

**JANUARY 7 - 27, 2024** 



# ZIDAYS OF PRAYER

# WHAT IS "21 DAYS OF PRAYER"?

"21 Days of Prayer" is a season during which our church family seeks God in prayer together every day for 21 days, trusting Him to work in powerful ways for His glory and our good.

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## OJAN7

### Praise God in prayer for who He is.

"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

(PSALM 18:1-2)

# O JAN 8

### Praise God in prayer for what He has done.

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be alad and exult in you: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

(PSALM 9:1-2)

# O JAN 9

### Praise God for the salvation He has provided you in Christ.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...7 In him we have redemption through his blood. the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."

(EPHESIANS 1:3, 7)

### Pray for strength to be diligent in your personal Bible study.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

(2 TIMOTHY 2:15)

# O JAN 11

### Pray for endurance to be consistent in your prayer life.

"Pray without ceasing."

(1 THESSALONIANS 5:17)

# OJAN12

### Pray for humility to be faithful in your worship of God.

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

(PSALM 34:1)

### Pray about who God would have you invite to Friend Day on Sunday, Feb.18, 2024.

"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

(MARK 16:15)

"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

(1 PETER 3:15)

# O JAN 14

### Pray for a willing and available heart in your service for God.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

(1 CORINTHIANS 10:31)

## OJAN15

Pray for faith to be generous in your stewardship and giving. Ask God to help you move up the "Generosity **Ladder" from Potential** ("I have not yet given to my church") to Casual ("I give randomly or sporadically to my church") **to Committed** ("I give 10% of my income to my church") to Legacy ("I give above and beyond 10% to my church").

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"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... God loves a cheerful giver...<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

(2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7, 11)

# O JAN 16

### Pray for wisdom to slow down and allow margin in your life for silence and solitude before God.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

(PSALM 46:10)

"After [Jesus] had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone."

(MATTHEW 14:23)

# OJAN17

### Pray for an increasing desire to grow in your knowledge of Jesus.

"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."

(2 PETER 3:18)

# O JAN 18

### Pray that your loved ones will know and do God's will in their lives.

"We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding."

(COLOSSIANS 1:9)

Pray for unity and love in the church and in your small group. If you are not currently participating in a small group, ask God to lead you to one where you can grow in your faith, fellowship with other believers, and be accountable in your walk with the Lord.

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"Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

### (HEBREWS 10:25)

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

### (1 CORINTHIANS 12:12)

# O JAN 20

### Pray that your loved ones will live in peace and harmony with one another.

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (PSALM 133:1)

# O JAN 21

### Pray that your friends and family far from God will realize how much God loves them.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

(JOHN 3:16)

### Pray that your friends and family far from God will have a sense of urgency about being saved.

"Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

(2 CORINTHIANS 6:2)

# 0 JAN 23

### Pray that your friends and family far from God will see salvation as the greatest need in their lives.

"You must be born again."

(JOHN 3:7)

"And when [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

(JOHN 16:8)

# O JAN 24

### Pray for awareness of opportunities for Gospel conversations. For tools on how to talk to others about Jesus, attend Foundations:

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"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word."

(COLOSSIANS 4:3).

# 0 JAN 25

### Pray for boldness and courage to have Gospel conversations.

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness."

(ACTS 4:29).

# 0 JAN 26

### Pray that God would grant our government leaders the courage to resist godless ideologies and stand for righteousness.

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

### (1 KINGS 3:9)

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and guiet life. godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

(1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4)

# O JAM 27

### Pray for God to remind you to rely upon His power, not your own, to resist Satan.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from vou."

### (JAMES 4:7)

"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, 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one: 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

### (EPHESIANS 6:13-18)

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

(1 JOHN 4:4)

# INFORMATION ON FASTING

What is Fasting? Fasting is a Christian's voluntary abstinence from things of the world (usually food) to focus completely on God.

### **BIBLICAL PURPOSES FOR FASTING:\***

- To strengthen prayer (EZRA 8:22-23)
- To seek God's guidance (JUDGES 20:26-27)
- To express grief
  (2 SAMUEL 1:11-12)
- To seek deliverance or protection (2 CHRONICLES 20:3-4)
- To express repentance and the return to God (1 SAMUEL 7:6)
- To humble oneself before God (1 KINGS 21:27-29)
- To express concern for the work of God
  (NEHEMIAH 1:3-4)

- To minister to the needs of others
  (ISAIAH 58:6-7)
- To overcome temptation and dedicate yourself to God (MATTHEW 4:1-11)
- To express love and worship to God (LUKE 2:37)

\* Whitney, Donald, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life (Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1991), 157-170.

### **TYPES OF FASTS IN THE BIBLE:**

- Fast from a meal or certain foods (DANIEL 10:3)
- Fast for 1 day (JUDGES 20:26)
- Fast for 3 days (ESTHER 4:16)
- Fast for 7 days (1 SAMUEL 31:13)
- Fast for 21 days (DANIEL 10:2-3)
- Fast for 40 days (MATTHEW 4:2)

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