

# Prayer Week

January 9-15, 2022



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*The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean these people who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important. Very important, and pressing than prayer. There are people that put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. We can do no thing of real power until we have done the prayer thing.*

S. D. Gordon, Quiet Talks on Prayer 1904

**Join us in a special week set aside for prayer as we start the year 2022.**

**Let's not just talk about prayer—let's pray!**

We have been entrusted with a relationship with God that allows us to talk with him about anything at all. So, we are setting aside this week to seek the Lord together in prayer. Find a way to participate. Whether you gather a small group in your home, pray as a family, pray individually, come into the church to pray, or go for a prayer walk, would you please find time to devote yourself to prayer in a special way this week? This guide will include an emphasis for each day but you are invited to pray beyond that emphasis as you are led.

## Sunday, January 9

# Adoration

*“What comes to our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”* A. W. Tozer

As we begin a week of concentrated prayer to that almighty sovereign God, we must begin by adoring him. So, our time today will be spent in adoration.

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.* Psalm 100

Read Psalms 95-100 and pray them back to God, offering adoration and praise for who he is and for his magnificence.

Consider the reasons given to adore the Lord in these psalms. List some here and offer adoration to him:

Praise God that he is sovereign over all the things that have happened in 2021. Praise him for the way that he has been moving in power in our midst. Praise him for his sustaining hand of power and for the perfection of his reign. Read Psalm 150 as a praise to the Lord from your heart.



## Monday, January 10

# Confession and Repentance

When Isaiah saw the Lord seated on the throne, high and exalted, he saw the holiness of God. He heard the angels declaring that holiness and, as he did, he became quite aware of his own sinfulness (Isaiah 6:1-7).

When Daniel realized that the time of exile was coming to an end, he turned to the Lord with a prayer of confession and repentance that allowed him to pour out his heart to almighty God and receive forgiveness (Daniel 9).

Write some things here that you notice in Daniel's prayer that could apply to our individual and corporate situation today:

Something powerful happens when we come to the Lord and acknowledge not only our own individual sin, but also the way that our sin has impacted others, as well as the impact corporate sin has on the effectiveness of God moving in his power. As we begin this year, seeking for God to move in our midst, we must begin by allowing him to search us and reveal where we are in sin. This allows us to move into his arms in repentance and allows us to draw closer to him.

*1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

As you read Isaiah 6:1-7; Daniel 9; and 1 John 1, turn to the Lord in a time of confession. In a group, this may require times of silence as you seek the Lord for individual things to confess, but then pray corporate prayers of confession. Confess the things in which we as a people of God have been negligent. Read the prayer of Daniel and see if there are things that we need to be confessing as a people of God.

As you close your time of confession, praise God and thank him for the forgiveness that he freely gives to those who seek him.



## Tuesday, January 11

# Prayers for the Church

Today we focus on praying for the Church—the Bride of Christ. We will be praying that the Church would awaken from her slumber and would boldly declare the glory of Christ. As we pray for the Church, we are not praying for buildings and individual congregations, we are praying for the capital “C” Church—for all true followers of Jesus from every nation, tribe, and tongue, who are being built together upon Jesus, the chief cornerstone, to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).

1. Pray for unity in the Church. John 17; Ephesians 4:1-3
2. Pray that God would be glorified in all things and that the name of Christ would be lifted high. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
3. Pray that God’s Spirit and power would fill the Church. Ephesians 3:16-19; Colossians 1:9-13
4. Pray that the body of Christ would faithfully show love to a hurting world, in His Name. John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 16:14; 1 John 3-4
5. Pray for God’s provision and that the Church would be faithful to give generously. Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Philippians 4:19
6. Pray that the Church would be faithful to go into all the world and share the gospel of Christ. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Ephesians 6:19
7. Pray for the leaders of every church, that their hearts and minds would be directed towards Christ. Galatians 6:9; 1 Peter 5:1-4
8. Pray for the Church to have a love for God’s Word and to walk in His wisdom, humility, and strength. Psalm 119; Acts 2:42
9. Pray for God’s power and protection against the attacks of the enemy. Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 6:10-18
10. Pray that God would wake up the Church and stir us to action. James 1:22



## Wednesday, January 12

# Prayers for Our Families

Today, let's look into God's word for Scriptures we can pray over our families. We know families are under constant pressure and attack and so we turn to the One who can guard and strengthen our families. Read the following verses, then pause and personalize each one for your family and other families as well.

**Relationships:** *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.* Colossians 3:12-14

**Protection:** *The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.* Psalm 18:2

**Wisdom:** *Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.* Proverbs 4:6-7

**Obedience:** *How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* Psalm 119:9-11

**Peace:** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7

**Right thinking:** *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.* Philippians 4:8

**Right speech:** *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* Ephesians 4:29

**Hope:** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13

**Holiness:** *Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.* 2 Corinthians 7:1

**Joy:** *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.* 1 Peter 1:8

**Presence of God:** *The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.* Zephaniah 3:17

**Blessing:** *"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."* Numbers 6:24-26

## Thursday, January 13

# Prayers for Our Country

This day, we set aside time to pray for our country and our leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 instructs us to pray for our leaders. We know our country is far from God. We know that our country is filled with sinful actions and pride. We have wandered from the Lord and his plan for our lives, choosing temporary pleasure over the joy found in serving God.

As we pray today, we pray that God would turn the hearts of the leaders of this country to him. We know that God holds the heart of the king in his hand (Proverbs 2:1). So, we plead for God to bring our leaders in line with the heart of God.

Pray that our president and vice president would have wisdom and courage to do what is right according to God's word. Pray that they would be drawn to an intimate saving faith in Jesus Christ. Pray the same for our governor and lieutenant governor.

Pray for our judges in all the various courts. Pray that they would judge justly. Pray that they would have the courage and wisdom to rule fairly and without prejudice. Pray that the morals they judge would be the morals of God's design. Pray especially for the cases that are before them right now.

Pray for the congress and senate—state and federal. Pray that they would be men and women of godly character with a desire for justice that is biblical justice. Pray that they would not be swayed by the winds of change and evil. Pray that they would legislate just laws that are right according to God's standards.

Pray that our country would turn to God alone. Pray that we would be one nation that recognizes what it truly means to be under God's sovereignty. Pray that the divisions that are in our midst would give way to unity around God's truth and word.

Pray for an accurate and loving conversation to bring reconciliation between all peoples. Pray that the anger that surrounds so many conversations would subside, and that people would truly learn to listen and hear each other and the Lord's truth.

Pray for our law enforcement and military. Pray for courage and wisdom. Pray for boldness to enforce laws that are just and right. Pray for safety as they head into situations that are filled with strife and angst. Pray for their families who wait at home.

Pray that God would put people who know and love him in positions of leadership and decision making and give them the boldness to stand for him in those positions. Give them a voice that is heard and respected.

Pray for God to move in might and power and heal our country. Pray that he would break the pride that keeps us from following him and turning to him for leadership.

Praise God that he can bring our country in line with his will. Praise him that he is sovereign over our prayers. Praise him that he is in control and that his plan will not be thwarted.

## Friday, January 14

# Prayers for Our Global Partners

2021 continued to be a challenging time for our global partners all around the world. Especially challenging were travel arrangements, finances, ministry rhythm, and so much more. Some of them needed to come back to the States and still have not been able to go back. Some were not able to leave on their missions. Some were not able to come back to the States or they would not have been able to reenter the countries where they serve. Below is a list of all our partners. Please pray over each name today and bring them and their needs before the Lord. Intercede for them and stand in the gap in prayer for their ministries.

### Individuals:

Anderson, Scott and Julie  
Bradford, Perry and Sandi  
Choitz, Ben and Kristin  
Cousens, Dave and April  
Ellis, Brad and Sarah  
Fogleboch, David and Carol  
Gillaspie, Don and Kim  
Gilley, Tim and Cheryl  
Grunseth, Jim and Barbara  
Harrod, Zach and Miša  
H., Tim and Martha  
Hasbrouck, David and Katrina  
Heffield, Terry and Cheri  
Hovestol, Dan and Gwenn  
Hovestol, Jon and Helen  
Keller, John and Jennifer  
Kolar, Bill and Eileen  
Kregness, Ron and Dawn  
Lee, Semyon and Natasha  
Martin, Andrew (Hannah)  
Mayer, Grant and Alana  
Nakazawa, Shinge  
Nanda, Jordan and Andrea  
Nordquist, Peter and Jeanine  
Oksnevad, Roy and Darla  
Oliveira, José & France-Lise  
Pape, Craig (Deb)  
Samuelson, Ben and Anna  
Schrieber Luke and Sarah

Shaffer, Rob and Sandy  
Smith, Jerry and Nancy  
Smith, Lonnie and Debbie  
Sparks, Syd and Andrea  
Sweetman, Charles (Karen)  
Thornsen, Nick and Emily  
Tsang, James and Elizabeth

### Institutions:

Agape House  
Faith Christian School  
Timber-lee Ministries  
Inspiration Ministries  
SAT-7

### National Ministries:

Ananias House  
Indonesian Church Planting, Sumatra  
Rwothumio, Micah and Grace  
Tents of Mercy  
Church Planting Team, Vietnam

### Retired:

Acutt, Daphne  
Distad, Frank and Linda  
Griffiths, Dick and Char  
Halladay, Don and Wanda  
Raymonvil, Anitha  
Spong, Judy

Saturday, January 15

## Prayers for Calvary Community Church

Please join us tonight for Praise and Prayer at 6:00 p.m. We will bring many things before the Lord, including praying for us, as a community of Christ followers.

Praise God for his faithfulness to Calvary. Be specific in what you praise him for!

Praise God that his word is still central to all we say and do.

Praise God for a wonderful facility and location.

Praise God that we do not have debt now.

Praise God that he sustained us financially through 2021 with the faithful and sacrificial giving of the saints.

Praise God that we have been able to minister online with the message of the gospel.

Praise God for the leaders that we have on the elder board, the diaconate boards, and the Global Partnership Board.

Praise God for the staff that serves at the church.

Praise God for all the volunteers who serve.

Pray for God to provide the needed funds for the building renovation in his time.

Praise him for all he has already provided.

Pray for God's provision for the new position of Director of Administration and Discipleship.

Pray that we would have a great passion for the lost.

Pray for wisdom with our finances

Pray that God would show us anything that needs to change in how we have been doing church and that we would be willing to change as he reveals his plan.

Pray that a revival would sweep through those who call Calvary home, that we would be overwhelmed with a desire to know, grow, and serve God that takes precedence over anything else in our lives.

Pray that we would be characterized as people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.

