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21 Days of Prayer 2025

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We're so glad that you're embarking on these 21 days of prayer. We hope that as you set aside time to seek His heart you draw closer to God, hear His voice, and discern His will. Our theme this year is *Live a Great Story*.

According to Jesus, the secret to living a great story is counter-intuitive, for whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it (Mark 8:34-35).

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We find true life when we surrender our plans and join what God is doing. When we lean into His greatness, instead of striving on our own, there is no limit to what He can do in and through us. We have identified 21 different areas to focus on and we invite you to use this as a guide to help shape the way you pray through this month. As a church, we believe our united prayer will bring about breakthroughs both personally and corporately.

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week one

Rooted in Jesus

Day 1: Prioritize Prayer

- **Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- **Prayer Focus:** Create room in your day to simply talk to God. Ask Him to help you develop a pattern of prayer that keeps you connected to Him.

Day 2: Pursue Holiness

- **Read:** 1 Peter 1:15-16
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you live in a way that reflects His character. Confess and repent where you sense that you are out of alignment with His way and heart.

Day 3: Surrender to God's Will

- **Read:** Romans 12:1-2
- **Prayer Focus:** Lay your plans before the Lord and ask Him to guide you today. Pray for clarity about how He's calling you to live.

Day 4: Name Your Fear

- **Read:** Isaiah 41:10
- **Prayer Focus:** Try to name some of the fears that swirl around in your heart. Then, surrender them to God and invite His peace to take their place. Ask Him for the courage to trust His promises and love, and then ask for the strength to walk boldly in faith.

Day 5: Receive God's Love

- **Read:** Romans 5:8
- **Prayer Focus:** It can be hard to fully receive God's love. We often have an easier time believing He can love others than we do trusting that He loves us... as we are. Open your heart to the fullness of God's love. Ask Him to help you see yourself as He sees you—deeply loved, chosen, and cherished. Pray for the grace to receive His love without hesitation or doubt.

Day 6: Love Like Jesus

- **Read:** John 13:34-35
- **Prayer Focus:** After praying to receive God's love yesterday, today, focus on giving that same love to others God has placed in your life. Pray for your love for others to be shaped by Jesus' love for you—sacrificial, unconditional, and life-giving.

Day 7: Live the Mission

- **Read:** Matthew 28:19-20
- **Prayer Focus:** Commit to living out Jesus' mission of becoming and making disciples. Pray for opportunities to share His love and truth with the people you interact with today.

week two

Investing in Relationships

Day 8: See the People Around You

- **Read:** Mark 5:19
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you notice the people He's placed in your life—your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Pray for His heart for each of them. Write down as many names of your neighbors as you can and add them to a prayer list. Ask God for opportunities to meet the ones you don't know yet.

Day 9: Develop a Compassionate Heart

- **Read:** Matthew 9:36
- **Prayer Focus:** Where are the "crowds" that you see in your daily life? The school pick-up line, Costco parking lot, or your fellow commuters merging on the freeway? Pray for our eyes to see the crowds with compassion as Jesus did—and for our hearts to soften to them as we see them. Reflect on the way Jesus saw people—with compassion. Ask Him to give you a heart that cares deeply for the needs of others.

Day 10: Listen to the Spirit

- **Read:** Acts 8:29-31
- **Prayer Focus:** Start with the conviction that God still speaks today! Spend time asking the Holy Spirit to guide your words and actions. Pray for sensitivity to His prompting and pay attention to His leading throughout the day.

Day 11: Build Authentic Connections

- **Read:** 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for the relationships in your life to go deeper. Ask God to help you invest in people, sharing both your life and the hope of the gospel.

Day 12: Pay Attention to Open Hearts

- **Read:** Acts 16:14
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to make you aware of the people in your life who are open to Him. Pray for boldness to share your faith when the moment arises.

Day 13: Share Your Story

- **Read:** 1 Peter 3:15
- **Prayer Focus:** Prayerfully remember what it was like when you first came to faith in Jesus and praise God for His work in your life. Then, pray for confidence to share what God has done in your life. Ask for words that point to His faithfulness.

Day 14: Pray for Salvation

- **Read:** 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- **Prayer Focus:** Lift up the names of those in your life who don't know Jesus. Pray that God would soften their hearts and open their eyes to His love. It's a great practice to have a list in your phone of people that you're praying for.

week three

Living as Salt and Light

Day 15: Serve Selflessly

- **Read:** Galatians 5:13
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to show you ways to serve your community with no strings attached. Pray for His love to be evident in your actions. Look at the upcoming opportunities to serve through our Love Esco projects and commit to one.

Day 16: Work Toward Unity

- **Read:** Ephesians 4:3
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for unity in our church. Ask Jesus to bind us together in love for each other and for Him.

Day 17: Engage in Spiritual Warfare

- **Read:** Ephesians 6:12
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray against the spiritual forces that work against God's kingdom in your life and community. Ask God for victory in Jesus' name.

Day 18: Be a Peacemaker

- **Read:** Matthew 5:9
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray that God would use you to bring peace and reconciliation where there is conflict. That might place you in uncomfortable situations. Ask God to give you the grace to bring His humble presence into tough situations.

Day 19: Act Justly, Love Mercy

- **Read:** Micah 6:8
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for eyes to see what God is showing you. How often are we numb or blind to injustices around us? Who needs mercy? Who is being unjustly treated? What is God asking of you? Pray for courage to stand for justice and mercy in your community, walking humbly with God every step of the way.

Day 20: Encourage Someone Today

- **Read:** Hebrews 10:24-25
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to help you be an encourager. Pray for specific people who need a word of hope or a reminder of God's goodness. Send them an email, text message, or handwritten note.

Day 21: Celebrate God's Work

- **Read:** Psalm 126:3
- **Prayer Focus:** Spend time in gratitude, thanking God for what He's done in and through you during these 21 days. Thank Him for how you have seen him work—both in your life and in our church community.

Closing Encouragement: God is at work in your life, your relationships, and your community long before you know it. Trust Him to meet you in every step of obedience, however large or small. Keep leaning into Him, loving others boldly, and living as a light in the world. These 21 days of prayer are just the beginning of a rhythm that can carry into every moment of your life. Remember, you take the Kingdom of God with you wherever you go.

