



21

days of

PRAYER

and

FASTING

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LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23

WELCOME TO THE CHERRY HILLS 2022 PRAYER & FASTING GUIDE

We believe that God gives power to our prayers and our words, and we believe that He works in our times of fasting. We know that God is going to work in our church and in your life as we set aside this time to pray to Him, to lift up our families, our workplaces, our city, and our world.

The past two years have been heavy ones, collectively for our world as well as individually for so many. Though we don't know what this next year holds, we know that God has a plan for you, our church, and the community He has placed us in. Whatever the last year has looked like for you, be encouraged that God draws near to us as we draw near to Him. Be expectant that He is doing a new thing, even now, beyond what we can see or understand. And be encouraged as you join with a community that is praying and fasting with trust and hope. You are not alone. We are praying for you as you pray, believing that God will meet you right here and now.

INTRODUCTION

As a church, we want to start this year by abiding with Jesus in prayer & fasting. We hope to intentionally seek Him everyday for 21 days, as we trust Him to move in power. Prayer has the ability to affect both our internal and external worlds as well as set our minds and hearts in alignment with God. Lord, realign our hearts as we enter 2022.

We also ask and encourage you to consider fasting (see page 8) during your time of prayer as a way of giving up something for the duration of 21 days (examples: physical sustenance, social media, Netflix, etc.) to be filled spiritually by God in preparation for this upcoming year and all it may hold.

Both of these practices are something Jesus practiced Himself and invites His disciples to do as well. So let's practice the way of Jesus the next 21 days and give ourselves to Him and His mission.

The key to our fruitfulness according to Jesus is knowing Him, abiding in Him, connecting with him, relying on Him, and seeking His will in everything we do. True fruit cannot be produced without true faithfulness in prayer. This is why prayer is at the heart of all we do in the Church and in the world. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us and, in turn, it's the way He uses us to transform the world. This year, we are especially aware of a world that is marked by division, pandemic, and confusion.

God's plan is for His people to be a light in the darkness, and our effectiveness is always increased with prayer and fasting.

We are excited and expectant as you join us for the next 21 days in praying for God's leadership in our lives, our church, and our community and world. We challenge you to take time to fast, making space to be filled spiritually by God in both restoration and preparation. Take the bold step to pray expectantly that God will display his power and faithfulness to us and through us, and watch as He responds in abundance.

PRAYER

PRAYER IS EXPLAINED MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE BIBLE AS THE WAY HUMANITY COMMUNICATES WITH GOD, AND IT CLEARLY SPELLS OUT THAT HE LISTENS WHEN WE PRAY.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God explains what He does when His people pray: *“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”*

In Mark 9:29, Jesus explains the importance of prayer to His own followers after they could not perform the miracle of casting away an evil spirit:

“So He [Jesus] said to them, ‘This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.’”

Jesus emphasizes the power there is when people pray together in Matthew 18:19-20:

“I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

Jesus teaches His disciples (and us) how to pray in Matthew 6 in a way that touches on so many areas of life and relationship with God. Ultimately, it is important that we know just how much God wants communication and communion with us, how He listens and cares about our prayers, and how He has allowed our prayers to be powerful by nature. If we stand on these things and make prayer a faithful discipline and practice, imagine all that could change. God can do more than we imagine, and He invites us to participate with our prayers!



Practically, prayer can happen any time, any place. You can pray on your commute, before a meeting, before bed, or prior to eating. In fact, the Bible encourages us to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

However, we also know that there is something powerful about setting aside a specific time dedicated to prayer. Just like other disciplines, removing distractions helps us focus better on the task at hand. Adding prayer into our daily habits reminds us to trust God, to bring our needs to Him, and to set Him as a priority in our busyness. It also encourages us to slow down, listen, and allow ourselves to hear God's voice. Regular, dedicated times of prayer strengthen our relationship with God, renew our hearts and minds, and bring powerful change to people and places that need it.

FASTING

"SO WE FASTED AND PETITIONED
OUR GOD ABOUT THIS, AND HE
ANSWERED OUR PRAYER."

EZRA 8:23

WHAT IS FASTING?

The purpose of fasting is to redirect our hunger toward God. To fast is to choose to abstain from food, drink, sleep, or *something else for the sake of some special spiritual purpose. It is a way to humble oneself before God & make time for intensified prayer and focus.

SOME SPIRITUAL REASONS & BENEFITS OF FASTING

To truly humble ourselves before God
(Ezra 8:21; James 4:8-10; 2 Chronicles 7:14)

To learn how to depend on God for strength
(Mathew 17:21; Isaiah 40:31)

To ask for supernatural intervention from God
(2 Samuel 12:16; Acts 14:23)

To help us hear & respond better to the Spirit of God
(Luke 4:1; Ephesians 6:18-19)

To obtain supernatural protection and provision
(Ezra 8:21-23)

To prepare for a special task or assignment
(Exodus 24:12-18; Luke 4:1, 14)

To make more time for prayer in order to get closer to God
(Matthew 6:16; Mark 2:20)



“SO I TURNED MY ATTENTION TO THE
LORD GOD TO SEEK HIM BY PRAYER
AND PETITIONS, WITH FASTING...”

DANIEL 9:3

Fasting helps us yield to the Holy Spirit collectively and individually. It allows God to renew our personal strength and faith, and it transforms prayer into a more personal and powerful experience. On a practical, physical level, fasting can help you focus, detoxify, and re-prioritize. This is helpful to both your body and your spirit.

*Examples of other things you could fast from are: sugar, coffee, media, alcohol, one meal a day, or a certain time of your day usually dedicated to something else.

7 BASIC STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL FASTING AND PRAYER

BY BILL BRIGHT

STEP 1: Set Your Objective

Why are you fasting? What specific results do you desire to get (personally and for your family and/or community)?

STEP 2: Make Your Commitment

What will you fast from (food, TV, entertainment...)? How long will you fast for (one meal, one day, once a week)? How much time each day will you devote to prayer and God's Word?

STEP 3: Prepare Yourself Spiritually

Repentance is the foundation of fasting. Confess your sins, seek and give forgiveness, ask for the Spirit to fill you (Ephesians 5:18).

STEP 4: Prepare Yourself Physically

If fasting from food, eat smaller meals before starting a fast. Limit exercise and activity, rest more, drink more, and focus your thoughts. Avoid caffeinated drinks and limit acidic juices (orange, tomato).

STEP 5: Put Yourself On a Schedule

Set aside quality time to spend with God for reading Scripture, meditating, singing, inviting Him into different areas of your life.

STEP 6: End Your Fast Gradually

When you end a fast from food, begin eating gradually with small light portions.

STEP 7: Expect Results

Expect God to reward you for your obedience to His Word. You will experience a heightened awareness of His presence and He will give you fresh, new spiritual insights. Your confidence and faith in God will be strengthened and you'll see answers to your prayers.

SPECIFICS FOR THE NEXT 21 DAYS:

For each of the three weeks, we will be focusing on something specific:

Week 1 Focus: Your Personal Relationship with God

Week 2 Focus: Your Relationships and Sphere of Influence

Week 3 Focus: Our City, Missionaries, and World

You'll notice that each day contains at least one verse from the Bible (and some have many references dispersed throughout as optional further study). We want to pray prayers that align with God's Word. It's a powerful combination to pair Scripture and prayer, and we encourage you to do this in your regular practice.

Additionally, throughout these 21 days we are asking you to fast from food corporately on Wednesday. This may be a part of, or separate to your own decision on fasting. Whether that means 24 hours or one meal, we'd love for you to join us as we do this together. We will also be having a weekly Wednesday prayer gathering over the lunch hour from 12-1 p.m. Finally, we will have a daily call to prayer that you can join.

HOW TO PRAY:

Along with the prompt from the Bible verse(s), we encourage you to follow the model we taught on from 4/26/20-5/31/20 in our Dear God... series as a church: P.R.A.Y. (based off of Pete Grieg's book How to Pray).

P--Pause. Before you say anything simply take the time to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10). If it helps, practice a "breath prayer." (e.g., As you breathe in pray: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God..." As you breathe out pray: "Have mercy on me, a sinner." You can substitute any verse as you do this.)

R--Rejoice. Take time to rejoice both in who God is and the good gifts He gives. This is a time to offer thanksgiving.

A--Ask. This is where you would read the Scripture verse(s) for the day and pray along with the prompts. We have included room for you to write out your prayers. Of course, you can add your own prayers to this time as well.

Y--Yield. Take time to confess any sins and surrender yourself to the Lord today, remembering that His mercies are new every morning! You may also simply want to be still again and listen to anything the Lord may be saying to you.

MY 21 DAY COMMITMENT TO PRAYER AND FASTING

We encourage you to take a few moments and ask God to reveal to you the kind of fast He wants you to undertake in the power of the Holy Spirit. Fill in the following statement and sign it as a commitment to follow through with your decision.

Sensing God's leading, I commit myself to abstain from _____ for the next 21 days.

During this time I will concentrate on prayer and seeking God.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Optional:

Include specific areas you want to pray over, and write them down below before we begin this fast. Include people, situations, fears, or plans that come to mind. Lift these things up daily to God, and whenever you feel tired of the fast or tempted to quit, pray over them, reminding yourself of the power in this season of prayer.

MY PRAYER:

WEEK 1

PRAYER FOCUS:

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD

DAY 1 - ABIDE

MY PRAYER:

Read John 15:1-8 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

As we think about praying for personal renewal this week, use these verses as a prompt to pray for your journey the next 21 days as you seek to abide in Christ more.

Confess what may keep you from doing this.

Pray for a greater desire to abide and bear fruit for His glory this coming year.

DAY 2 - CONFESSION

Read Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Confession and repentance are the beginning of any personal renewal we hope to experience in the Lord.

Take some time to reflect on Psalm 51 and write out your own prayer of confession and pray for a willing spirit.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 3 - RENEWAL OF MIND

Read Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Read Isaiah 55:8-11

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

Ask God to illuminate any limiting beliefs and internal narratives that do not align with the Word of God.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's transformation through the renewal of your mind.

Ask the Lord to grant you understanding of things above, and for increased measures of faith that His Word will not return void.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 4 - GOD'S MERCY & FAITHFULNESS

Read Lamentations 3:22-24 (NLT)

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. 23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. 24 I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

Pray a prayer of gratitude for God's faithfulness and daily mercies.

Pray these verses from Lamentations in a declaration against any forces of darkness, depression, or anxiety that may be coming against you.

Pray that you might receive His loving mercy today and each day this year.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 5 - PATIENCE & ENDURANCE

MY PRAYER:

Read Isaiah 40:25-31

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these: He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. 27 Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”? 28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Ask God for patience in the waiting.

Pray for renewed strength and the courage to rise above the present circumstances that may be wearying you.

DAY 6 - A FRESH ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MY PRAYER:

Read Joel 2:28-29

28 “And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your old men will dream dreams,

your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Read Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Pray for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit as you enter this year.

Pray for a greater awareness and desire to live in the Spirit’s power.

Confess any ways you might quench the Spirit in your life.

DAY 7 - PEACE & HOPE

Read Philippians 4:7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Read Jeremiah 29:11-14

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Read Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Place your anxiety on God believing He can give you peace in all things.

Seek the Lord with all your heart and believe His plans for you are good.

Praise God for your standing before Him in Christ and the peace you now have. Ask Him to mold and shape you more into Jesus.

MY PRAYER:

WEEK 2

PRAYER FOCUS:

OUR RELATIONSHIPS &
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

DAY 8 - BITTERNESS & UNFORGIVENESS

MY PRAYER:

Read Mark 11:24-25

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Read Ephesians 4:26-27

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

One of the ways Satan keeps our prayers ineffective is to be trapped in the bondage of unforgiveness.

Pray for the Spirit to reveal any relationships you may need to forgive.

Pray for His help as you release this to Him.

Pray that you may be able to walk in freedom and intimacy with Him and others.

DAY 9 - AWARENESS OF OTHERS IN YOUR PATH

MY PRAYER:

Read Colossians 4:5-6

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Read Luke 9:1-6

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. 5 If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

Prayer for a greater awareness of those God has put in your path and who need a relationship with Jesus.

Ask God to reveal those who may “welcome” you.

Pray you will make the most of the opportunities God gives you in these situations and for the right words and posture to take.

DAY 10 - BOLDNESS

MY PRAYER:

Read Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Read Romans 10:9-15

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Pray for boldness to share the gospel with others.

Confess any fear or hesitation you may have as being a “sent person.”

Pray for open doors and the courage to walk through them.

DAY 11 - A HEART TO SERVE

Read John 13:4-5

So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Read Luke 10:30-37

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Ask God to give you a heart to serve like Jesus and put others ahead of yourself.

Pray you will treat your spouse, children, parents co-workers and others as Jesus treats you.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 12 - EYES TO SEE

MY PRAYER:

Read Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Read 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Pray to see all people as created in the image of God.

Confess when/if you have discounted someone.

Pray for God’s heart and patience for all people.

DAY 13 - CROSS CULTURAL MISSION

Read John 4:4-14

Now Jesus had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Read Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Pray for the courage to reach out to others of different ethnicities and places in our community.

Ask the Lord for open doors in reconciliation ministry.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 14 - UNITY

MY PRAYER:

Read Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Read Ephesians 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Read John 17:20-23

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Pray for unity for the body of Cherry Hills and other churches in our city.

Ask the Lord to bring us closer together in this time.

Pray that we might *give ourselves fully to Jesus and His mission this next year as we do life together.*

WEEK 3

PRAYER FOCUS:

OUR CITY, MISSIONARIES,
AND WORLD

DAY 15 - OUR CITY

Read Jeremiah 29:7

“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:10b-12

We urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Pray for our local mission partners serving in the city. You can find these here: cherryhillsfamily.org/missions/local

Ask Him to make you aware of who is in front of you that needs His love who may be struggling and hurting right now.

Pray over city leaders, the commerce, over those in need, those who have lost jobs, businesses, and homes the last 2 years.

Pray that we might find favor in the greater Springfield area by our “quiet lives”.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 16 - MORE LABORERS

Read Matthew 9:36-38

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Pray that more laborers would respond to God’s calling to work in the harvest field.

Pray that you would see yourself as Christ’s ambassador wherever He has called you.

Ask God to open all nations, calling missionaries to bring the gospel to the least-reached people of the world.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 17 - MISSIONARY PARTNERS

MY PRAYER:

Read Romans 10:13-15

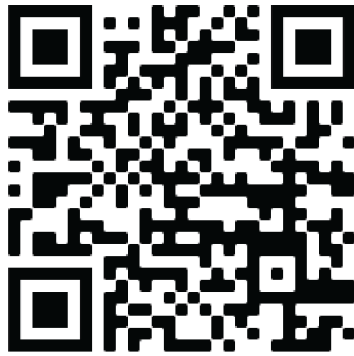
For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Read Colossians 4:3

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Spend today and tomorrow taking time to pray for our global mission partners.

You can find them here:



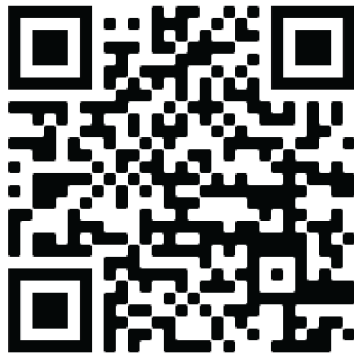
DAY 18 - MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Read Acts 13:47

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8
For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Continue to pray for our global mission partners.

You can find them here:



MY PRAYER:

DAY 19 - THOSE SUFFERING UNDER POVERTY

Read Matthew 25:34-40

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Read Proverbs 14:31

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Pray that for the millions of people living below the global poverty standards food, clean water, shelter, and jobs will be made accessible to them.

Ask the Lord to grant wisdom, resources, and compassion to the ministries, agencies, and governments working to alleviate and end global poverty.

Pray that followers of Jesus would always embrace, advocate, and care for the poor.

MY PRAYER:

DAY 20 - JUSTICE

MY PRAYER:

Read Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Read Proverbs 21:15

When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

Read Deuteronomy 27:19

“Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

Read Luke 18:7-8

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Ask God to provide safety and miraculous protection for women and children from predators, traffickers, abusers, exploiters or any who would do them harm.

Pray for those under the yoke of slavery (there are more slaves today than any time in history): that they may be freed and given the dignity and value they deserve.

DAY 21 - THE GLOBAL CHURCH

MY PRAYER:

Read Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Read John 17:22-23

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Ask God to bring unity in the church globally, that movements and denominations would cooperate and serve one another as the body of Christ.

Pray that the global Christian movement would continue to grow through evangelism, healthy discipleship, church-planting, congregations, and missionary vibrancy.

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering for naming the name of Jesus, that they may have strength to endure.

Pray for the endurance and purity of the Church.



Cherry Hills Family,

Thank you for joining us on this 21 day journey. We hope and trust you were drawn closer to the Lord as you abided in His presence. Let us continue to pursue Him this year with our heart, soul, mind and strength and expect a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

In Christ,
Pastor Steve & Pastor Brian

