

WEST LOGAN  
CHURCH



# 21 DAYS of PRAYER

know GOD | find FREEDOM | discover PURPOSE | make a DIFFERENCE

# DAY 1

## PRAYER FOCUS: REPENTANCE & PURIFICATION

*Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 22:11, 13, 19*

As King Josiah, one of the few kings of Judah who sought the Lord, tried to implement change to bring his nation back to God, a lost copy of the Book of the Law was found and brought to the king. Notice Josiah's reaction to the reading of God's Word: he tears his clothes in despair and repentance as he realizes that not only had his own people not been living according to God's Word, but neither had his ancestors. King Josiah led out in an act of corporate repentance and, because of his humble response, the Lord responded.

Follow the example of King Josiah and humble yourself before God. In your humility, acknowledge, repent and lament for the sins of yourself, your fathers, the church as a whole, your nation, and for sins committed in ignorance. Healing begins when we continue to humble ourselves before God in both personal and corporate repentance.

## PRAYER TARGETS

Repentance of: impure motives, sins of omission, prejudice, racial injustice, substance abuse, idolatry, sexual sin, pride, hatred, greed, murder, lowering the standard of God, immoral judgements, on behalf of ourselves, the church as a whole, and our nation.

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## PRAYER FOCUS: PRAYING FOR THE LOST

*Scripture Reading: Acts 26:18, Matt 28:19, John 6:44, Luke 19:10, 2 Cor. 4:3, Matt. 9:38*

Jesus always has a main purpose from which everything He does centers from, That main purpose is to bring the prize of His creation, mankind, into relationship with Him. Jesus is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. It is important for us to always keep Jesus' main purpose, salvation of the lost, at the forefront of everything we do as followers of Christ as well. One way we can do this is for us to pray for the those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

As we pray for the lost, let's be sure to pray for these things.

- 1) ask the Lord to give us a burden for lost souls, that we would always keep the salvation of the lost at the forefront of everything we do.
- 2) make a list of at least 10 names of those we know that need to come into relationship with Jesus and commit to praying for them until they do.
- 3) Ask the Holy Spirit to draw them to Jesus
- 4) Bind the spirit that is blinding their minds.
- 5) Pray for believers to cross their paths.

## PRAYER TARGETS

The lost in our families, the lost in our workplaces, the lost that are attending our church, the lost in our neighborhood, the lost that randomly cross our paths.

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## DAY 3

### PRAYER FOCUS: WORLD MISSIONS & THE GREAT COMMISSION

*Scripture Reference: Matthew 28:18-20*

Most of us know people who don't believe in Jesus. That's one reason churches exist and why we share our faith with friends. But there's a second group of people who have never heard of Jesus, and neither has anyone they know. The first group has countless opportunities to hear the gospel. Unless something changes, the second never will. Missions organizations call this second group "unreached people." These are people living in communities with no churches nearby, very few or no native believers near where they live, and no access to God's Word.

While some Christian churches are passionate about supporting missions to the unreached, sadly, the majority are doing virtually nothing. According to a study from the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, the average American church spends 72 percent of its budget on personnel and facilities. And while budget estimates for foreign missions range anywhere from five to 12 percent, it's estimated that only 1.7 percent of that budget is spent on unreached peoples.

This translates to each Christian spending \$1.70 out of every \$100,000 they earn. Unreached people aren't separated from Christ and the good news of his salvation by choice. They've never been given an opportunity to respond to the gospel. There is no church they can attend to find out. There are no friends nearby who will tell them. There is no Scripture in a form they can understand (at least not yet).

Apart from divine intervention, there is no way that a person in one of these people groups will ever come to know Christ unless a Christian from outside their community goes to them.

The best-known passage about missions – the one we call The Great Commission – is found at the end of Matthew. Though this is the passage we point to most often, Jesus delivered this message on a number of occasions with varying details to various individuals and groups of people. These and many other varying passages seem to convey a clear message that it is the responsibility of the Church to spread the gospel as far as there are people to receive it. Your call may never be to set foot on foreign soil to reach the "unreached," but you can pray for those who are. Missionaries need strong support through prayer for this great and holy task. Many risk their very lives every single day to make sure the whole earth hears!

# DAY 3 (CONTINUED)

## PRAYER TARGETS

Pray for those on the mission field that our church supports.

Paddy Musoke in Uganda and the pastors and churches he oversees, as well as his work in digging wells for the “unreached.” Pray that every single person in every single one of these villages and communities will be changed by the love and compassion of Jesus through Pastor Paddy.

Dr. Kathleen Runyon and her ministry in Israel, Ukraine, and Uganda.

Pray for The Gideons Organization and their work in spreading the Word of God around the world.

Pray for supernatural provision in all these ministries and the personal lives of these missionaries. Pray that every individual and family who is served by their ministries will be impacted eternally. Pray for laborers to fulfill the Great Commission to reach the harvest around the world.

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# DAY 4

## PRAYER FOCUS: NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

*Scripture Reference: 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

God's Word is clear that, as believers, we are called to pray for those in authority. First Timothy 2:1-2 urges us to "pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity." More than ever, our elected officials need our prayers. These men and women are making monumental decisions that affect the future of our nation.

...But what if I disagree with the person's political party?

The Word doesn't tell us to pray only for those we agree with. First Timothy 2:1-2 makes it clear that we're to pray for all people, including (and especially for) those in authority.

...But what if the person stands for ungodly things?

What better time to pray than when the person is in error? The Hebrew people lived in this very predicament under the leadership of King Nebuchadnezzar. This man—this heathen—answered to no one. There were no checks and balances governing him. And yet, God reached him. In the middle of the night, God showed up, shook him to the core and redirected his life (Daniel 2). Once confronted with the greatness of God, the king fell on his face and declared: "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings" (verse 47). If God could reach King Nebuchadnezzar, He can certainly reach our elected officials.

...But what if the person makes bad decisions?

This is exactly why our government leaders need our prayers. Proverbs 21:1 tells us, "The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; He guides it wherever He pleases." We can pray in faith for our leaders to make wise, godly decisions that benefit our entire country and even the world.

God has not given up on our country or on any individual person...and neither should we. Nothing is beyond the control of our amazing and loving God. As we welcome newly elected officials into office, let us commit to pray diligently for them—that they will make known the One true God and His Son, Jesus Christ (John 17:3).

# DAY 4 (CONTINUED)

## PRAYER TARGETS

- Together, we can unite to stand in faith for our leaders. We can pray that they would:
- Know God
- Accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior
- Hear the voice of the Holy Spirit
- Obey the voice of the Holy Spirit
- Desire to know, read, study and apply the Word of God
- Spend time in prayer
- Learn the principles of faith
- Possess wisdom
- Live with integrity
- Lead with strength
- Speak plainly
- Exhibit the fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)
- Have discernment
- And receive wise counsel.

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# DAY 5

## PRAYER FOCUS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

*Scripture Reference: Exodus 17:11-12*

In this scripture we find Israel fighting with Amalek.

When Moses held up his hand with the rod of God, Israel prevailed. When he let his hands down, Amalek prevailed. When his hands became heavy; they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands...and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Like Aaron and Hur, let us hold up the hands of our government officials and leaders with prayer, and support their efforts to make our cities better places to raise our families.

## PRAYER TARGETS

God to strengthen the hands of our government officials to prevail against the enemy and to bring us into victory in all areas of our lives that they are governing.

God to give them His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in the decisions they make concerning our wellbeing and our future.

God to give us revelation knowledge to pray for specific problems or areas of difficulty facing our government officials as He works all things out for our good.

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# DAY 6

## PRAYER FOCUS: ECONOMY

*Scripture Reference: I Chronicles 16:7-36, Psalm 37:1-19*

God believes in economic development. He wants a community to thrive and a nation to flourish. Psalm 33:12 states, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” Always pray for the abundance and prosperity of our communities, cities and nation. It is God who created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. In spite of talk of recession, foreclosures, national debt, we know that our economy rests in God, and Him alone. He is our source and supplier.

## PRAYER TARGET

“Heavenly Father, we are encouraged that You give prosperity to the poor and protect those who suffer. We proclaim that our children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. During the current economic difficulties in our nation and around the world, we claim prosperity for our community. We decree that merchants in our community will not fear bad news; they confidently trust You, Lord, to care for them. They will have influence and honor. We expect the Lord to pour down His blessings. We decree that our land will yield its bountiful harvest.

Holy Spirit, remind me to support businesses in my community which are worthy of my patronage. Father we lift up to You believers in our community who are providing goods and services in a fair and decent manner and pray that our fellow citizens will do business with them. May they be given favor by governmental and civic agencies so that their enterprises will not be impeded, but will flourish.

Empower employees in our area to be diligent, honest and trustworthy and to work to increase their knowledge and productivity.”

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# DAY 7

## PRAYER FOCUS: EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:9*

It is difficult to comprehend the physical and emotional strain that accompanies the field of emergency services. What many would describe as the worst day of their life, first responders call a normal day. Bringing peace and hope into that chaos requires a savage peacemaker, dedicated to the wellbeing of his/her neighbor, willing to risk bodily harm to ensure the safety of others. So, how can we support some of the most important people in our community?

### PRAYER TARGETS

1. Give thanks to the Lord for them.

Colossians 1:3: “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.” Father, we are so blessed to have men and women who work diligently for our safety and well-being, even when their jobs are difficult and often thankless. Help us remember to thank You for their sacrifices and service to our community.

2. Pray for their physical protection.

Psalms 23:4: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Lord, let Your presence be known to our emergency service members; secure Your Truth in their hearts before, during, and after each challenge to encourage their boldness; comfort their walk as they care for Your creation; and protect their bodies each time they step into harm’s way.

3. Pray for their emotional protection.

Galatians 6:9–10: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Father, please keep our first responders emotionally strong but spiritually tender when they are confronted by the evil and brokenness around them. Give them Your peace as they deal with the pain and suffering of others—and at times experience injustice. May they have compassion for those whose lives are broken and may they demonstrate kindness to them. Help them to recognize that when others express hate and anger toward them, they can find their security in You.

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4. Pray for peace for the first responders' family members.

Isaiah 26:3 – “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” Lord God, the families of first responders experience so much stress and fear. As a result, many marriages among first responders are broken and the divorce rate is high. Bring Your peace to their families, Lord. Help these men and women to keep their eyes fixed upon You so that they might love their spouses as You have instructed, and so that they might train up their children in godly ways. Help them to find quality and quantity time with their families.

5. Honor and respect them.

Romans 13:7: “Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.” Father, pour your blessings over these honored and respected servants. Let them know, deep in their spirit, that You see their good deeds and hold their actions close to your heart. Help us as community members to share our honor, respect, and appreciation for our emergency service members always.

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# DAY 8

## PRAYER FOCUS: EDUCATION

*Scripture Reference: Proverbs 1:5; Ephesians 1:16-1816*

Father, we ask you to completely cover our educational institutions—our leaders, our educators, our support staff, our students, our communities—with your mighty grace and truth. We pray blessing over them in the mighty name of Jesus. We declare your hand of righteousness, spirit of wisdom, and revelation to every person involved in our educational institutions. We specifically lift our central office staff, board members, and administrators. We know the future belongs to you, Lord, and we declare blessing where there could be trouble, freedom from bondage, and healing in our schools. Father, pour your spirit out on our communities, in every hollow and town and city. May your spirit enter every classroom, board room, and hallway—flood our schools, Lord. We declare no evil spirit may come against our educational institutions, as your divine hand will cover them. You are the hope for our communities and schools, Lord. Restore our hope, Lord and rain over us here in Logan County.

## PRAYER TARGETS (ALSO CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

supernatural wisdom, discernment, a spirit of revelation and truth, safety, blessings, guidance, restoration and healing, freedom from bondage, the truth embedded, whole school transformations, community engagement, hope restored, Christ first

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# DAY 9

## PRAYER FOCUS: CHURCH LEADERSHIP

*Scripture Reference: 1 Thessalonians 5:25*

There is no greater gift you can give your pastor and the spiritual leaders of your church than to pray for them.

Pastors cannot win the battle alone; they need committed intercessors to lift them up in fervent, specific prayer. Imagine how the power of God might be released in our churches if we were to pray faithfully for our pastors.

Pastors are human—they face the same challenges that their people do, with some additional ones! They grow tired in ministry, are tempted to sin, and may find it difficult to balance their many roles and responsibilities. They need the encouragement and support of those they lead.

Prayer for your pastor is crucial to the spiritual health of your pastor, his family, and your church. God will reward your efforts to cover him in prayer.

Let the thought sink deep into the heart of every church, that their minister will be such a minister as their prayers make him. . . . How perilous is the condition of that minister . . . whose heart is not encouraged, whose hands are not strengthened, and who is not upheld by the prayers of his people! . . .

If you want to encourage your spiritual leaders (and their wives!), let them know you are praying for them. Ask them periodically for any specific prayer requests, and assure them you will pray accordingly. Use the following prayer guide with accompanying scriptures that suggest practical ways to pray for those who provide spiritual leadership for the flock

# DAY 9 (CONTINUED)

## PRAYER TARGETS

Pray that your pastor and leadership will love God with all their hearts, soul, mind and strength

Pray that your pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity

Pray for his personal walk with God—that his soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened

Pray that your pastor will counsel and teach with discernment

Ask God to protect your pastors' marriages and keep it strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church. That He will do the same for every member of church leadership.

Ask God to heal any hurts that your pastor has suffered in the ministry.

Pray for your pastor's children and especially that the pressures of the ministry will not discourage or embitter them

Ask God to protect your pastor from the evil plans of the enemy.

Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to your pastor and his family to strengthen them for the ministry and provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest.

Praise God for your pastor's leadership and pray that he will make godly decisions.

Pray that your pastor will not give in to discouragement

Pray for spiritual unity in the church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church. Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders.

Pray that God will give your pastor a clear, biblical vision of what your church can be

Pray for those involved in the financial decisions of the church, for wisdom and discernment in each of these decisions.

## WEST LOGAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastoral Family: Pastors Scotty & Kristen Dingess, and Ethan

Associate Pastoral Family: Pastor Sherman & Tika Jones, and Baby Zara

Business Manager: David Quick

Church Board: Tim Miller, Brad Bevins, Todd Thompson, Mike Robinson, Doug Williamson

## CONNECTION POINT CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Campus Pastoral Family: Pastors Zach & Chelsea Anderson, and Brooks

Business Manager: Karen McMillion

Church Leadership Team: Alberta Kincaid, Ben Sadler, Glen Smith, John Mason, John Booher, Judy Hudson, Kathy Gillispie, Kim Kilgore-Means, Megan Booher, Pricilla Higginbotham, Rachel Means.

# DAY 10

## PRAYER FOCUS: CHURCH MISSION & VISION

*Scripture Reference: Proverbs 29:18*

A vision is a revelation or prophetic word from God. Without a prophetic revelation from God, the people will perish, which means they cast off restraints, cast off discipline and become lawless. I believe God still speaks to Pastors and Churches on what they should do in certain seasons. According to an Old Testament scripture in 1 Chronicles 12:32, "The children of Issachar understood the times they were living in and knew what to do." God has called our church to specific things that we believe are for us in our times, and we know what to do. Below are four things that will be our points of prayer today, but also, you will be joining our entire church in praying over the mission that God has given us. The four things I will show you are our mission to fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus gave us.

First, we must help people **Know God**. God desires to know us personally. More than anything, He wants to have a relationship with us. **Let's pray for people to get connected to Christ.**

Secondly, we must help people **Find Freedom**. God doesn't just want to have a relationship with Him but also wants us to live and walk in Freedom. He did not design us to do this alone! He intended to walk this journey with one another. One of the ways we do this at West Logan Church is by getting connected to one of our Life Groups. **Let's pray for people to join our Life Groups and find Freedom.**

Thirdly, God has given us a way to help people to **Discover Purpose**. God has a plan to carry out in this world, in this community, and in this church and He needs US to see it come to pass. We are all valuable! God has placed gifts and talents inside us to fulfill His Purpose. Until we discover that Purpose, life doesn't make sense. Discover the gifts and talents God can use in your life by attending our Next Step class, offered on the third Sunday of every month. **Join me in praying with people to Discover Purpose.**

Lastly, everyone is called to **Make a Difference**. God wants to use the gifts and talents He has placed inside of us to make a difference in the lives of others. We want to allow everyone to live out their callings at West Logan Church by serving on our Dream Team. Experience true joy by serving in our local church and community. **Pray with me that more people begin to make a difference through serving in our local church.**

**PRAYER FOCUS: CHURCH FINANCES**

*Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

One of the most significant areas that Satan fights is church finances. God owns it all, and we are simply managers of what He has given us. I pray we manage well and see a breakthrough in our finances. Money is as spiritual as any other spiritual part of our life. Why wouldn't Satan stop ministry from happening by attacking church finances? Because money helps fund ministry. If the church is impoverished, it cannot sow into the community or the ministry's needs. For over thirteen years, I've slowly watched our church grow in this area. I'm thankful for what God has done in our families who have become givers in the Kingdom. Also, my heart is full of thanksgiving for how God has blessed our church financially. I've seen spiritual barriers break as our church has sown into ministry. The obedience of people's giving is fulfilling the vision of our church. When I meditate about what God wants to do for us in our community, it's bigger than what our natural eye can see. The more we receive in finances, the more we instill into areas of need. God blesses a giver. People give to a church because they believe in it and want to obey God's word in the matter of giving. We know our church has a God-given vision, and we do various things weekly for our community and other places worldwide. Scripture speaks of the blessing we have over our lives as individuals for being a giver in the Kingdom of God. The church must see itself as a giver as well. If you are not a tither, I pray to God to help you become a tither in His house. If you are a tither, you should pray for the next step of generosity and ask God what He would have you give beyond your tithe. I desire our church to pray the following prayer with me.

**PRAYER TARGETS**

Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion? Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. Keep reminding us of your promise to throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out. (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mal. 3:10).



# DAY 12

## PRAYER FOCUS: DREAM TEAM LEADERS, MEMBERS, & MINISTRIES

*Scripture Reference: Luke 4:18-19*

Jesus, while in the temple read boldly from the book of Isaiah 61:1 after being tempted of the devil in the desert (Luke 4:18-19). Without hesitation, He read it. He knew what He was called to do despite those trying to sway Him.

Now, more than ever, God is anointing surrendered vessels for a higher walk and service in the Lord. We must be confident in our calling and yield to it. Knowing our calling and anointing, we can serve honorably and speak boldly in the faith of Christ.

Timothy 3:13 TPT

For those who serve in this way will obtain an honorable reputation for themselves and a greater right to speak boldly..

Becoming the foundation and influence in our society to see Luke 4:18-19 established and thriving. The truth is, this anointing and call carried a massive weight and commitment with it.

Luke 12:48 KJV - For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required

## PRAYER TARGETS

Father, we bring the Dream team leaders, teams, and ministries before You. We know that You have blessed us with folks that have a great desire to see Your will done. We recognize the call that is upon each one and ask for a special anointing for this season in the Kingdom. An anointing for creativity and insight to see Your children thrive and see breakthrough. To see souls saved, miracles, healings and all that You have for Your people. Give us wisdom to support each other, to operate in and to be about Your business. We surrender our ways to Your ways. We exalt You and give You glory that it will come to pass. In Jesus name.

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## PRAYER FOCUS: LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST

*Scripture Reference: Matthew 9:35-38*

During harvest, every available hand is needed to finish the work. Ripe crops should not remain in the field any longer than necessary, lest something spoil them. Diligent workers are needed to gather the harvest as quickly as possible.

Here Jesus shares not just a sense of urgency but also a cause for motivation. Jesus looks at people with compassion. He does not see, as we might expect, people with their lives together. He sees people who are “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” He sees people who know the challenges of the world and the burdens of sin.

Jesus told His disciples that the world does not have a “Harvest Shortage” – what we have is a “Laborer Shortage.” Many of the “laborers” of the harvest are probably PART of the harvest right now!

This reality should give urgency to the mission of any Christ follower not just to BE a laborer of the harvest, but to “pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

## PRAYER TARGETS

For God to open our eyes to the need for laborers of the harvest

For God to give us HIS eyes for not just the harvest, but also for those He has called and equipped to reach them.

For God to equip our church leaders with supernatural vision to see the gifts and talents of the people God has chosen to send through our church doors.

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# DAY 14

## PRAYER FOCUS: MARRIAGES & FAMILIES OF THE CHURCH

*Scripture Reference: Isaiah 61:3*

The Lord is so good to give us parables and visuals to help us learn what He wants to teach us through His Word. We know the characteristics of an oak tree. They are hardy trees with a deep root system. Because they are anchored firmly, they can withstand storms and seasons of hardship. Oak wood is known for its strength and resistance to predators and other destructive growth.

What a beautiful idea to pray over our marriages, families, and children. A Christian family desires their household to be steadfast and deeply rooted in Christ. We know storms and seasons of trouble are inevitable in this life. Praying for our marriages & families to be “oaks of righteousness” means praying they will have a sturdy foundation built upon the righteousness of Jesus Christ, not their own. Through Him, they will be able to withstand hardships and won’t be swayed. Nothing we do and nothing that comes against us can tarnish or compromise the righteousness that comes from Jesus. This verse also helps parents realize that their children have been planted by God. They have a specific purpose for their specific time. Their greatest purpose is to display His splendor. The world around them should be changed for the better as they reflect His love, kindness and mercy.

### PRAYER TARGETS

- For God to instill God’s heart for the sanctity of marriage into our church families and their children
  - Speak LIFE over our families and homes
  - For homes and marriages to be built on the Word of God – that it will be God’s Word that drives couples to closeness and intimacy
  - Godly values and Godly decisions in our homes
  - Homes to be filled with a spirit of unity – coming against the powers and principalities set out to disunify our homes
  - Homes full of honesty, openness humility, and established on prayer
  - Homes filled with children who are in love with God.
  - That our children will know God personally and have a relationship with Him; will passionately pursue righteousness above all else; will be steadfast and deeply rooted in Christ, so they can withstand troubles in this world; will make an impact in their circle of influence by reflecting the righteousness of God.
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## PRAYER FOCUS: LIFEGROUPS

*Scripture Reference: Acts 2:42-47, Gen. 2:18, Etc. 4:9-12, Prof. 27:17, I Thes. 5:11, Her. 10:24-25*

The concept of meeting in Life Groups is not a new idea. Meeting in Life groups is actually the model that was laid out for us to follow in Acts chapter 2. The early church met regularly in homes in small groups to eat together, study the Word, and build relationships. The benefits of these meetings were their relationships grew, miracles, signs and wonders occurred on a regular basis, they praised and gave glory to God and most importantly, the Lord added to the church daily.

Life Groups allow us the opportunity to grow relationally with others and also allow us to meet the basic need that everyone has of being needed and known. God made us to be tribal people. We function best when we are part of a group. We are indeed better together. Our lives are meant to be shared, invested, and enjoyed with other people. Our culture today often tells us to “just be yourself” when actually what we should say to people is, “Don’t be yourself, be us, be we, be part of a group. It is how God intends for us to live. Together! Quality relationships don’t just happen. They take time and intentionality.

## PRAYER TARGETS

Pray that God will lead you to the Life Group(s) this fall semester where you can help others along their way and also receive help along your way. Ask God if you should be leading a Life Group and if so that He will send you the people to your group who you need to serve and care for. Pray for the courage to take the first step in joining a Life Group.

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# DAY 16

## PRAYER FOCUS: INFLUENCE & FAVOR

*Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 2:9*

What truths can this passage show me?

- Know that we are better because He chose us.
- After He chooses us, He sets us apart.
- We are a people for a special reservation or calling.
- We are called to show forth His praises.
- God called us out of darkness that we might lead others into the light of Christ.

## PRAYER TARGETS

God allow me to walk in the light that your light may shine through me.

Jesus we know that your favor is on us that we may glorify the Father in Heaven.

Use me today to make your good gifts to me evident to those you surround me with that you would be glorified.

Today I am willing to operate with your influence & favor leading me where you would have me go and I thank you that your promises are always Yes & Amen.

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## PRAYER FOCUS: THE GENERATIONS

*Scripture Reference: Psalm 145:4*

God in His Perfect Timing created each generation with a specific calling necessary to complete God's Plan as set forth in His Word. This is why we need to value & respect each generation as they The Bible declared it would be without the obedience of each generation.

## PRAYER TARGETS

Appreciation for what each generation has contributed

Realize not all new things are better than old things

Refrain from being judgmental toward the old & the new

Pray for unity that both old & new can be encouraged to work together for Gods glory

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# DAY 18

## PRAYER FOCUS: COMMUNITY NEEDS

*Scripture Reference: Matthew 25:40, Mark 1:45*

Jesus walked everywhere while He was doing life on earth. Those walks took Him to markets, houses, fishing expeditions, and people. Jesus trusted God to put people on His path and God answered. God put fisherman, tax collectors, women no one else would speak to, lepers, and teachers of the law before Jesus. He met them and everything changed.

As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate the example that He set for us. Jesus says in Mark 1:45 that He “did not come to be served, but to serve.” We are to serve others just as Jesus served them. That’s all well and good, but if that’s our only goal, then we’re missing out on the biggest part of the example that Jesus set for us. A lot of people serve, including many non-Christians. It is not the act of service itself that sets us apart as followers of Christ. If all Jesus talked about was serving others, then we would likely not remember Him today, because an act of service is temporary. What sets Jesus apart is that He came not only to serve, but also to “give his life as a ransom for many,” which He accomplished through His death and resurrection. It’s the life that we have through faith in Him that sets us apart from others who serve. Jesus came to both serve others and save them. We serve in order to share. Christian service is about sharing the love and message of Christ with others, which is a

purpose that is so much greater than anything else the world can offer. We serve to share the love of Christ. We serve to share our lives with others by building relationships. We serve to share the message of the Gospel. Because God served us through His Son Jesus Christ, we now serve our neighbors in order to point them to Jesus.

Just as Jesus trusted God to put people in His path, we should do the same. We live in a community where addiction is at an all-time high stealing the lives of our family members and young children. Addiction can lead to homelessness, prostitution and just overall dysfunction. We live in a community where we do not have enough beds in our state for all of our foster care children and workers are having to stay in hotel rooms with those children. Our classrooms are filled with children who have a mind of survival versus a mind to learn due to the environment in which they live. We live in a community that has a poverty mindset, which causes those individuals to idolize earthly security, which is always just out of reach. Our mental health system is bogged down with referrals of people seeking help for depression, anxiety and/or other debilitating mental illnesses. We have children who come from broken homes, parents trying to mend those broken homes and/or relatives trying to put a band-aid on the problem. Our prison system is overpopulated.

# DAY 18 (CONTINUED)

A prayer we desire is that God would put people into our path, stir us up to invest in their lives, and reveal Himself to them, so He can transform their lives with His love. As believers, we seldom call ourselves “servants of Christ,” but that is exactly what the Lord tells us to be. After His disciples wrangled about who was the greatest, Jesus surprised them with a call to become a servant of all. Just as He served His Father by caring for people, so we serve God by meeting the temporal and spiritual needs of those around us. Helping should never be about getting an award and should not be seen as our “entrance ticket” to Heaven. Rather, our desire to help others should flow from our desire to serve and imitate Christ.

## PRAYER TARGETS

Pray that you and your community will be filled with and known for kindness and compassion.

For God to give us a heart of genuine care and concern.

Pray that we will be mindful of what others are going through in their daily life.

Pray that the Holy Spirit opens doors to give us an opportunity to share the Gospel message.

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# DAY 19

## PRAYER FOCUS: WHOLENESS & HEALING

*Scripture Reference: Psalm 29:11*

Have you ever prayed for healing? Maybe you prayed for physical healing from a disease, emotional healing from a broken heart, or spiritual healing from a chronic sin or addiction. We all desire to be healthy and whole physically and mentally, but especially spiritually. We seek wholeness and peace for our souls.

The Holy Spirit promises us spiritual health through a relationship with Him. When we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as one of God’s children—when we daily seek to be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit—then we will bear the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus said, “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit (Matthew 12:33). We will only find spiritual wholeness if we manifest the fruit of the Spirit—not through false spirituality found in meditation, self-help books, or motivational seminars.

Sadly, many Christians forget to come to God daily, asking to be filled with His Spirit. They neglect their relationship with God. They begin to doubt His promises so that they live in turmoil when they could be experiencing spiritual health and wholeness. Don’t miss out on the blessing of the very presence of God within you to lead and guide you, to comfort and encourage you, to transform you and give you peace. Today, ask God to fill you with His Spirit, and experience His peace and healing.

## PRAYER TARGETS

God, I want to be spiritually healthy and whole. I pray that Your Spirit would fill me every day so that I will manifest the fruit of the Spirit. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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## PRAYER FOCUS: ISRAEL

*Scripture Reference: Psalm 122:6*

In Daniel chapter 9, especially verses 24 -27, Daniel gives us a secret that unveils prophetic events in the future- even our future today. I can certainly understand Daniel's mourning after learning of mans' future, including the wars that will also occur; the suffering of Messiah and His followers. Today during our time of prayer and fasting, you have a special opportunity for God to allow you to take part in what He is doing during these last days by making the nation of Israel the focus of your prayer.

## PRAYER TARGETS

Remember Israel as we pray and fast this year, a nation at war and suffering severely not only in war but also persecution around the world.

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## PRAYER FOCUS: REVIVAL & RESTORATION

*Scripture Reference: James 4:8, 10*

All great moves of God throughout history have begun in prayer. Moments where people have thrown their agendas out the window and just focused on seeking God and His fullness. From the Day of Pentecost to the Protestant Reformation to the Welsh and Brownsville Revivals, these great awakenings have been fueled by men and women drawing near to God and in return God fulfilling His promise of responding and drawing near to them as well. Let our focus prayer today be that God would purify our hearts, cleanse the works of our hands, and create in us a mind that is solely focused on Him. To revive means to bring improvement in the condition or strength of something. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and watch as he improves, strengthens, and exalts us to experience a new awakening in the Kingdom.

## PRAYER TARGETS

Pray for restoration of relationship with God and more desire for His will in our lives. Pray that we will experience genuine spiritual renewal and activate all that God has for us in this season both individually and as a church.

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