

25 DAYS OF PRAYER

January 2025

DAY 1

January 6 — Pray for a surrender to the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-41

Practice: With hands facing down, release anything and everything that is a barrier between you and God. With hands facing up, ask the Lord to fill you with the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

DAY 2

January 7 — Pray for students to be protected from all forms of harm and for the Gospel to reach school campuses.

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22:6; 1 Timothy 4:7-15

Practice: Send a prayer of encouragement to a student, teacher, or school administrator.

DAY 3

January 8 — Pray for wisdom.

Scripture Reading: James 1:2-8

Practice: Make a top 5 list of practical commitments you want to prioritize this year.

DAY 4

January 9 — Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Practice: Write or review your personal faith story and be prepared to share the Gospel with someone when the opportunity arises.

DAY 5

January 10 — Pray for spiritual protection from our spiritual enemy.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Practice: Put any encouraging Bible verses up around you—in your home, in your car, on your mirror, etc.

DAY 6

January 11 — Lift up praise to God.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34

Practice: Listen only to praise and worship music today.

DAY 7

January 12 — Pray for God to bring more gratitude and thankfulness to your heart.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Practice: (Examen) Replay in your mind your entire day, from the moment you woke up until the moment you are currently in like a movie reel. Think of every good moment that you experienced along the way. It can be a moment of laughter, a good conversation with a friend, good food or coffee, etc... Then, thank God for each of those good moments.

DAY 8

January 13 — Pray for forgiveness of sin.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-10

Practice: Quiet and still your mind and body. Wait in silence, then pray the words of David, “Search me, Lord, and know me.” Wait. Pay attention to what comes up and confess that to God.

DAY 9

January 14 — Pray for workplaces to be a mission field for the Gospel.

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17, 23-24

Practice: Prayerfully consider and commit to one way to be the light of Christ in your workplace. If you are retired or stay at home, commit to one way of sharing the light of Christ in your immediate sphere of influence.

DAY 10

January 15 — Pray for healing for those who are sick.

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:1-10

Practice: Evaluate your own health. Are there any specific changes that you need to make to better care for your body as you serve the Lord? If so, write down three action steps that you can begin today to get started, and invite someone to help encourage you along the way.

DAY 11

January 16 — Pray that God will bless and work in the hearts of your enemies.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

Practice: Prayerfully write down things that you are struggling to forgive and let go. Pray over this list through the day. At the end of the day, tear it up and throw it away as a symbol of choosing to let it go. Ask the Lord to help you keep choosing to forgive.

DAY 12

January 17 — Pray for those who are homeless and in need of care.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:34-40

Practice: Make a homeless care kit (large gallon or 2 gallon Ziploc bag with immediate care needs like soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, non-perishable food, etc) and keep in your car for when you see someone asking for help OR do a closet clean out and donate that clothing to charity.

DAY 13

January 18 — Pray for God to reveal to you an opportunity to share the love of Christ.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Practice: Choose to act with one intentional act of loving kindness today.

DAY 14

January 19 — Pray for the leaders of the church to be led, protected, and empowered.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:16-21

Practice: Think about the variety of duties, responsibilities, and decisions that take place in the church. Consider all areas—preaching, teaching, leading children and students, counseling, financial leadership, outreach, care, etc. Commit to at least one way to encourage, support, and/or lift up a leader in the church.

DAY 15

January 20 — Pray for our country.

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Practice: Write down the things that frustrate you about the country. Make a commitment to pray about these things and ask God to move rather than continuing to live in frustration.

DAY 16

January 21 — Pray for local leaders to have wisdom and for our community to thrive.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-7

Practice: Creatively and prayerfully think of at least one way that you can be a Godly citizen in our community. Commit to action in this area.

DAY 17

January 22 — Pray for the unity of the church.

Scripture Reading: John 17

Practice: Send an encouraging text, card, note, or message to someone in the church (lay person or staff) to encourage them in the work that they are doing for ministry.

DAY 18

January 23 — Pray for God to reveal your blind spots and to bring greater transformation in your mind and heart.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 17:9; Psalm 139:23-24; Romans 12:1-2

Practice: (Lectio Divina) As you sit to read, begin by sitting in silence. After a minute in silence, ask God to speak to you. Follow the 4 steps below to practice Lectio Divina:

Attending: Read the selected passage slowly. Perhaps, read it again slowly. While reading think deeply about each word.

Pondering: Read the passage a third time and pay attention to what peaks your interest or makes you think. Then trust that is God's word for you that day.

Responding: Thank God for pointing that out to you, then spend time either in verbal prayer to God, journaling, or maybe even listening to music as a way of responding to God's word to you.

Being: End your time in silence. Sitting before the Lord quietly. As the days and weeks grow, try to increase your time of being quiet before the Lord.

DAY 19

January 24 — Pray for those who are battling addiction or harmful habits to be set free.

Scripture Reading: Romans 7:7-25; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Practice: Evaluate your own life. Are there any habits that need to change? Do I need to be more encouraging and supportive to someone in my life struggling with a habit by abstaining from something or being actively encouraging in other ways?

DAY 20

January 25 — Pray for unity and a spirit of love and partnership between the churches in our area.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Practice: Reach out to a friend that is active in another church and ask him/her how you can pray for their church and encourage that person in his/her faith.

DAY 21

January 26 — Pray for God to give clear direction for next steps to the church.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:19-20

Practice: Answer this question—"If God said yes to a prayer for the church, what prayer would make the BIGGEST Gospel impact and bring the biggest positive change in our community?" Then...commit to pray that prayer daily.

DAY 22

January 27— Pray for loved ones who do not trust in Jesus.

Scripture Reading: Luke 15

Practice: Imaginatively think over your day from God's perspective. When you think of someone, write down their name. Put their name in a place that you will see it and spend time praying over them.

DAY 23

January 28 — Pray for God to meet specific needs in your life. This can be physical, relational, spiritual, or emotional. Be SPECIFIC.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-15, 25-34; James 4:1-3

Practice: Ask God for needs and wants with enough specificity that God can surprise or disappoint you. Ask with so much boldness that you question if you can be this direct with him. Feel free to journal these prayers to go back to revisit at a later time to see how he answered them.

DAY 24

January 29 — Pray for God's protection and provision for the persecuted church.

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-17

Practice: Do a little quick research today. Look into some of the struggles of the persecuted church around the world and pray for their needs.

Day 25

January 30 — Pray for revival in the United States.

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

Practice: Confess the sins of our nation to God (not necessarily your own sin). Ask God to move our nation to recognize our sin, to turn from our sin, to ask God for forgiveness, and to turn to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to move in power, starting with you and our church.