



21 Days of Prayer



Sharing in Hope.
Living with Purpose.
For the sake of Others.

21 Days of Prayer Guide

Prayer was extremely important to Jesus. So important, that he created time and space to meet regularly with his Father in prayer, to honor their relationship, to seek the Father's will and to prepare himself to fulfill his Father's will.

Mark 1:35

"35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

In connection with our "Making Room" campaign, we are asking that each person/family connected to the church do the same by participating in a special 21 Days of Prayer. We are asking you to create a specific time, place and plan to meet regularly with God to seek His Will for His Church, for the ministry of The Way Woodstock and for how He is calling you to participate.

As we enter into these 21 days of prayer, we are entering into a sacred period of time for the church. It is a time for us to collectively intentionally seek God and His Will through prayer. This is a time to share with Him everything that is on our hearts: our fears, our doubts, our hopes, and our dreams. And, it is also a time for us to listen to hear what He would speak into all those areas of our lives. We trust that He will guide each one of us in how we are to move forward.

Members of the church Prayer Ministry team have submitted prayer prompts to accompany us on this 21- day journey. Let these prayer prompts be a beginning place for your own personal prayers. And never forget - we can follow the guidance Jesus gave those early disciples as well.

Matthew 6:9-13

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Connect relationally with God - Our Father
Worship and honor God - Hallowed be your name
Put His agenda first - Your kingdom come
Depend on Him to provide - Give us today
Forgive and be forgiven - Forgive as we have been forgiven
Engage in spiritual warfare - lead us not; deliver us
Express faith in God's ability - For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.

Remember - James 4:8a "8 Come near to God and he will come near to you . . ."

DAY ONE - Sunday, January 22

****Join us for a Night of Prayer in Latimer Hall tonight, Sunday, January 22nd at 5pm****

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

(Pause for 20 seconds)

Psalms 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

(Pause for 20 seconds)

Deuteronomy 30:20 - "Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

(Pause for 20 seconds)

Through the Word, God has told us that He has a plan for each of us. God will tell us what that plan is and guide us step by step if we take time to listen.

Even though God is loving and just, we may be fearful of what we will hear or what God may ask us to do. This fear is unnecessary. God loves us, and God's will for our lives is born out of that love. We must lay aside our reservations and listen. Only by listening can we discern God's call for our lives.

Take some time now in silence and listen to God. As you listen, make note of anything you hear the Holy Spirit saying to you. The voice of God can be a still, small voice; an inner thought; an urgency or heaviness towards an

image or thought. Sometimes even what we think are wandering thoughts can still be God's spirit showing us something.

DAY TWO - Monday, January 23

Dear Heavenly Father, amid our struggles and suffering, help us to remember that You are in control and only You can heal us and our land. I pray that our people would turn to You and realize that they need You now more than ever before. I pray for revival in our land, Lord. You did it before, please do it again.

I give thanks for the time when we can all be together again. Close the door to hate and open the door of love. I pray for our pastors and all the leadership. Please give them guidance, wisdom and discernment as they make decisions for the future of our church. Please grant us peace.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

DAY THREE - Tuesday, January 24

Our Father as we come into your presence, know that we love you and we want to walk in your spirit. Be with us today, lift our spirits.

The time has come, the Kingdom of God is near. We are to repent and believe your good news. Jesus is our light in the darkness, and we as a Church are to be the beacon of his light. As we go forward in this year, may we as members of your Church be the beacon in your name. Let us stand firm in our Faith, stand firm in our love of others as you love us.

Awaken our souls Father so that we will know and do your

will. Let us be bold in our walk and follow where you lead us. Let us not be afraid but rejoice in the opportunity we are given.

We are in the place where you have put us, give us the ability to be a beacon to Woodstock and the world.

May we not have Faith in our abilities but in your Grace. As we go forward to complete Latimer Hall, another building of your worship, let us remember, that we are to be the shining light for all who might need your love, your Grace and your redemption.

Let the children come - so they can learn your word, feel your love, and know your will in their lives.

Our Father you have given us our task and with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, and prayer, we will not fail.

In Jesus Holy name I pray. Amen

DAY FOUR - Wednesday, January 25

Heavenly Father, Jesus, our Lord and Friend, and the Holy Spirit Comforter:

I come into your presence, grateful that I can pause the busyness of everyday life and just be with you. As we enter a new year, full of challenges and questions no doubt, help me to remember this blessing of prayer: that I am always welcome and always safe in Your company. We all are. Please keep healing and comforting me through Your kindnesses. Help me to relinquish and surrender that part of me that holds on so tightly to my burdens; my "rights"; my pride; my wounds. And as I am being healed, give me eyes to see and ears to hear the stories of suffering of my brothers and sisters, especially those with whom I struggle to relate to. Jesus, thank you for showing another

way. Please give me Your courage so that I provide Your kindness, compassion and mercy to all those in my path. Help me remember Paul, who stayed when he could have fled, out of compassion for the cruel Roman jailer in his distress, thus bringing salvation to many. And so may it go. May it ever be so! Amen.

DAY FIVE - Thursday, January 26

"Pierce, O my sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous and healthful wound of your love, with true serene and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with love and longing for you, that it may yearn for you and faint for your courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with you. Grant that my soul may hunger after you, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supernatural bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart hunger after and feed upon you, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of your savor; may it ever thirst after you, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God; may it ever compass you, seek you, find you, run to you, attain you, meditate upon you, speak of you and do all things to the praise and glory of your name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end; may you alone be ever my hope, my entire assistance, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my sweetness, my fragrance, my sweet savor, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and my heart be fixed and firm and rooted immovably, henceforth and forever. Amen. "

DAY SIX- Friday, January 27

Precious Father,

Thank you for always hearing our prayers. Please show us your heart so that we can offer back to you prayers that reflect your will. We ask that you will continue to show us your purposes for The Way Woodstock.

You are a wise Father and we love you.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

DAY SEVEN - Saturday, January 28

Lord, we come to you today as a humble people. A people who know that all things are possible through you. You tell us in Matthew 7: "Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened". We ask your blessing on the capital campaign we are having. We pray through your blessings that we, as a church family, can be the shining light that draws others to see the light you bring that pushes the darkness away.

We have your son Jesus Christ who lights up the way so that we may be able to worship you and praise you. We seek you Lord to keep us strong, to keep us going in the right direction. May we never lose sight that what we are doing is for your great glory and not ours.

In your Son's great name, Amen

DAY EIGHT - Sunday, January 29

Let me consider the many ways I can make room at the table you have set for me: open my heart to those who my eyes have yet to see; give me space in my daily life for

those who I've yet to meet; make my heart as welcoming as my home. This day I especially pray that my table has room for: the new family moving into our community; the people I know who need more than they have to offer; and the guy who squeezed his way in front of me in the line at the grocery store. But Lord, even before any of that, help me make room for more of you in my life each moment of my life. Remind me of the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding and helping me, whether I have taken the time to be present with Him or not. Amen.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17

DAY NINE - Monday, January 30

Matthew 19:13-14:

"13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. 14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." 15 When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there."

Almighty God, we humbly come before you today and lift specifically the little children and their families from within the community who have yet to be introduced to you. We ask that you open our eyes, minds, and hearts as to how you are calling us to make room for them to join with us in pursuit of you. Grant us the eyes to see their deepest needs and give us the courage to make the gifts you have blessed us with - our wisdom, our time, our talents, our finances and our campus available to them. Empower us

to open our community and campus to them so that they may meet and come to believe in your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, here amongst us. Give us a renewed vision of how to reach the next generation much like the generations before us reached out in love for us and desired for us to know you. We ask all of this in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

DAY TEN - Tuesday, January 31

Father God I come before you today so grateful for all of the people that you have sent along my life journey that have made room for me. I thank you for the stranger who sat down beside me and gave me a kind word and minutes of their time so I might be refreshed. Thank you for the friends who have offered me hospitality and a meal around their table, so that I was nourished not only in the body but in spirit. Thank you for the person who has forgiven me for the hurt I had inflicted, so that now I know the gift of forgiveness. Thank you for the person who gave up their seat so that I may have rest and a place that made me feel welcomed. Thank you for the person who walked alongside me as I walked in grief and sorrow - he stepped into a place of discomfort in order to give me comfort. Most of all Lord God, I thank you for the person who led me to you. Amen

"And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." - Luke 10:27

DAY ELEVEN - Wednesday, February 1

Gracious God, today I am struggling. I am learning that it is hard to make room for others. It's not always enjoyable or convenient for me. It's messy and hard sometimes. But

Lord, I am also learning that making room for someone else is not about me or my comfort. It is about offering something to someone else that I thought was only mine. It's about loving you more than I love myself. Lord help me today to open my heart, to step into the messy parts of life, and to love you as you have loved me. Amen

"Show hospitality to one another without complaining." 1 Peter 4:9 NET

DAY TWELVE - Thursday, February 2

Heavenly Father God, Abba, daddy, I bow before you today in awe of the extravagant hospitality that you have offered me. When I was lonely and afraid, when I was broken and alone, when I was lost and confused, You welcomed me into your family with arms open wide. You have offered me healing and wholeness of my spirit as your beloved child. Now Lord, I ask that you open my heart and give me some of your costly generosity so I might look at your other children as brothers and sisters. Grant that I might be bold enough to reach out to welcome them into the fellowship we share and to help them find a place at the table you have set for us. Amen

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

DAY THIRTEEN - Friday, February 3

Dearest Father, We love you and thank you for loving us. Thank you for sending Jesus to endure for us and erase our sins. We need you Father and ask for your forgiveness because we continue to sin. Go before us, Lord, guide us. Open our eyes and ears so we are able to see what we should do for your glory. Give us strength to move forward in your plan for us. We pray for wisdom to speak

words that are uplifting and will help us understand each other. Show us how to be like Jesus. Thank you for blessing us with your joy and peace. In Jesus' perfect name we pray. Amen

DAY FOURTEEN - Saturday, February 4

Prayer of Praise to the Trinity

Father of lights, in you there is no variation or shadow of change.

You are the fount of every perfect gift and the source of every generous act of giving.

You have adopted us as your children, and have made us a royal priesthood, calling us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Blessed are you now and forever!

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, and Word Eternal, You illuminate everyone and everything. When the earth was cloaked in darkness at Calvary, when the sun refused to shine, you shone forth most brightly, and by your resurrection you hold all things together, making peace by the blood of the cross.

Blessed are you now and forever!

Holy Spirit, you have enlightened us and allowed us to taste the heavenly gift, that we may serve others with glad and generous hearts. You freely pour out power upon your followers; You establish the church as a city set upon a hill, as a lamp on a lamp-stand, to give light to all within the house.

Blessed are you now and forever!

Worthy are you, Holy and Undivided Trinity, of all blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might forever and ever! Amen!

DAY FIFTEEN - Sunday, February 5

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you had a plan, that you made a way. We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, reminding us we are safe with you and that your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. May all glory and honor be yours forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY SIXTEEN - Monday, February 6

Father God,

We thank you for the great privilege of being Your child. We reverence Your majesty and Your power. Lord, as we come to meet with you in prayer, to consciously enter into Your Presence, we ask that You speak to our hearts. Transform our lives that we may better represent you.

We look around us and we see a world in conflict. We so need Your peace and Your love in our world. Fill us Lord with Your Holy Spirit that we may be Your witnesses in this community.

Help us put aside our own agendas so that we may always be about Your business. Lead, guide and direct us in all that we say and do.

In Jesus Name we pray. Amen!

DAY SEVENTEEN - Tuesday, February 7

God, throughout history you have established faith communities to serve the world. We thank you for the heritage and hope of this congregation. Keep before us the example of those who came before us who sacrificed much to bring your presence to this community. Make us worthy of their example and encourage us with their perseverance and vision. Empower us to carry the spirit of their faith and their witness to your great love into the future.

Unify all congregations in this community so all will testify to your love and power. Make us O God, all coworkers in your mission; remove any spirit of competition. Lord, remember all churches throughout the earth and

strengthen their witness to Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

DAY EIGHTEEN - Wednesday, February 8

Almighty Father of Perfect Love, through you we receive our very being. We stand in wonder at all you have done. You have loved us, your people, even when we have not loved you back.

Bless you Lord, oh my soul.

Jesus gift of Love to the world, your life taught us how to love and serve this suffering earth. Only you have the power to heal us; out of love you went to the grave to save us, but even death could not contain you.

Bless you Lord, oh my soul.

Holy Spirit, fresh source of Love. You fill us with the same power, you poured out to the first church on Pentecost. You are the source of all love and comfort as we know it.

Bless you Lord, oh my soul. Holy Loving God, you live and reign in Love as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

DAY NINETEEN - Thursday, February 9

Almighty God,

Upon the cross, sorrow and pain and every dreadful, tragic consequence of sin was overcome.

In a world that is still torn and broken we declare that Jesus is Lord. Jesus overcame death and brings new life to all who accept Him as the Lord of their lives and welcome Him into their hearts. He is the hope that can overcome despair,

the joy that can overcome sorrow, the peace that can overcome hostility, the love that can overcome hate. This world so needs the love of Christ as demonstrated through those who have received His love. Pour out your love into our hearts that we may share it with others. Jesus, grant us your compassion, your mercy and grace as we walk this

journey following You. Lord, we lift our hearts to you and continue to remember, to hope and to love. Amen.

DAY TWENTY - Friday, February 10

Mark 12:41-44:

"41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Merciful father, we so desire to see within us the heart of the "poor widow" but if we are honest, there are times we are more like the "rich people" offering to you only out of our excess or in ways to be seen by others as having given generously rather than sacrificially. Humble us we pray. Help open our eyes to see those areas of our life in which we give out of the excess we have rather than the first fruits - whether that be the time, talents, or money you have granted us. And in those areas of our lives, help us to become more like this "poor widow" and to sacrificially give back to you and to your kingdom work here in this community in which we live and reside. May we do so knowing and trusting in you as our provider and sustainer

in this life and for the life to come. Amen.

DAY TWENTY - ONE - Saturday, February 11

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

Thank You

A special thank you to all who offered prayers to guide us through our time of commitment and discernment.

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