

Guide for CALL TO PRAYER

January 22-29

2023

Connect
to God
to each other
to the mission

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Dates

CONNECT TO GOD Sunday, January 22nd 10am

Sunday, January 22nd 6:30pm

CONNECT TO EACH OTHER Tuesday, January 24th 7pm

CONNECT TO THE MISSION Friday, January 27th 7pm

CONNECT: REVIEW Sunday, January 29th 10am

PRAYER GUIDE

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge^a of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought into the US kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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^a This is not 'to know' by information, but to know exactly; to recognize, perceive, discern (epiginóskó) and to know through personal relationship (ginóskō). Paul is praying for the Colossians to know Jesus more through relationship; this is for us too!

Connect to God

Sunday, January 22nd 10am

Rejoicing in God

Share your praises:

Connecting to God

Share how you connected with God in the service: Maybe through the musical worship, sermon on Colossians, prayer, encouragement from a friend, serving, etc.

God Moment

What was your biggest 'God Moment at RAC' that you wrote on your box during January 8th service? If you didn't create a box, what would you write?

Praise and thank Jesus that we can know Him more!

Connect to God

Sunday, January 22nd 6:30pm

Repentance:

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to repentance, bringing His forgiveness and cleansing. Then listen to the Spirit's prompting for 2023:

Рι	ompany for 2023.	
1.	Lack of Jesus as our cornerstone (personally & co	orporately)
2.	Distracted by shallow pursuits (rather than in dec	ep with Him)
3.	Prayerlessness (satisfied by less & lack passion for	His glory)
4.	Focused on self (lack of fruit-bearing for His Kingd	om)
Je	esus is inviting me to	for 2023.
Je	esus is inviting RAC to	for 2023.

Connect to Each Other

Tuesday, January 24th 7:00pm

Rebuilding:

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guard	ds the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wal vouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one." Ezk. 22:30
1. Ir	ntentional building for me:
2. N	lext steps for becoming a godly builder:
APE	EST: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, Teacher
1. S	hare strengths according to your APEST gift
2. W	Vhat are potential blind spots / weaknesses?
3. W	Vhat other APEST gift will complement for strength?
l will	I join RAC's rebuilding by:

Connect to the Mission

Friday, January 27th 7:00pm

Re	lease:	Standing	in the	Gap
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"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one." Ezk. 22:30

- 1. Who is God inviting me (family) to stand in the gap for?
- 2. What is their barrier to God?
- 3. What would be the bridge to open them to God?
- 4. Who or what can help you do this work?
- Who is God calling us corporately to stand in the gap for?
- What is their barrier?
- What would be the bridge?
- Who or what could help us do this work?

For 2023	, I will	continue	to	stand	in	the	gap	for	these
people by	/:								

Connect: Review

Sunday, January 29th 10:00am

Review:

Listen to the Lord's promptings during the service

Connect

- Connect to God
- Connect to each other
- Connect to the mission

My obedience to God from Call to Prayer:

RAC's corporate invitation from God during Call to Prayer:

...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God... Colossians 1:10

FASTING GUIDE

Fasting is the emptying of ourselves of physical sustenance, outside entertainment, and the idols that control and distract us. Not only is our body emptied, but our soul, mind, and heart are emptied through prayers of repentance. **This positions the temple for more of His presence.**

- Consider fasting for our Sunday evening repentance focus
- You may choose to fast from food, drink, or some form of entertainment, such as social media, TV, sports, etc.
- Fasting is a spiritual discipline as a gateway to greater intimacy with God, not a work or deed
- For those interested and able, continue your fasting and repentance prayer for 24 hours or even 72 hours until Tuesday evening
 - Continue to drink fluids and juice for nutrients

To have His way with His always hungry followers, He reminds us to pause often in His presence, remove the physical food from our table, and replace it with the bread that satisfies eternally, along with the nurturing water of the Spirit that promises us we will never thirst again.

The truth is this: Life is not about food on the table. It is about being humble in the presence of God [repentance] and being filled with the Bread of Life [His manifest presence].

God's gateway to spiritual breakthrough is praying and fasting.

Ronnie Floyd

^{*}Please consult a doctor if you have health concerns

Inventory of the Heart

Be honest with yourself and God. Take some time during your fasting to journal, confess, and repent by praying though the following points. This inventory prepares us to encounter His holiness. Let it be a gift to you.

- 1. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

 Do I worry? Have I forgotten to thank God for all things?
- 2. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." Ephesians 3:20
 - Do I shy away from attempting to do things in the name of the Father because I fear I'm not talented enough? Do feelings of inferiority keep me from serving God? When I accomplish something of merit, do I give myself, rather than God, the glory?
- 3. 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8
 - Have I believed it's good enough to live my Christianity in a casual manner and that it's not that important to share the Good News?

- 4. "I say...to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think." Romans 12:3 Am I overly proud of my accomplishments, my talents, my family? Do I have difficulty putting others first? Do I have a rebellious spirit at the thought that God may want to change me and rearrange my thinking?
- 5. "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice." Ephesians 4:31

 Do I complain, find fault, argue? Do I nurse and delight in a critical spirit? Do I carry a grudge against believers of another group, denomination, or theological persuasion? Do I speak unkindly about people? Am I often angry with myself, others, or God?
- 6. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirt who is in you, whom you have from God, and you're not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19

 Am I honouring God with my lifestyle and body?
- 7. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth."

 Ephesians 4:29

 Do I use language that fails to edify others and tell off-color jokes or stories that demean another's race, habits, or culture?

 Do I condone these comments when guests are in my home or when my colleagues share at work?

- 8. "Do not...give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:26-27
 Do I ignore the fact that I open myself to Satan when I
 participate in ungodly practices, psychic predictions, occult
 literature, and violent sex-driven movies, videos, games? Do I
 seek counsel for daily living from horoscopes rather than from
 God, my true and ultimate source for living? Do I let Satan use
 me to set up barriers that inhibit the cause of Christ in my
 church and home through criticism and gossip?
- 9. "Not slothful...but serving the Lord." Romans 12:11
 Am I chronically late in paying my debts, sometimes choosing not to pay them at all? Do I charge more on my credit cards that I can honestly afford to pay? Do I engage in shady business deals?
- 10. "Beloved...abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." 1 Peter 2:11

 Am I guilty of a lustful eye towards others? Do I fill my mind

by consuming sexually oriented videos, books, or magazines? Do I indulge in lustful activities that God's Word condemns, such as fornication, adultery, perversion?

11. "Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." Colossians 3:13

Have I failed to forgive those who may have said or done something to hurt me? Have I written off certain people as not worthy of my friendship?

12. "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Matthew 23:28

Do I know in my heart that I am not what people see? Am I hiding behind being active in my church as a cover for activities away from the Body? Am I mimicking the faith for social status?

13. "Finally brethren, whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things." Philippians 4:8

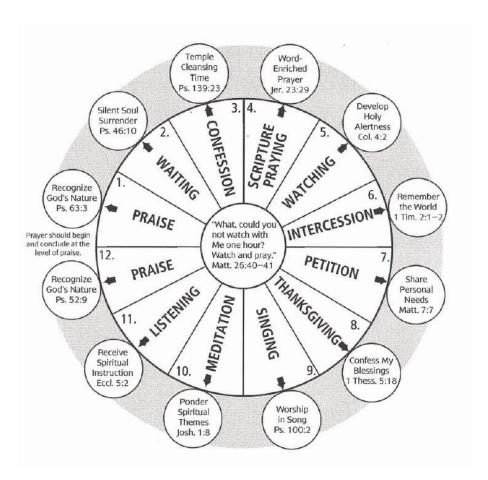
Do I enjoy listening to conversation that hurts others? Do I pass it on? Do I believe rumours or partial truths, especially about an enemy or competitor? Do I choose to spend little or no time each day allowing God to speak to me through His Word?

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Hour (or Day) in Prayer

"What, could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray." Matthew 26:40-41

Use this Prayer Wheel to fill either an hour or a whole day with prayer. Spend 5 minutes or 60 minutes in each segment.



PRAISE: Start your prayer hour by praising the Lord. Praise Him for things that are on your mind right now. Praise Him for one special thing He has done in your life in the past week. Praise Him for His goodness to your family.

WAITING: Spend time waiting on the Lord. Be silent and let Him pull together reflections for you.

CONFESSION: Ask the Holy Spirit to show you anything in your life that might be displeasing to Him. Ask Him to point out attitudes that are wrong, as well as specific acts for which you have not yet made a prayer of confession. Now confess that to the Lord so that you might be cleansed.

SCRIPTURE PRAYING: Spend time reading in the Psalms, in the prophets, or passages on prayer located in the New Testament.

WATCHING: Develop Holy alertness to the things of God.

INTERCESSION: Make requests on behalf of others.

PETITION: Share personal needs and concerns with the Lord.

THANKSGIVING: Give thanks to the Lord for the things in your life, on behalf of your family, and on behalf of your church.

SINGING: Sing songs of praise or worship or another hymn or spiritual song.

MEDITATTION: Ask the Lord to speak to you. Have a pen and paper ready to record impressions He gives you.

LISTENING: Spend time merging the things you have read, things you have prayed and things you have sung and see how the Lord brings them all together to speak to you.

PRAISE: Praise the Lord for the time you have had to spend with Him and the impressions He has given you. Praise Him for His glorious attributes.

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Standing
in
the
Gap
Ezekiel 22:30

