DAYS OF PRAYER

PRAYER GUIDE

PRAYER AT ACTION CHURCH

From its inception, Action Church has made it a priority to seek God first in prayer. From monthly Morning Prayer to Encounter and Sunday services, prayer anchors our church. Twice a year we come together to pray collectively as a church - each January with the Churchwide Fast and each August with 21 Days of Prayer. These two months are intentional, as they begin new seasons of the year. Together we faithfully seek God first, trusting in His power alone to create lasting impact in our lives, our church, and our world.

21 Days of Prayer

If you sense God has more for your life, 21 Days of Prayer is a great place to start believing Him for all that He has for you. As you practice seeking Him first, He will move on your behalf like never before. You will start to see the power of prayer impacting your relationships, work, family, and every area of your life. During the next 21 days, we will focus on the theme: Living on Mission: A church that reaches people knows God, loves God, and shares God.

This journal has been provided to guide your prayer time through the next 21 days. Here are some ways to get the most out of each day:

The Word of God

Each day will begin with a theme verse and prayer focus which will be shared in a short devotional to help focus your time of prayer.

Prayer points,

Prayer points, will be given each day and are connected to the theme verse and prayer focus. They help us pray the Word of God.

Reflection

Reflection questions are provided in this journal to prompt your personal prayer time and help you discern what God is saying to you each day.

Corporate Prayer

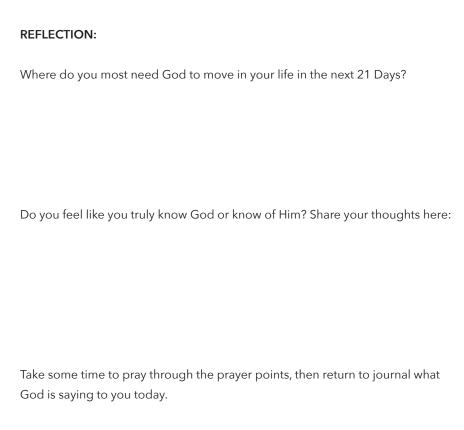
We will end our time together in corporate prayer where we will align our prayers as a united church family.

WEEK 1: KNOW GOD

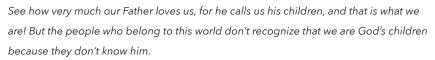
Day 1 - Know God

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation,
God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he
called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9 NLT



Day 2 - God the Father



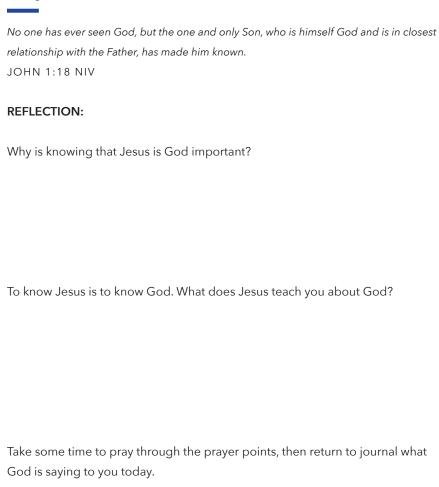
1 JOHN 3:11 NLT

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How has God been a Father to you?

Reflect on your earthly Father and your heavenly Father - what are the similarities and the differences?

Day 3 - God the Son



Day 4 - God the Holy Spirit

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 NLT
REFLECTION:
Why is it important to know God the Holy Spirit?
What is your relationship with the Holy Spirit?
Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what
God is saying to you today.

Day 5 - God is Love

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 JOHN 4:8 NIV
REFLECTION:
If God is love, how would you describe love?
Are there people you struggle to love? How can knowing God is love help you love them?
Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

Day 6 - Living God

But the Lord is the only true God. He is the living God and the everlasting King! JEREMIAH 10:10A NLT
REFLECTION:
How does believing this truth about God impact your life?
Where do you most need the power of God to move in your life today?
Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

Day 7 - Sunday

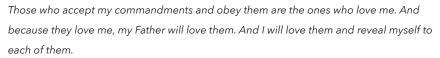
Attend an Action Church location for worship.

Reflect on today's message.

What was God saying to you? What steps do you need to take because of this?

WEEK 2: LOVE GOD

Day 8 - Love Him



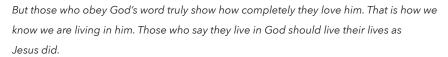
JOHN 14:21 NLT

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List aspects of your life that demonstrate your love for God.

Is your love for God conditional? What are the conditions? How does this verse impact that?

Day 9 - Obey Him



1 JOHN 2:5-6 NLT

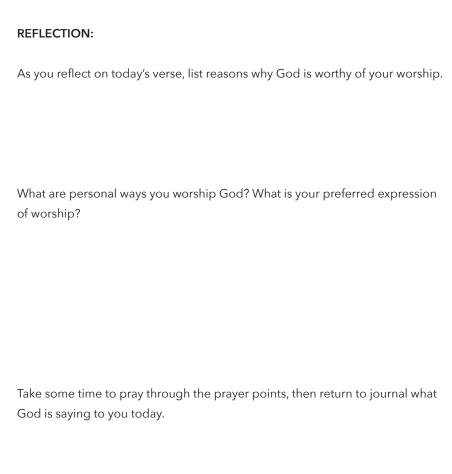
REFLECTION:

What is your relationship with the Word of God? Is obedience to it hard? Why or why not?

Consider the life of Jesus. What areas of your life do you live as an example of Him? In what areas do you need to grow to be more like Him?

Day 10 - Worship Him

$Your \ unfailing \ love \ is \ better \ than \ life \ itself; \ how \ I \ praise \ you! \ I \ will \ praise \ you \ as \ long \ as \ I$
live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.
PSALM 63:3-4 NLT

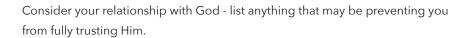


Day 11 - Trust Him

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

ISAIAH 26:3-4 NLT

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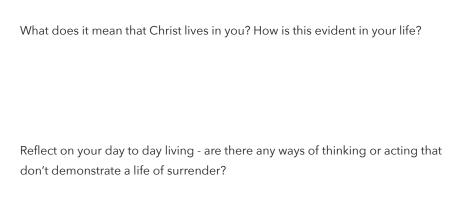


What promise does this scripture give you concerning trusting God? What is keeping this promise from being a reality in your life?

Day 12 - Surrender to Him

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now
live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
GALATIANS 2:20 NIV

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Day 13 - Seek Him

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. PROVERBS 8:17 ESV
REFLECTION:
Have you ever sought God? What did He reveal to you about Himself?
What distractions keep you from seeking God daily? What steps can you take to change this?
Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

Day 14 - Sunday

Attend an Action Church location for worship.

Reflect on today's message.

What was God saying to you? What steps do you need to take because of this?

WEEK 3: SHARE GOD

Day 15 - Share God

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

ROMANS 10:14-15 NLT

REFLECTION:

How could you share God with someone today?

Is there anything preventing you from being bold in sharing your faith? Write it below and then ask God to empower you with courage to speak boldly.

Day 16 - Share the Good News

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:16-17 NIV

REFLECTION:

What does this promise teach you about the Holy Spirit?

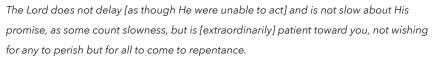
For whose salvation are you praying? Here is a prayer of salvation you can lead them through when they are ready:

God, thank you for loving me and saving me. I acknowledge that I'm a sinner, saved only by your grace. I am confessing with my mouth and believing in my heart that you, Jesus, are Lord. Have your way in my life. From now on, help me to live for you, with you in control. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name, amen.

Day 17 - Share His Goodness

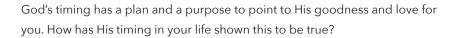
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.
PSALM 107:1 NLT
REFLECTION:
How has God been good to you?
How has God brought good out of difficult situations for you? Who have you shared this with?
Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

Day 18 - Share His Patience



2 PETER 3:9 AMP

REFLECTION:



Is there anyone in your life you fear is beyond the reach of God? Write their name and pray fervently that God's patience leads to their repentance.

Day 19 - Share His Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27 NIV

REFLECTION:

"Shalom - peace - means much more than the absence of distress. It means wholeness, completeness, health, security. Unsaved people enjoy peace when there is an absence of trouble; Christians enjoy peace *in spite* of trials because of the presence of power, the Holy Spirit."

Is this different from how you've understood peace?

Is there anyone you know needing to hear about the peace God gives you? How can you share it with them?

¹ Wiersbe, Warren. The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: New Testament, David C Cook, Colorado Springs, 2007, p. 283.

Day 20 - Share Christ in You

But in your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him, giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord. Always be ready to give a [logical] defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope and confident assurance [elicited by faith] that is within you, yet [do it] with gentleness and respect.

1 PETER 3:15 AMP

REFLECTION:

Reflect on your day to day living - what place does God have? Currently, what or who has the first place? Do you need to make more room for Him?

"Apologetics" is the branch of theology that deals with the defense of the faith. Every Christian should be able to give a reasoned defense of his hope in Christ, especially in hopeless situations. A crisis creates the opportunity for witness when a believer behaves with faith and hope, because the unbelievers will then sit up and take notice."

How have you shared your faith and hope with someone in crisis?

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Day 21 - Sunday

Attend an Action Church location for worship.
What are you three greatest takeaways from the last 21 Days of Prayer?
What are next steps you need to take because of these revelations?

