in praying and fasting.

- Pray for a desire to read God's Word and engage in the spiritual disciplines.

- Pray for the ways you can grow with a community of believers, be in through serving, groups, or general hospitality.

- Pray for the areas you want God to move in your life.

DAY 2: DESPERATION FOR GOD

"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward, you will take me into glory. Who have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

PSALM 73:23-26

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for yourself to have a desperation for God.

- Pray for God to challenge you to grow in love and desire for Him.

- Pray for people to surround you in accountability to help your relationship with God.

- Pray for God to break your heart for what breaks His.

- Pray for a deeper understanding to know God and His character.

DAY 3: FACING TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

JAMES 1:2-4

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for yourself as you face or will face trials and temptations.

- Pray for a dependency on God in the face of trials.
- Pray for overwhelming joy in the face of trials.

- Pray for a community that points you closer to God, despite your current circumstances.

- Pray for clarity on what steps to take in the face of trials and temptations.

DAY 4: MARRIAGES

"Haven't you read, he replied, that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

MATTHEW 19:4-7

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for marriages, your marriage (if applicable), and the marriages of those you know.

- Pray for God to restore broken and hurting marriages, and for people to find the resources and steps toward healing.

- Pray for the heart and eyes to see the other person through God's eyes.

- Pray for patience as God grows the marriage to where He wants it to be.

- Pray for those who are single with the desire for marriage.

DAY 5: FAMILIES

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." DEUTERONOMY 6:5-7

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for your family, focusing on the current needs of your family.

- Pray for parents to raise their children with a strong biblical foundation.

- Pray for Christian parents of prodigal children, that their children come back to the Lord.

- Pray for single parents to be surrounded by support.

- Pray for families to be renewed and restored.

DAY 6: BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord, forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us together in perfect harmony."

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those you know facing broken relationships.
- Pray for a clear Godly perspective on the situation.
- Pray for strength to forgive and to love one another.

- Pray for God to give the wisdom to know what steps to take.

- Pray for God to break down walls, for restoration, and for healing.

DAY 7: SCHOOLS

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older they will not leave it."

PROVERBS 22:6

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for the schools in our area, for those in public, private, charter, and home schools.

- Pray for our local teachers, and pray for Christian teachers in the public school system.

- Pray for the impact that the pandemic has had on our families and teachers.

- Pray for the curriculums that are being taught in our schools.

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the school boards and school administrations.

DAY 8: FINANCIAL STRUGGLES

"Then Jesus said to His disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!"

LUKE 12:22-24

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those you know facing financial struggles.

- Pray for the basic needs of food, shelter, clothing, and utilities to be met.

- Pray for wisdom for income, debt repayment, budgeting, and sources of community assistance.

- Pray for bold faith to trust in God's promises to meet needs and provide guidance.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the work God is doing always and in times of crisis.

DAY 9: SICKNESS & HEALTH CONCERNS

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken."

PSALM 55:22

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those you know facing sickness and health concerns, including those facing mental illness.

- Pray for God to sustain them in this time, and for their faith to be strengthened.

- Pray for their families and the caregivers of those who are sick.

- Pray for healing for the body, peace for the mind, and comfort for the heart.

- Pray for wisdom for the medical staff.

DAY 10: GRIEF & LOSS

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

PSALM 34:18

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those you know navigating grief and loss.

- Pray for them to experience God's comfort and overwhelming peace.

- Pray for people to be available to them to talk to as they navigate their grief and that they do not isolate, but instead draw closer to support systems around them.

- Pray for them to have the strength and courage to make it through this time.

- Pray for them as they navigate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays.

DAY 11: THE UNBORN

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

PSALM 139:13-14

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those facing an unplanned pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, and post-abortion trauma that God will bring comfort, peace, and support to those facing these things.

- Pray for people to surround and care for them with love, truth, mercy, and grace.

- Pray for the precious lives knit together in the wombs, that the Lord would sustain them and bring them to full maturity that they may be born and live for Him.

- Pray for those facing a mental health crisis due to these topics, may they find healing and hope in Christ and the church.

- Pray for pregnancy support centers in our area and nation and the work they are doing.

CHURCH & WORLD

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DAY 12: CONNECTION TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it's severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

JOHN 15:4-5

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for people to have a connection to the church and body of believers.

- Pray for those who have been church hurt, for a renewed trust of the church.

- Pray for people to plug into a Godly Bible-teaching church community.

- Pray for those who are isolated, homebound, sick, etc, that they feel close and connected to the body.

- Pray for people to find a community of believers to do life with.

DAY 13: THOSE FAR FROM GOD

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

LUKE 15:7

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those that are far from God; praying bold and dangerous prayers, knowing God hears.

- Pray for God to radically change their life which leads them closer to Him.

- Pray for Christians to come into their lives and shine the light and hope of Jesus.

- Pray for the church to welcome them, welcome their questions, and help them know God.

- Pray for the mighty work of the Holy Spirit to guide and move in reaching the lost.

DAY 14: EVANGELISM

"For so the Lord has commanded us saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 13:47

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for all Christians as they evangelize.

- Pray for the spread of the gospel, and how God wants to use His people.

- Pray for the boldness and confidence to share the gospel.

- Pray for the knowledge and dependence on the Holy Spirit for people to know how to share God.

- Pray for God to open doors for relationships with those who don't know Him.

DAY 15: DISCIPLESHIP

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for discipleship, for people to grow in being a disciple of Christ.

- Pray for your role as a disciple, who to disciple, and who to be discipled by.

- Pray for the discipleship of the next generation to grow in the knowledge of God.

- Pray for a desire to learn more about God, follow Him, and to know what it means to take up your cross.

- Pray for people to understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, following Christ wholeheartedly.

DAY 16: LOCAL & GLOBAL CHURCHES

"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for the local churches in the area and the global church.

- Pray for the churches to boldly preach the truth of the Gospel.

- Pray for churches to be committed to evangelism and discipleship.

- Pray for church congregations to have a desire for God.

- Pray for churches as they recover from the impact of the pandemic.

DAY 17: PASTORS & CHURCH LEADERS

"So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood– over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders."

ACTS 20:28

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for Pastors and Church Leaders, take time to pray specifically by name for your pastors and church leaders.

- Pray for their personal walk with God, for renewal, and for dependence on the Lord.

- Pray for their families.
- Pray for their preaching of God's word.
- Pray for those with a calling into ministry.

DAY 18: GOVERNMENT & WORLD LEADERS

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people-for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for our government, world leaders, and those in positions of power. Remember to pray for leaders at all levels, from local to global.

- Pray for those who do not know the Lord to come into a relationship with Him.

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for leaders, and for Christian leaders to stand firm in their beliefs.

- Pray for community voices to be heard in all matters.

- Pray for relationships leaders have with others, and pray for their families.

DAY 19: PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MATTHEW 5:10-11

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those facing persecution for their faith, pray for protection.

- Pray for strength to stand firm in the Gospel.

- Pray for the comfort and power of the Holy Spirit and for the provision of resources.

- Pray for those that are imprisoned for their faith and for those that are alone.

- Pray for our eyes to be opened for ways we can help the persecuted church and those facing persecution.

DAY 20: MISSIONARIES

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." MATTHEW 9:37-38

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for those who are currently missionaries, and pray for workers to be sent.

- Pray for protection and safety for those who are on the mission field and for their families.

- Pray for churches to find the best ways to support missionaries.

- Pray for those who feel the calling to be a missionary.

- Pray for new churches and church plants.

DAY 21: MISSION & LEADERSHIP OF NEW Horizon Church

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

PRAYER FOCUS POINTS:

- Pray for New Horizon Church, and take time to pray by name for our leadership, our mission, and our vision.

- Pray for our mission to Lead People to Jesus and Teach Them How to Follow Him.

- Pray for the Pastors, Church Staff, Board, and those in leadership.

- Pray overall for our congregation, for them to fully be a part of the mission.

- Pray for the church to be obedient and focused on where God is leading us.



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