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21

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PRAYER GUIDE

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“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” - James 4:8

For the next 21 days, we are committing ourselves to intentionally seek the Lord through prayer, fasting, Scripture, repentance, worship, and obedience.

This is not about trying to get God to do what we want.

It is about positioning our hearts to hear what God wants.

We are asking God to search us, cleanse us, strengthen us, speak to us, and make us more like Jesus.

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Our commitment

For 21 days, I will:

Pray daily

Set aside intentional time to talk with God and listen to Him.

Fast intentionally

Give up something that competes for my attention or appetite so I can seek the Lord more intentionally.

Read God's Word

Spend time in Scripture, allowing God's Word to shape my thoughts and desires.

Repent quickly

Confess sin and turn toward God rather than hiding from Him.

Worship daily

Praise God not only for what He does, but for who He is.

Seek God's will

Instead of simply asking God to bless my plans, I will ask Him to change my plans to align with His.

Pray for others

Intentionally pray for my family, church, pastors, community, lost people, and those who are hurting.

Obey what He shows me

When God brings conviction or direction through His Word, I will respond.

The 21-day plan

For the next 21 days, I will seek God before I seek the world.

I will pray before I panic.

I will open God's Word before I open my phone.

I will surrender before I demand.

I will listen before I speak.

I will obey when God speaks.

I will seek Him - not merely what He can give me.

Jesus, I want more of You.

He must become greater; and I must become less. - John 3:30

Fasting and daily prayer

Fasting can look different for different people.

You might fast from:

- A meal each day
- Food for a designated period
- Social media
- Television/entertainment
- Something else that regularly occupies your attention

The goal isn't simply giving something up.

The goal is to make room for God.

When you feel the hunger or desire for whatever you have surrendered, let that desire become a reminder:

"Jesus, I need You more than I need this."

*"Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." -
Matthew 4:4*

If you have medical conditions, take medications, are pregnant, or have other health concerns, choose a fasting practice that is medically appropriate rather than undertaking a food fast.

Daily prayer

Father, I give You these next 21 days. I don't want this to simply be another challenge I complete. I want this to be a turning point in my walk with You. Search my heart. Reveal what needs to be surrendered. Expose what needs to be confessed. Strengthen what has become weak. Restore what has been broken. Give me a hunger for Your Word and a deeper desire for Your presence. Teach me to pray. Teach me to listen. Teach me to obey. Give me compassion for people who are hurting and boldness to reach people who don't know You. Change me before You change my circumstances. And when these 21 days are over, don't let me go back to the way I was. Make me more like Jesus. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

DAYS 1-7

Ask God:

- “Lord, I surrender my plans, my desires, my fears, and my future to You. Search my heart and make me more like Jesus.”*

Seek

DAYS 8-14

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." - Jeremiah 29:13

Ask God:

- Lord, what are You teaching me?
- What are You calling me to?
- Where do I need greater faith?
- What does obedience look like today?
- How can I know You more deeply?

“Father, I don’t want merely Your blessings. I want You. Give me a hunger for Your Word, a desire for Your presence, and ears to hear Your voice.”

Prayer and reflection

Send

DAYS 15-21

“Here I am. Send me.” - Isaiah 6:8

Ask God:

- Who needs Jesus?
- Who needs encouragement?
- Who needs prayer?
- Where can I serve?
- What step of obedience have I been avoiding?

“Lord, use me. Make my life available to You. Give me courage to love people, share the gospel, serve others, and obey You wherever You lead.”

Prayer and reflection

Adoration

Meditating on His love, mercy, and faithfulness

(1) Declaring His goodness & majesty.

Focus on His character and His unique attributes:

Something like:

"Lord, You are _____ or "Lord, I am amazed at Your _____

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:9-13

Focus on His character

Holiness	Gentle	Sovereign
All-powerful	Infinitely Wise	Eternal
Faithful	Completely Good	Forgiving
Perfectly Just	Abounding in Love	Returning King
Merciful	Father	Majestic
Gracious	Unchanging	Compassionate
Patient	Truthful	Shepherd
Kind	Pure	Ever-present

Confession

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

(2) Acknowledge our weakness before Him and our temptation to operate to please ourselves rather than Him.

Our Lord's model prayer instructs us to pray, "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us," "And then "lead us not into temptation." We must confess sin, individual sin and corporate sin. He says forgive "us" "our" sin. This is also modeled for us in the Old Testament prayers of Nehemiah, Daniel, and Solomon.

Let us confess weakness, selfishness, pride, prejudice, fear, doubt, anger, and anything else that compromises our witness and keeps us from abiding in Christ's fullness. Let us confess these as individuals and as a church. "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

Thanksgiving

Rejoice in the Lord always

[Let us pray prayers of thanksgiving not only for the salvation and forgiveness we have in Jesus, but also for the hope and promises we have in His name.]

(3) Praise Him for His salvation - His forgiveness & His promises.

...Praise God that He forgives the repentant & extends grace & mercy.

(When we wrong our neighbor, when we experience His discipline, or when He withholds His blessings, we can turn to Him - confess & repent - and He hears us.)

.... Praise God He hears the prayers of His children and is attentive to our call.

(In Christ, we have been adopted into His family and made His own. Now, we have assurance that He will never leave us or forsake us. He is attentive to our pleas for help and promises to meet our needs.)

...Praise God when circumstances are against us, we know He is for us.

(He can sustain us during difficulty and/or transform our circumstances, yet we will trust Him to work His will and to transform us into the image of Christ.)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Philippians 4:4-7

Supplication

Lord, please.

(4) In a spirit of thanksgiving and trust, let us petition the Lord for the needs in our congregation and community.

Let us specifically pray for:

our transformation into the people He calls us to be;

"Lord, please.... change us, anchor us to your gospel, make us faithful, make us servants, change our priorities, teach us to value Your Word, let us see your glory, be great in our eyes...

our witness, our willingness to confess sin, and to be used of God;

pray for the integrity, unity, & testimony of First Baptist Church Blanco.

"Lord, please... join us together in unity, protect our unity, guard our witness, teach us to love one another, change lives, restore families, heal marriages, give us a reputation for loving people, and let us be faithful to proclaim Your Word...

3. the lost in Blanco (by name or by group) ...

"Lord, I pray that you will bring_____ to yourself." ...save them, open their eyes, soften their hearts, convict them of their sin.

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. JEREMIAH 29:13

Praying for the Family Life Center

Unless the LORD builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain. Psalm 127:1

Pray and thank god for everything he has already provided

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Before asking God for what we don't have, Thank Him for everything He has already given us - our church, our people, our children, our families, our facilities, our resources, and every provision we have experienced.

Pray that our hearts would be united around Jesus, not our preferences

Psalm 86:11 "Make my heart glad by giving me undivided devotion to your name."

Pray: "Lord, help us not to make this about what I want, what I think is best, or what I can afford to imagine. Unite our hearts around You. Give us one heart and one purpose - to glorify Christ and make disciples."

Pray that we would protect the unity of the church

Ephesians 4:3 "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Pray: "Father, make us quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Keep disagreements from becoming division. Help us disagree without dishonoring one another."

Pray that love would be greater than our differences

1 Peter 4:8 "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins."

Pray: "Lord, teach us to love people even when we see things differently. Help us assume the best, extend grace, and refuse to allow suspicion or frustration to divide Your family."

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray for humility in every conversation

Philippians 2:3 “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.”

Pray: “Jesus, give us Your humility. Help me ask, ‘What am I missing?’ before I say, ‘Here is what I think.’ Give us ears to hear one another.”

Pray that we would seek the lord together rather than try to convince one another

James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God.”

Pray: “God, give our church wisdom. Where I am wrong, correct me. Where I am fearful, strengthen me. Where I am rushing ahead, slow me down. Where I am holding back because of fear, give me faith. Let Your will become more important than my opinion.”

Pray that no one would feel overlooked or unheard

Philippians 2:4 “Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.”

Pray: “Lord, help our leaders and our congregation listen well. Give us compassion for those who are excited, those who are cautious, those who are concerned about the cost, and those who see the possibilities. Help us love every person well.”

Pray for a philippians 2 kind of church

Philippians 2:5 “Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus.”

Pray: “Jesus, give us Your heart. Before we ask, ‘What do I want?’ teach us to ask, ‘What serves Your kingdom? What serves the next generation? What serves the people You have entrusted to us?’”

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray and ask god to show us if this is his vision

Proverbs 16:9 “A person’s heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps.”

Pray and ask God to make His will clear. Ask Him to close the door if this is not His plan and open the door if it is. Pray that we would not build something simply because we want it, but because God wants it.

Pray and ask god to build the house

Psalms 127:1 “Unless the LORD builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain.”

Pray that God would be the architect, provider, and builder of the Family Center. Ask Him to make it His work, not ours.

Pray and ask god to give our leaders wisdom

James 1:5 “Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God...”

Pray for our pastors, staff, and leaders. Ask God to give them wisdom concerning the building, finances, timing, design, construction, and future.

Pray and ask god to give us unity

Psalms 133:1 “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!”

Pray that the Family Center would never become a source of division. Pray that people with different opinions would listen to one another, love one another, and seek God’s will together.

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray for guidance from god

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Pray for those who are concerned about the cost

Philippians 4:6-7 “Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Pray for those who are concerned about the size, cost, or feasibility of the project. Ask God to give them peace and wisdom. Pray that we would listen to legitimate concerns without allowing fear to control us.

Pray and ask god to remove fear

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.”

Pray against fear of the unknown, fear of failure, fear of finances, fear of change, and fear of what might happen. Ask God to replace fear with faith, love, and wisdom.

Pray and ask god to help us trust him when it seems impossible

Luke 18:27 “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Pray about the things that currently seem unreachable. Ask God to help us stop looking only at what we can accomplish and start looking at what He can accomplish.

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray and ask god to provide the finances

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Pray specifically for the finances needed to complete the Family Center. Ask God to provide through whatever means He chooses.

Pray and ask god to provide in ways we could never expect

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think...”

Ask God to provide in unexpected ways. Pray for opportunities, resources, people, gifts, partnerships, discounts, skills, and provision that we cannot see right now.

Pray for people god may use to provide

2 Corinthians 9:7 “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Pray for individuals, families, businesses, and others whom God may lead to participate financially or through their gifts and abilities. Pray that generosity would come from joy and obedience - not pressure or guilt.

Pray and ask god to give us generous hearts

1 Chronicles 29:9 “Then the people rejoiced because of their response of giving willingly and wholeheartedly to the LORD.”

Pray that God would give His people a heart that is willing to give whatever He asks of them - whether that is money, time, skills, prayer, or service.

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray and ask god to protect us from pride

James 4:6 “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Pray that we would never build the Family Center to make ourselves look successful or impressive. Pray: “Lord, keep our motives pure. Let everything we do point people to Jesus.”

Pray and ask god to give us patience with his timing

Isaiah 40:31 “But those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength...”

Pray that we would not rush because we are excited or become discouraged because things take longer than expected. Ask God to teach us to trust His timing.

Pray for the children who will use this center

Psalms 78:4 “We will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed.”

Pray for children who have not even been born yet. Pray that future generations will encounter Jesus in this place, learn God’s Word, find Christian community, and be disciplined to follow Christ.

Pray for families who will walk through these doors

Joshua 24:15 “As for me and my family, we will worship the LORD.”

Pray for marriages, parents, grandparents, children, teenagers, single parents, blended families, and families who desperately need a church family. Ask God to use this place to strengthen homes.

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray for people who are hurting

Psalm 34:18 “The LORD is near the brokenhearted; he saves those crushed in spirit.”

Pray for people who will one day walk through these doors carrying grief, addiction, loneliness, shame, financial hardship, broken marriages, or spiritual questions. Ask God to make the Family Center a place where hurting people encounter the compassion of Jesus.

Pray and ask god to use this center to reach our community

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Pray that this building would never become a monument to our church. Pray that it would become a mission outpost for the Kingdom of God.

Pray for the next generation of leaders

2 Timothy 2:2 “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Pray for future pastors, missionaries, teachers, coaches, counselors, worship leaders, youth leaders, children’s leaders, and servants who will be disciplined through this ministry.

Pray and ask god to give us faith

Ephesians 6:16 “In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

Pray when you don’t have all the answers. Pray when the numbers don’t make sense. Pray when the mountain looks too big. “Lord, help us trust You even when we cannot see how You will do it.”

Family Life Center prayer prompts

Pray and ask god to do what only he can do

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I tell you, everything you pray and ask for - believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Pray boldly for God to provide what seems impossible. Ask Him for a miracle - not so we can say "Look what we built," but so we can say: "Look what God did."

Pray and surrender the entire vision to god

1 Chronicles 29:11 "Everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you. Riches and glory come from you..."

Pray: "Lord, this is Yours. The vision is Yours. The money is Yours. The people are Yours. The building is Yours. The future is Yours. We surrender the outcome to You." Ask God for the grace to say yes if He says yes, wait if He says wait, and no if He says no.

Pray and ask god to receive all the glory

Psalms 115:1 "Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory."

Pray that when this is finished - whether it looks exactly like we imagined or completely different - we will be able to look back and say: "That was God." Not our wisdom. Not our money. Not our strength. God.

Seeking Him together

“Lord, we are asking You for something that seems unreachable. But You are not limited by what we can see. Give us wisdom to know Your will, faith to believe You, courage to obey You, humility to change our plans, patience to wait on You, unity as Your people, and generosity in our hearts. If this Family Life Center is Your will, provide everything needed. If it is not, redirect us. Above all, don’t give us merely a building. Give us a place where people meet Jesus, families are strengthened, children are disciplined, hurting people find hope, and Your name is glorified. Lord, build what You want to build. Provide what You want to provide. And let us be faithful to follow You. Amen.”

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