



21 DAYS OF PRAYER



WEEK #1 - PROVISION

Prayer
Changes
Everything

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THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN CHANGES THE WORLD.

- James 5:16

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

The motto of my ministry since day one has been “**Pray First.**” In every situation whether trial or triumph, I have tried to teach the people of God to pray before they act.

Many times, in life we act before we pray and then seek the Lord to bail us out. But what if we learn the simple principle “**Pray First...**” It is not enough to learn about the necessity of prayer. We need to make it an active part of our life that we look forward to each day as we seek the presence of the Lord. Over the next 21 days, I encourage you to make it a priority to “**Pray First...**” each day.

Before your day begins...Pray!

Before you go to bed...Pray!

Before you go to work or school...Pray!

Before you send a text...Pray!

Before you react...Pray!

Before you eat, drive, or travel...Pray!

In every situation...Pray!

Prayer changes everything!

PURPOSE OF THE 21 DAYS PRAYER PLAN

As we enter into the next 21 Days of Prayer, the church is called to come together as **One Body** seeking the Lord with **One Pursuit**. Our great desire is for people to come together and pray for one another. Over the next three weeks, you are challenged to seek the presence of God in three specific ways as you learn to pray for His...

Provision

Perseverance

Praise

CREATING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place where he prayed. – Mark 1:35

Prayer is most effective when it becomes a natural part of our daily living. Our desire is to make it part of our lifestyle as a consistent habit that imitates the life of Christ as found in His example.

CHOOSE A CONSISTENT TIME

Jesus got up early and spent time in prayer with His Heavenly Father. Make a daily appointment with the Lord and keep it faithfully.

CHOOSE A CONSISTENT PLACE

Jesus had a specific place to pray. Choose a place to pray to remove daily distractions and free you up to worship.

CHOOSE A CONSISTENT PLAN

Jesus taught His followers a specific plan to pray with passion and power. Develop a specific plan to deepen your own passion for prayer.

**THE MORE WE PRAY THE MORE WE
DESIRE GOD'S WILL. PRAY OFTEN,
PRAY BOLDLY!**

This 21 Day Prayer Plan is based upon Biblical instruction and examples as seen in the Word of God. There are three major parts of this plan: Prepare, Pray, and Proceed.

STEP #1 - PREPARE

Each week you will be challenged to prepare your heart and mind for prayer by choosing to take some time to simply “Be Still” before the Lord.

Psalm 46:10 – *Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

STEP #2 - PRAY

Each week each Christian is asked to focus some of your prayer time on the topic for that week while lifting up your fellow Christians in prayer.

Matthew 18:19-20 - *Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.*

STEP #3 - PROCEED

The final part of this Plan is found in the application of God’s Word as you seek His direction. Journal how God is leading you in the “Prompting from the Lord” section of the Study Guide.

Isaiah 57:15 – *For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.”*

WE HAVE TO PRAY WITH OUR EYES ON GOD NOT THE DIFFICULTIES.

- OSWALD CHAMBERS

DAY #1

Verse of the Day:

Isaiah 41:10 - Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous hand.

Point to Ponder:

Max Lucado once observed, "Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Daily Prayer Point:

Sometimes it is hard to know exactly what to pray.

But God knows your needs. Make sure that you pray for His daily provision for your family, friends, church, and community. Sometimes it may be spiritual provision and other times it may be physical but God always provides.

My Thoughts for the Day:

HUMILITY AND PRAYER

DAY #2

Verse of the Day:

1 Peter 5:6 - Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

Point to Ponder:

Oswald Chambers once observed, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."

Daily Prayer Point:

Over the years I have learned that the more I pray then the more I desire to pray. It sounds silly but God does something amazing to your heart and mind when you begin practicing a regular habit of prayer. Ask God to provide you with a deeper desire to pray this week. Begin making your own prayer list. Write down your needs, the needs of others, or just people that need a deeper relationship with the Lord. Provide for God's provision in these areas and watch Him work.

My Thoughts for the Day:

THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

DAY #3

Verse of the Day:

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do, I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Point to Ponder:

R.A. Torrey believed firmly in the power of prayer. He observed, "Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's infinite grace and power."

Daily Prayer Point:

It may sound simplistic, but it is true: Prayer is the most important thing you can do at this time. Pray that God provides the right people to come into the lives of others as they look for answers and seek security in this time. Pray that God would provide you and your family the right opportunities for you to be a great witness in this time of unrest.

My Thoughts for the Day:

THE FOCUS OF PRAYER

DAY #4

Verse of the Day:

2 Corinthians 4:9 (HCSB)- We are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

Point to Ponder:

The great author Oswald Chambers once wrote these words, "We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."

Daily Prayer Point:

As we look at the headlines day after day, it can be easy to get overwhelmed with a sense of panic or fear. It may even seem like the unseen enemy is so big and great that you may think there is not much hope. Just remember that our God is bigger than any obstacle or any enemy that comes our way. He is mighty and powerful, and He has asked you to place your trust in Him. Pray for God to provide the right focus for you and your family. Keep your eyes fixed on Him!

My Thoughts for the Day:

PROVISION AND PROTECTION

DAY #5

Verse of the Day:

Psalm 119:114 - You are my hiding place and my shield. I hope in your word.

Point to Ponder:

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote these words about wisdom in times of trials. He wrote, "The wise man in the storm prays to God not for safety from danger but for deliverance from fear."

Daily Prayer Point:

The wisest way to pray whether you find yourself in the midst of a storm or on a mountain top of victory is to pray for God's provision and protection for His people. As we find ourselves in the midst of trials and triumphs in life then make sure to pray for your family, friends, church, community, and country. Pray for God's mighty hand to deliver the people from fear and turn to the Lord for hope and direction. He is our source of strength and courage.

My Thoughts for the Day:

GOD WILL NOT LET YOU DO

DAY #6

Verse of the Day:

Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV) - It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Point to Ponder:

The great Fanny J. Crosby said, "God will answer your prayers better than you think. Of course, one will not always get exactly what he has asked for... We all have sorrows and disappointments, but one must never forget that, if commended to God, they will issue in good... His own solution is far better than any we could conceive."

Daily Prayer Point:

God is our great deliverer and He answers prayers better than we could ever imagine. We will face times of sorrow, disappointment, and fear but we must never lose sight of who provides for us during these times and so much more. Pray for God's provision of strength and security in this time. God will not let you down as you humble yourself before Him.

My Thoughts for the Day:

SHELTER, STRENGTH, AND REFUGE

DAY #7

Verse of the Day:

Exodus 14:14 (NLT) - The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.

Point to Ponder:

D.L. Moody believed firmly in the power of prayer and he witnessed God perform many great miracles in his life. The great evangelist once said, "He who kneels the most, stands the best."

Daily Prayer Point:

The secret to standing firm in the midst of a storm that threatens to knock you off your feet is to kneel before the Lord and seek His presence. God is our refuge and shelter in the midst of the storm.

Pray for God's great provision in this time. Pray that He would offer you the shelter and refuge you need to withstand the storm you find yourself facing. Praise Him today!

My Thoughts for the Day:



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