



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

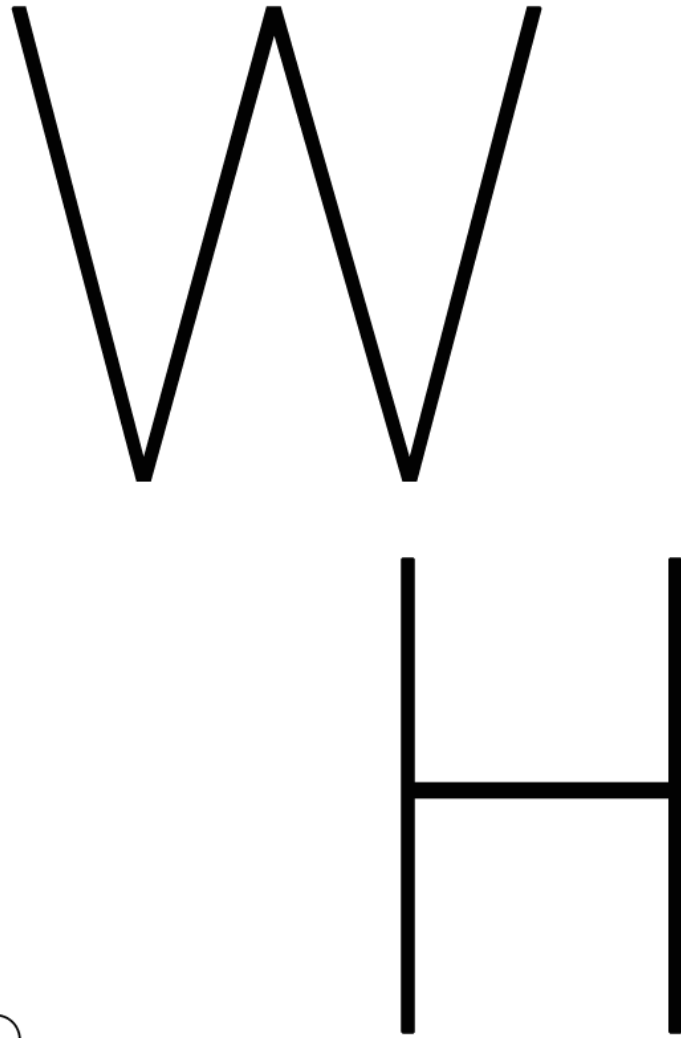


**WEEK #2
PERSEVERANCE**

Always Pray...
Never Give Up

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DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, STAYING ALERT WITH AN ATTITUDE OF THANKSGIVING.

- *Colossians 4:2*

PRAYER AND PERSEVERANCE

Prayer and perseverance can never be separated in the life of the Christian. Over the years I have found that the real secret to perseverance is not found in my own strength, wisdom, or creativity. The singular element that marks the difference between success and failure on a regular basis is the principle of prayer.

You will find that when you seek the Lord in prayer and choose to humble yourself before Him with thanksgiving and repentance then amazing things begin to happen in your life. It is through prayer that we gain clarity and conviction as well as a deeper passion for the Lord. It is through prayer that we gain the perseverance and strength needed to navigate the difficulties of life.

The Lord gave a similar promise to the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 33:3 as He said, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things which you do not know."

I encourage you to make the promise of Jeremiah 33:3 a reality in your own life this week as you learn the great connection between prayer and perseverance.

PURPOSE OF THE 21 DAYS PRAYER PLAN

As we continue the 21 Days of Prayer, let us remember the great need to come together as **One Body** seeking the Lord with **One Pursuit**. May the Lord stir your heart and mind to come together with fellow Christians and pray for one another. During this 21 Day Challenge, make sure that you seek the presence of God in three specific ways as you learn to pray for His...

Provision

Perseverance

Praise

SEEKING PERSEVERANCE

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.– Proverbs 3:5-6*

If you desire to gain more passion and perseverance in your life then one of the first steps you must learn to practice is "TRUST." Make it your mission to "TRUST" more in leading of the Lord and quit trusting so much in the plans of man. Trust the Lord with all your heart and trade in your will for His ways this week.

HIS DESIRE...YOUR PERSPECTIVE

DAY #8

Verse of the Day:

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Point to Ponder:

Phillips Brooks once observed, "The purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on earth."

Daily Prayer Point:

The words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33 give us great perspective and challenge us to make the "Will of God" our chief desire. If we delight in the Lord and seek to please Him in everything, then His desires become our desires, His will becomes our practice. This transformation changes our perspective. As we begin praying for "God's will to be done" in our life then we find ourselves fearing the things of this world less and living with more courage to persevere in the decisions that matter for eternity. Pray for God's will to be your new perspective this week!

My Thoughts for the Day:

DAY #9 - STAY THE COURSE

Verse of the Day:

Revelation 3:11 - I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Point to Ponder:

Oswald Chambers once observed, "Perseverance is more than endurance. It is endurance combined with absolute assurance and certainty that what we are looking for is going to happen."

Daily Prayer Point:

The story of William Tyndale is a great tale of a man who had a desire for every man, woman, and child to be able to read the Bible in their own language. He endured great persecution and hardship as he translated the New Testament into the language of the people. Eventually, it would cost him his life. Tyndale trusted in the Lord for the strength to persevere until the end. Today, God is reminding you that He has called you to do something great with your life for His glory. Trust Him and pray for perseverance to stay the course no matter what obstacles you encounter.

My Thoughts for the Day:

PERSEVERING FOR THE LORD

DAY #10

Verse of the Day:

Philippians 3:14 - I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Point to Ponder:

William Wilberforce understood the need for perseverance in the cause of Christ and he once gave this rally cry to his fellow Christians, "Our motto must continue to be perseverance. And ultimately I trust the Almighty will crown our efforts with success."

Daily Prayer Point:

William Wilberforce was instrumental in helping bring about the end of the slave trade in the early 1800's in England. But the road was not easy, and he endured great persecution from slander to shunning yet he continued to press on and trust the Lord even in the face of opposition. The Lord will help you persevere in the cause of Christ if you simply choose to trust Him and His ways. Pray for the Lord to utilize your words and actions in a mighty way for His glory this week.

My Thoughts for the Day:

DAY #11 - LORD...OPEN MY EYES

Verse of the Day:

Romans 12:12 (ESV) - Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Point to Ponder:

The great author C.S. Lewis once reminded his fellow Christians, "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither."

Daily Prayer Point:

All of us need direction in life. It is easy to get distracted and derailed from making an eternal impact if our focus is not upon our heavenly Father. This week ask the Lord to help you begin focusing more on His plans and purpose as well as the courage to more effectively be the salt and light to family and friends.

God is at work and He is helping you persevere this week, but do you recognize His loving touch and prevailing peace that He is bringing your way. Pray that God would open your eyes to the opportunities to serve Him as you go through each day.

My Thoughts for the Day:

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

DAY #12

Verse of the Day:

Psalm 16:8 (ESV) - I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Point to Ponder:

Many years ago, the great missionary David Livingstone spoke these stirring words as a challenge to Christians, "I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it be forward. I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose."

Daily Prayer Point:

Don't miss this opportunity. You are living in a time which the many people all over the world are looking for peace, hope, and answers to the difficulties of life. This is a time for you to shine bright for the glory of God. Pray that others would see the hope and joy that is within you as found in Christ. Pray that others would see the author of the persevering peace that anchors your life. Finally, praise the Lord for giving you the opportunity to shine for Him!

My Thoughts for the Day:

PRESS FORWARD...

DAY #13

Verse of the Day:

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Point to Ponder:

The great evangelist George Whitefield observed, "Press forward. Do not stop, do not linger in your journey, but strive for the mark set before you."

Daily Prayer Point:

God has a great plan for your life but sometimes it may not always be easy to see. This week make it your mission to pray for God to give you clarity and focus during the confusing times that you encounter.

Make it your daily habit to consciously place Him as the top priority in each area of your life. Ask Him to help you persevere over the obstacles you encounter and to grant you wisdom in living a life that honors Him more each day.

My Thoughts for the Day:

DAY #14 - ESSENTIAL TO PRAYER

Verse of the Day:

James 1:12 (ESV) -Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Point to Ponder:

E.M. Bounds observed, "Jesus taught that perseverance is the essential element of prayer. Men must be in earnest when they kneel at God's footstool. Too often we get faint-hearted and quit praying at the point where we ought to begin."

Daily Prayer Point:

This week pray that the Lord will give you clarity when it comes to his direction and provision. As a Christian, never forget that the Lord is working in your life in a mighty way, and He wants you to continue your pursuit of Him with fervor and faithfulness. No matter what obstacles you may encounter, continue to seek the Lord this week with passion and praise. The Lord will equip you to persevere as you trust in Him more each day. Pray for the Lord to help you gain a heart of wisdom as it comes to His will, His ways, and His word.

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