

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

WEEK ONE

DAY ONE - PREPARE MY HEART

READ: PSALM 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

PRAY: God, prepare my heart as I spend the next 21 days coming to You in prayer. Help me to see myself as You see me and guide me.

DAY TWO - CONFESSION

READ: 1 JOHN 1:8-9 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

PRAY: Lord, I confess all the ways I have missed the mark. Please forgive me, cleanse me, and put a right spirit within me.

DAY THREE - HUMILITY

READ: MICAH 6:8 No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

PRAY: Father, help me to walk humbly with You and to seek the good of those around me. Show me areas where my pride is getting in the way of Your work.

DAY FOUR - MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

READ: JOSHUA 1:8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, Your Word gives me life. Help me to spend time in Your Word and be guided by it.

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DAY FIVE - FORGIVENESS

READ: EPHESIANS 4:32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

PRAY: God, You command us to forgive, but it is hard to let things go. Give me a tender heart and help me to forgive those who have hurt me.

DAY SIX - SUSTAIN AND GROW ME

READ: JOHN 15:5 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.

PRAY: Lord, help me to stay connected to You and remember that my life and strength come from You. Help me to trust in You and not in my own strength.

DAY SEVEN - WORK IN ME

READ: COLOSSIANS 3:12-15 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 all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, give me the desire to allow You to work in me and through me. Help my relationships to reflect the work You are doing in my heart.

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DAY EIGHT- MY FAMILY

READ: DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

PRAY: God, help me serve my family and demonstrate through my actions what it means to follow, love, and serve You.

DAY NINE - OUR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

READ: 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, deliver our children and students from a spirit of fear and anxiety. Help them to know and trust You.

DAY TEN - MY NEIGHBORS

READ: MATTHEW 22:37-39 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

PRAY: Lord, help me to love and value my neighbors as You do. Help me to be sensitive to their needs and be willing to invest in relationships with them.

DAY ELEVEN - MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY

READ: JEREMIAH 29:5-7 Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.

PRAY: God, give me eyes to see the needs in my community and the willingness to do my part to meet them. Open doors for opportunities to engage more deeply with those around me.

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DAY TWELVE - MY HOPE FAMILY

READ: EPHESIANS 4:1-3 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

PRAY: Father God, help me to bring my gifts and talents to the service of my Hope family and Your mission. Help me to love and encourage others to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

DAY THIRTEEN - THE CHURCHES OF THE TRIANGLE

READ: JOHN 17:20-23 I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

PRAY: Lord, help all those who follow You to work together to share the good news of Jesus with a community who needs You.

DAY FOURTEEN - USE ME

READ: 1 PETER 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

PRAY: Father, the needs around me are great, but Your love is greater still. Use me to bring Your hope to those You've placed in my life.

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DAY FIFTEEN - BEYOND BORDERS

READ: ACTS 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

PRAY: Lord, help me to see beyond my circles to those who do not yet know You. Give us opportunities, locally and globally, to tell others about You.

DAY SIXTEEN - A COMMUNITY ON MISSION

READ: LUKE 10:2 These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields...”

PRAY: Father, show me the part I can play in Your mission and grant me the courage and patience to invite others to join in the journey.

DAY SEVENTEEN - SERVING NEEDS

READ: JAMES 1:27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

PRAY: God, thank You for all the ways You have blessed me. Help me to be a blessing to others who are in need in tangible ways.

DAY EIGHTEEN - COMMUNITY IMPACT

READ: GALATIANS 6:9 So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.

PRAY: Father, help us to stretch beyond our comfort zones and partner with those who are serving the greatest needs in our community.

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DAY NINETEEN - GLOBAL IMPACT

READ: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

PRAY: Lord, strengthen our global partners as they live out Your mission in their local communities. Help our church to be a valuable partner in our joint effort to see lives changed in Your name.

DAY TWENTY - GLOBAL CRISES

READ: JAMES 1:2-4 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

PRAY: Father, when we look at the crises in the world, we know Your power is greater. Empower and protect Your global church to endure and stand firm under these trials so that people will be drawn to You.

DAY TWENTY ONE - LEAD ME

READ: ISAIAH 6:8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

PRAY: Father, give me an ear that is tuned to Your voice and a heart that is willing to respond to Your leading each day.