



INDIVIDUAL PRAYER GUIDE

21 DAYS – DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

Since the beginning of **LIBERTY CHURCH** in 1984, we have been known as a House of Prayer and have set our hearts to be known as a people of prayer. We invite you to join us as we **pray first** in every situation and circumstance, whether good or bad, let's pray before we panic, let's pray before we give into fear. Many times, we act first and then want God to bail us out of that situation, but **prayer should be our first response, and not our last resort.**

Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough though; for it to become a part of our life, it needs to become something we look forward to doing. I'm convinced most people don't enjoy prayer because they have never been taught how to pray. And that's where I'm believing this simple prayer journal can help. Using several prayer models out of the Bible and having some guides to make prayer more personal, this booklet is designed to bring joy into your time with God. When you discover the beauty of daily conversation with Him, you'll experience the presence of God that will change your life.

So... Before the day begins
 Before you go to bed
 Before you go to work or school
 Before you send that text
 Before you eat, drive or travel
 When good things happen
 Before bad things happen
 In every situation ----- **PRAY FIRST!**

Because prayer changes everything... welcome to the journey. Let's see what God has for us!

Day 1

Week One

Sunday, January 12

RECALIBRATE

Read: John 1:1-18

Extended seasons of prayer and fasting are more necessary to our souls than we may realize. While we know that we love Christ and are following Him each day, there comes a point in time when we realize that we may be drifting a bit. We may be drifting unintentionally, but when we do begin this slide, our hearts need a recalibration.

Acknowledging our tendency to drift, today we turn our eyes and hearts back to Christ.

Reflecting on John 1, we see the solution to a drifting heart and a world distracted by idols that never satisfy. At the opening of John's gospel, we meet the light in the darkness, the one who brings life to those trapped in a world of death. We are introduced to Jesus the King who is bringing grace upon grace. Understanding who Jesus is recalibrates our restless and longing hearts. While we tend to become distracted by lesser loves, wrapped up in busy schedules, and overwhelmed with the anxieties and cares of this life, Jesus comes to set us free. At the beginning of this season of prayer, we must begin with Christ.

21 days of prayer is about more than a church learning to practice a discipline over the course of three weeks. Rather, it is about a church placing their lives in the hands of the Jesus we read in John 1 and confessing how desperate we are for Him. We need His grace. So, at the outset of this season of prayer, let's start recalibrating and asking Jesus for His help. We need Him to remove the lesser loves from our lives, drown out the distractions, so that we can fix our eyes on Him.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

What “lesser loves” exist in your life right now that are distracting you from Christ?

Confess those things to God and ask for his grace to recalibrate your heart.

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For God to use these 21 days to make our church more prayerfully dependent on Him
- For the spiritual growth of people participating in 21 Days of Prayer

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DAY 2

Monday, January 13

DEATH TO LIFE

Read: Romans 5

REFLECTION:

Our current digital age seems to be growing more divisive by the day. Every news report and headline we read seems to create a great divide over differing opinions. The political climate is angrier than ever, while unity with others seems more uncommon by the day. What we are seeing grow at an alarming rate is that we seem to be making more enemies than friends in this world. The reality is, we do not enjoy being around people who disagree with us, who belittle us, who mock us, and especially those who may even do legitimate wrong towards us.

Paul leans in on this reality in Romans 5 and we are reminded that even for a “good” person, sacrificial love is rarely extended. To think that sacrificial love would be extended to a “bad” person, an enemy, is unthinkable to us. Knowing that love for our enemies is nearly non-existent in our world today makes the grace of God more amazing.

We are told that Jesus, the one who has never harmed anyone, came to earth to save His enemies. Jesus did not come to save friends who were kind towards Him. No, he came to save the ones who mock Him, belittle Him, disrespect Him, spit on Him, and even kill Him. He came for His enemies. The grace of God is magnificent when we remember that Jesus came for us when we were His enemy. While we were at our worst, Jesus came to deliver us. Today we thank God for his grace that is truly amazing.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

How have you seen the faithfulness of God in your life recently?

How can you give thanks to God for loving you even while you were at your worst?

How can you extend grace to those around you?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For our church to have a heart of thanksgiving for all God has done
- That we would have a greater awareness of His presence in our lives
- For the eyes of our understanding to be open concerning the kingdom of God colliding with our earthly kingdom.

DAY 3

Tuesday, January 14

Increase, Decrease

Read: John 3:22-36

REFLECTION:

Our lives tend to shine “spotlights” on things that matter most to us. Whether that be our hobbies, our teams, the music we enjoy or some other area of life... we all shine spotlights on the things we love. But I would argue that underneath all that sits something else that we consistently want to shine a spotlight towards... ourselves.

We may like to think we would never do this, but we know the great tendency we have toward pride, self-exaltation, and even the hope that others will think well of us. What is even more dangerous is that this temptation can even exist within the church. We can take pride in our serving, giving, devotional commitment, or even our greater morality as compared to those around us.

John the Baptist shows something to us in our verses today that is challenging, but also liberating for the pride that exists within us. John, over anyone, had much to be “proud” of. Jesus spoke very highly of him and his incredible story is captured in the gospels and he is seeing a group of people follow and learn from him. And yet John says that Jesus must increase in his life, and he must decrease. How desperately we need this reminder in our lives. We tend to be OK with Jesus increasing, so long as we can increase with him. We are even happy to give Him the greater platform, if He lets us come along for the journey. The problem is, only one person will receive the spotlight in your life. The spotlight will be on you, or it can be on Christ. Today,

let's pray and ask God to fill us with humility and give us great joy in decreasing as Christ increases!

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

What areas of pride do you need to put before the Lord today?

Where do you find yourself most tempted to think about your own spotlight as opposed to Christ?

What kingdoms have you built that are in conflict with the kingdom of God?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- That we would remove any idols we have place before Christ
- That we would humble ourselves and allow Christ to increase as we decrease.
- That we would allow Christ to root out anything that is hindering our walk with him.

DAY 4

Wednesday, January 15

FLOURISHING

Read: I John 1:5-2:6

REFLECTION:

Our current cultural climate is filled with the pressure for people to be perfect and we are influenced to present this perfect image of someone who seems to have everything all together. But our culture will also turn quickly on someone who once had it all together but upsets us by saying something that the masses don't care for. You can probably think of several cases of a celebrity going from hero to zero simply by a tweet or FB message.

How grateful we should be that God has far greater wisdom, exponentially more grace, and a tender compassion that is unknown in our world today. We know far too well that we are not perfect... we tend to fail and falter often and just about the time we think we finally have it all together; down we go again. For all of those who find themselves stumbling back to the old sinful patterns, John brings a great bit of relief as he acknowledges the reality that we are sinful in I John 1:8.

We can breathe a sigh of relief because Jesus is our advocate, and He has atoned for all of our sins if we have trusted in Him. While the world discards people based on a single misstep, God invites us in and give us hope through His grace. Because of the cross your worst day is no longer your final day... you can have a resurrection! Consider the kindness of God that He would look at us, the very ones who have done wrong, and invite us to confess our sins and receive His grace.

God’s grace is far greater and much deeper than you and I can even begin to imagine.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

How does God’s grace drive us to grow in our obedience to him?
What sin are you carrying that you need to confess to the Lord?
What internal dialogue do you need to erase so that you can walk forward in your relationship with Christ?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For radical obedience to be our daily posture.
- For God to raise up strong and godly families in our church & community
- For us to be a people of consecration to the things of the Lord.

Day 5

Thursday, January 16

IMITATION

Read: Philippians 2:1-11

REFLECTION:

During childhood, we search for someone who is greater than us to imitate. We aspire to be like our parents, our favorite movie character, or the great sports heroes that we look up to. We may not realize it, but nothing changes all that much as we move towards adulthood. People are consistently shaped by their surroundings and are formed by those who we perceive to “have it all together.” What if the same thing is happening to us even now as followers of Christ? Whether we are aware or not, our lives are being formed in a certain direction... the question is whether our lives are being formed to be more like Jesus or are we being shaped by the broken patterns and places of the world?

Philippians 2:1-11 shows that the Christian life should be molded by the incredible humility that was demonstrated by Jesus when he came to live among mankind. This scripture gives us insight into the countercultural life of following Jesus; just as Jesus humbled himself to come and serve us, so now our lives should aspire to be like His.

For every person following Jesus, it is good for us to examine our lives and see if His character is being displayed in us or are our lives reflecting a different master. Today, take some time to consider whether you are growing to look more like Christ, or if your life is being shaped in some other way. No matter where you are, remember that Christ is never finished with you, and He is committed to completing the work He has already begun within you!

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

What currently has the greatest influence on the person you are becoming?

How does following Jesus need to change the person you are today?

What areas do you need to allow the Holy Spirit into?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- That we would cultivate a passion to know Jesus in a real way and study his Word
- That we could become a church that is desperate and dependent on God
- That we would grow daily in our faith
- That the harvest would come in and people would come to know Jesus

Day 6

Friday, January 17

Every day we start with a Prayer of Adoration.

It's been said that "A picture is worth a thousand words." When we are able to "taste and see" God (**Psalms 34:8**), our hearts are alive because we can both receive love from Him and give love to Him.

IN ADORATION WE:

- **Praise** His character.
- **Acknowledge** His attributes.
- **Describe** His beauty.
- **Worship** Him as Savior.

In the Father's redemptive plan, it is His intention for Jesus, "the image of the invisible God" (**Colossians 1:15**), to be seen, known, and worshipped by every tribe and tongue throughout the nations of the earth. Praying the Bible and worshiping Jesus for who He is, joins the prayer and worship in Heaven (**Revelation 4**) that continually adores Jesus in this way.

What makes Adoration prayer unique?

- Adoration is "He" centered vs. "We" centered.
- Our focus is on who He is not how we are doing.
- Our focus is on His worth not our circumstances.

Adoration builds faith in **who He is** so we can have **confidence** when we make our requests and **open hearts** when He speaks. As we pray, our hearts become positioned to "boldly come before the throne of Grace" (**Hebrews 4:16**) in intercession.

ADORATION is agreement with who God is.

REPENTANCE is our acknowledgment that we are not where He is but want to turn from our ways to align with Him.

INTERCESSION is agreement with what God has promised to do.

Why do we anchor our prayer and intercession in the Bible?

- The Bible is God’s language, the language of His heart, the language of Heaven.
- The Bible is positive in nature and encouraging to our spirit and renewing to our minds.
- The Bible is faith-filled and has no doubt or unbelief.
- The Bible creates unity in God’s people as we pray and worship from it.

MEDITATION focuses on our ‘take away’.

Day 7

Saturday, January 18

A NINEVEH MOMENT

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.”

(Jonah 3:5)

ADORATION: YOU ARE COMPASSIONATE

“Yet even now...Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments. Now Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness, and relenting of evil. **Who knows** whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him?” **(Joel 2:12-14)**

“Then the LORD passed in front of Moses and proclaimed [His name], ‘The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth...’” **(Exodus 34:6)**

REPENTANCE:

“We have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments... Open shame belongs to us... and to our kings... because we have sinned against you... because of our sins... your people have become a reproach to those around us... we are not presenting these supplications because of any merits of our own, but because of your great compassion.”

(Daniel 9:1-20 excerpts)

- **Father, forgive us for great Sins in our nation and as believers. We have forsaken God and ignore His Word. We have shed innocent blood and hated one another. We have committed sexual immorality. We have worshipped money and trusted in our own strength. Forgive us!**

INTERCESSION:

“O Lord, Hear! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Listen and Take Action!” (Joel 2:12-14)

- **Father, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to our prayers and repentance for the people of God and for our nation**
- **Father, forgive us, your people for our sins that have grieved Your heart and deserve righteous judgment.**
- **Father, our human action is weak and inadequate for the problems we are facing. We do not trust in kings or princes, in politics or the power of our own hands, but our eyes are on You. Would You rise and take action to revive your Church and to bring about a great turning in this moment of crisis?**

MEDITATION:

- Are we in a Nineveh Moment?
- If so, how can I rightly respond to this divine opportunity over the next 14 Days?

Day 8

WEEK TWO

Sunday, January 19

AN UPPER ROOM POSTURE

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer.” **(Acts 1:14)**

ADORATION: YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL TO BEHOLD

“Your eyes will see the King in His beauty...” **(Isaiah 33:17)**

“But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory...” **(2 Corinthians 3:18)**

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God...” **(Hebrews 12:22-23)**

REPENTANCE:

“I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; Therefore, I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes.” **(Job 42:5-6)**

- **We repent of being absorbed by the worries and pleasures of an earth-bound life, and not continually devoting ourselves to behold Your transformative and empowering beauty.**

- **We repent of trying to extend Your Kingdom through our own understanding instead of tasting Your glory that would make us witnesses of You.**

INTERCESSION:

“Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth!” **(Psalm 80:1)**

- **Father, give our generation the light of the knowledge of You in Christ. Disrupt and refine our routines so that we find the delights of Your upper room again!**
- **Show us Your glory and make us one!**

MEDITATION:

- What does it look like to have an “upper room posture” over the remainder of these 13 Days?
- Am I an “eyewitness” of Jesus in the world, speaking of what I have seen and experienced of Him?
- What parts of my witness to others is focused on opinions “about” Jesus rather than an “eyewitness” account?

Day 9

Monday, January 20

HUMILITY

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“God opposes the proud but gives Grace to the humble.”

(James 4:6)

ADORATION: YOU ARE GRACIOUS TO THE HUMBLE

“Yes, God does these things again and again for people. He rescues them from the grave so they may enjoy the light of life.”

(Job 33:29-30)

“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

“God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.”

(Matthew 5:5)

REPENTANCE:

“Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.”

(Psalm 62:5-8)

- **Lord, I acknowledge that often I am motivated by the urgency of this life; I speak and act without knowing Your heart first. When I forget how near You are, convict my heart and**

increase my confidence that You live and move within me. Let me experience Your peace empowering me to wait for Your Spirit to fill my inner man. Through being filled with Your fullness, Jesus, I will accomplish the will of God

INTERCESSION:

“For the LORD of Heaven’s Armies has a day of reckoning. He will punish the proud and mighty and bring down everything that is exalted... Human pride will be humbled, and human arrogance will be brought down. Only the LORD will be exalted on that day of judgment...” **(Isaiah 2:12, 17)**

- **Lord, Lord, You are the judge of the earth. You will judge all human pride and destroy the wisdom of this age. Send forth light and truth to awaken hearts so that many will bow down and worship the Sun. Let many acknowledge their violation of Your will and turn to worship and serve You.**

MEDITATION:

- Is there an area of compromise or trusting in my abilities (pride) that should be submitted to Christ, allowing His grace to come into my life?
- What does true humility look like according to Scripture? How is that different than what people often think of as humility?

Day 10

Tuesday, January 21

TURNING FROM EVIL DEEDS

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.” **(Psalm 139:23-24)**

ADORATION:

YOU ARE FORGIVING TO THOSE WHO TURN FROM EVIL

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.” **(Psalm 51:1)**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
(1 John 1:9)

“He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.” **(Psalm 103:10-14)**

REPENTANCE:

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” (Ephesians 1:7)

- **Father in heaven, You know us too well. You understand we are like sheep and all of us have gone astray. Blot out our transgressions through the finished work of Christ. Forgive our repeated offenses against You and Your Name. Restore us, through Your grace, as Your sons and daughters.**
- **Wash me and make me white as snow. Cleanse me from every evil thought. Renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation that I might experience Your holiness.**

INTERCESSION:

“Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

- **Father, grant me Your pardon for my grievous sins and help me to become a fragrant offering that is pleasing to You. God, thank you for Your patience with our country. Give us a contrite heart that we may see the joy of repentance as we turn from our evil and sinful way back to you.**

MEDITATION:

- How/when do you find yourself hiding your true self from God?
- What would it look like for you to live openly before Him?
- What would it look like for a community (a family, a city, a nation) to live openly before God?

Day 11

Wednesday, January 22

TURNING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” **(Acts 3:19)**

ADORATION:

YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF TIMES OF REFRESHING

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
(Galatians 4:3-5)

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!” **(Jude 1:24-25)**

REPENTANCE:

“The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall

be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”

(1 John 3:1-3)

- **Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against You. By Your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow Him more faithfully.**
- **Gracious Savior, as a nation we have abandoned Your ways. As a Church, we have been timid in proclaiming Your holiness and righteousness. As people, we have worshipped idols because they demanded so little from us. Hear our cries and forgive our sins so that times of refreshing may come and You may send Jesus.**

INTERCESSION:

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” **(Galatians 2:20)**

- **Holy Father, where I am weak, You are strong. Help me to abide in You that I may have faith to live according to the calling You have placed on my life. Jesus, wipe out all my transgressions. Eradicate every thought that is impure. Bind up the broken places in my heart and let Your peace refresh my soul.**

MEDITATION:

- What benefits or blessings are promised for those who turn to God?
- What would “times of refreshing” look like in my family?

Day 12

Thursday, January 23

WAITING ON GOD

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“In repentance and rest you will be saved. In quietness and trust is your strength.” **(Isaiah 30:15)**

ADORATION:

YOU ARE GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT ON YOU

“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of the Lord.” **(Lamentations 3:25)**

“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven... and much incense was given to him that he might add it to the prayers of the saints... and there followed peals of thunder, and sounds, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake...” **(John 14:27)**

REPENTANCE:

“Now he waited... but Samuel did not come... and the people were scattering from him... so I [Saul] forced myself...” **(1 Samuel 13:8-12)**

- **Father, we repent for being constrained by what is popular, what sells, and what methods work. We**

have been led astray by brilliant marketers and have forced ourselves to act for quick results.

- **We return to wait upon You, for our hearts to burn again as we make room for Your glory in our silence... Our words are ended.**

INTERCESSION:

**“Let him put his mouth in the dust, perhaps there is hope.
(Lamentations 3:29)**

- **God of all hope! Fill us with all joy and hope and peace in believing so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Oh would You rend the Heavens and come down so that our mountains would melt like wax!**

MEDITATION:

- Am I satisfied and content with the Lord in silence?
- Where is God calling me to be still and wait for Him to act, rather than taking matters into my own hands?
- What does it look like for a nation to wait on God?

Day 13

Friday, January 24

FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” **(Romans 15:13)**

ADORATION: YOU ARE THE GOD WHO GIVES HOPE

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” **(Jeremiah 29:11)**

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” **(John 14:27)**

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” **(Romans 8:28)**

REPENTANCE:

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest’.”
(Matthew 13:8-12)

- **Forgive us for putting our hope in things other than You. We confess that by doing this we have lost our anchor of peace and confidence and welcomed in**

fear and anxiety. We come to You, exchanging our weariness for Your rest.

- **We lay down any burden of Fear at your feet – fear of the unknown, people, disease, the economy war, or death. We set our minds on Your perfect love that casts out fear.**

INTERCESSION:

“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” **(Genesis 50:20)**

- **Fill our hearts with courage. May Your awesome power, Your comforting presence in any storm, and Your guiding wisdom replace our fear and timidity.**
- **Fill our hearts with optimism based on Your promises. May we look at today’s broken world not in fear or despair, but in the light of Your ability and purpose to work all things for good.**

MEDITATION:

- Corrie ten Boom once said: “God has no problems, only plans... When I try, I fail. When I trust, He succeeds.”
 - Turn your thoughts to a hopeless situation in your own life... is it possible for God to bring this situation from despair to hope?
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Day 14

Saturday, January 25

FOR SALVATION AND A GREAT HARVEST

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“May God be gracious to us and bless us; look on us with favor, so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.” **(Psalm 67:1)**

ADORATION: YOU ARE THE GOD WHO SAVES

“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.” **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **(John 3:16)**

“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.” **(Romans 10:9-10)**

REPENTANCE:

“I will bless you and you shall be a blessing. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” **(Genesis 12:2-3)**

- **We are blessed to be a blessing. We repent of our selfish hearts that seek only to be ‘blessed’ instead of ‘being a blessing’.**
- **We repent of missing our call of making the Gospel all about saving others, by making the Gospel all about saving me instead.**

INTERCESSION:

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation...” **(Isaiah 52:7)**

- **Father, fill us with compassion for the lost. Replace our self-centered agendas with Your self-giving sacrificial love. May we see each personal need through Your eyes.**
- **We pray for a great harvest of lost souls. Do a supernatural work of preparation in their hearts to receive You. Fill our hearts with boldness to share and declare who You are.**

MEDITATION:

- What are some hindrances you feel to sharing your faith?
- What is the boldest you have ever been for Christ? Why were you so bold in that situation?

Day 15

WEEK THREE

Sunday, January 26

TRANSFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, CITIES AND NATIONS

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” **(Ezekiel 36:26)**

ADORATION: YOU ARE THE GOD WHO TRANSFORMS

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his **good, pleasing and perfect will.**” **(Romans 12:2)**

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of the orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.”

(Isaiah 1:16, 17)

REPENTANCE:

“He has shown you o man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you? To do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” **(Micah 6:8)**

- **We repent for living a ‘superficial’ Gospel; ignoring our heart problem and instead being satisfied with our outside appearance.**
- **We repent for ignoring Your call to be agents of transformation by allowing Your mercy and justice in our cities and nations.**

INTERCESSION:

“You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:14-16)

- **Lord, make us into a people that walk in Your light and shine Your light to the world. We give You the darkest corners of our towns, cities, and nations knowing only Your Light can bring transformation.**
- **Father, lead us to do good deeds that bless our communities and bring honor to Your Name.**

MEDITATION:

- In the light of God’s beautiful inside transformation, ask the Holy Spirit what area in your heart He wants to transform with His Love.
 - As His agent of transformation, bringing justice and mercy to your neighborhood, what is your call to action?
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Day 16

Monday, January 27

FOR GOD’S PEOPLE TO SEIZE A “KAIROS” MOMENT

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“And now, Lord, take note of their threats and grant that Your servants may speak your word with boldness while... signs and wonders take place through the name of Your Holy servant Jesus.” **(Acts 4:29-30)**

ADORATION: YOU ARE THE GOD WHO GRANTS BOLDNESS

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.” **(Daniel 2:20-21)**

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” **(Romans 11:33)**

“...Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
(Revelation 1:5-6)

REPENTANCE:

“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping, believing that he would become the father of many nations... And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though... he figured his body was as good as dead, and so was Sarah’s womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.” **(Romans 4:18-21)**

- **Lord, Abraham first attempted to fulfill Your promise in his own timing and with his own resources (i.e. Ishmael). There are times, in the same way, that we attempt to bring forth Your purposes without discerning Your appointed time. Expose the deeper motivations that lead us into this error and fill us with great expectations and revelation of Your timing to accomplish every promise made in Christ!**

INTERCESSION:

“The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power...” **(Psalm 110:2-3)**

- **Lord Jesus, the Father will give You millions of people who accurately discern the times, love the truth, and freely volunteer in the day of Your power! Prepare us in devotion and empower us to walk in works of righteousness and mercy and to be a free-will offering in service to You!**

MEDITATION:

- Is there any unfulfilled promise from the Lord in which you need to abound in faith?

- What doors of opportunity has God opened and is He waiting for you to act on?

Day 17

Tuesday, January 28

ANCHOR

Read: Psalm 119:1-24

REFLECTION:

Have you ever experienced the feeling of floating in the ocean, only to realize you have drifted in a different direction than the waves beneath you? For beach lovers who board a float and find themselves drifting off to the sleep, it can be terrifying to wake up and realize you are hundreds of feet down shore from where you began! It's the same with the human heart... our hearts are prone to drift in directions that we really don't want to go if we are not careful. In the sacred hymn of the church, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" it says, "prone to wander, Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love." The reality is our hearts drift away from becoming more like Christ if we become unaware of the cultural waves that are moving underneath us.

For the wandering heart, **Psalm 119** reads as an anchor to keep us steadfast in the ways of the Lord. What will prevent a heart from wandering? What can keep our hearts tethered to the ways of Christ? This Psalm is an invitation to devote our lives to knowing the Word of God; we don't want to simply know it in our heads... we want to be moved, in our hearts. Right now, we are being pulled in a many directions and the promise of Psalm 119 is that when we allow our hearts to be pulled by the Scriptures, the result is a life that is growing in godliness every day.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

What direction is your life moving towards right now?

Are you growing in godliness or being pulled away by the world?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for those in our community who don't know Jesus
- That we would be a house for the harvest
- That God would make us a people who take the Gospel to others with urgency

Day 18

Wednesday, January 29

RUNNING FREE

Read: Hebrews 11-12:2

REFLECTION:

Have you ever tried to run with large, thick boots on your feet? It's almost laughable to think about running fast with that on your feet when they would seem to function like shackles. Hebrews 11 and 12 set up a great picture for us to see together as we consider what it means to grow in the likeness of Christ. We are given a picture in **Hebrews 11** of saints who have gone before us and have left wonderful examples of faith for us to follow. You turn the corner to **Hebrews 12** and you see the application of the examples that have been given to us as the writer instructs us to lay aside every weight and sin that clings closely to us as we seek to run our race.

Right now, we are running our race to look more and more like Christ but there are great weights and chains clinging to us and holding us back. Like running with boots on, pursuing to be like Christ while sin clings to us is impossible. Not only does sin cling to us, but there are other "weights" – things not sinful but maybe not helpful – that are keeping us from boldly walking in our purpose. To grow in godliness, we know that we want to look more like Christ so we wage war and battle against sin every day. We also know that right now there are things present in our lives that may not be sinful, but they certainly are not helpful in our pursuit of holiness. Today, may we lay aside every weight and fight against every sin so that we can run our race well and make a difference for eternity.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

What is present in your life right now that needs to be put to death?
What “weight” exists in your life that seems to be keeping you from growing daily in Christ.

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For Liberty students to make disciples for the next generation.
- For wisdom and spiritual growth in our students.
- For generational curses to be broken in our families.
- For teachable students who hearts are open & turned toward their parents.

Day 19

Thursday, January 30

EMPOWERED TO GO

Read: Acts 2:1-41

REFLECTION:

Have you ever been watching a movie at home and then all of a sudden the power goes out? What about trying to start your car with a dead battery? Several years ago we had a blizzard hit the small city where I lived and our family was without power for three weeks. Needless to say, these types of things are very frustrating. What's very clear in our world today is our absolute dependence upon power for survival. Why? Because we need some type of power source for pretty much everything we own. In our passage today, we will see our need for power from the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's mission in our lives. The great theologian Charles Spurgeon said, "Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without the wind, branches without sap, and like coals without fire, we are useless." That's very serious language. Useless without the power of the Holy Spirit.

It doesn't take long for Luke to describe the effects of the Holy Spirit. As believers are gathered together praying in the upper room during Pentecost, God sends His Spirit. He made a spectacular entrance filling the room like the sound of a mighty rushing wind and spread like wildfire on each believer. While not everyone agrees on the meaning of such imagery, one thing is very clear, the Holy Spirit came as promised by Jesus to provide power for believers to fulfill His mission (**Acts 1:8**). We can see this power wonderfully displayed through Peter the Apostle as he stood and boldly preached the redemptive work of Christ to thousands of people. This is the same guy who denied Jesus prior to the crucifixion (**Luke 22**). Now we see

him living the mission with boldness, proclaiming the Gospel, and thousands of people putting their faith in Jesus. Do you want to know something? We can experience the same boldness that Peter did. How? Through the Spirit of God who lives in us. Notice, Peter was in a posture of prayer, submission, obedience, and trust. If we live our lives in such a fashion, we too can be empowered to go live the mission like Peter.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

Do you feel powerless at times to live out your faith? In what areas do you feel weakest? (At work, at school, at church or out in public)

Will you ask God to give you spiritual power in every area of your life so you can boldly live out the Great Commission?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For our Pastors to have wisdom concerning the direction to which God has called Liberty for 2025.
- For the Pastors and church leaders in our community to grow together in unity and purpose.
- That God will use our local churches to be a light in our community and make disciples.

Day 20

Friday, January 31

LOVING OTHERS

Read: I John 4:7-21

REFLECTION:

I can imagine most of us have heard the statement, “Words, without actions, are meaningless.” If you grew up in church, you may have heard it said, “Practice what you preach.” I remember my parents saying, “Be a person of your word. Always keep your word, even to your own harm.” There are lots of ways to express the same idea, but I think you get the point. Actions demonstrate our words. We see this in Scripture when Jesus washed His disciples’ feet. And our passage today shows us exactly how we should respond to such love, humility, and sacrifice.

When reading Scripture, it’s a good idea pay close attention to things that are repeated. The statement, “**God is love**” is repeated a couple of times in our text. What John is making perfectly clear is that God is the source of love. John Piper says, “Love belongs to God’s nature. It’s woven into what He is. It’s part of what it means to be God. The sun gives light because it is light. And fire gives heat because it is heat.” What an incredible description. However, that’s not the only statement we see more than once in our text. The command to “**Love one another**” is also repeated. We love God because He first loved us and our ability to love God and other people comes from God himself. What’s even more remarkable is that God demonstrates his love in and through Jesus Christ. Jesus defines love! So, how do we respond?

Our first response is when we put our faith in Jesus. After that, according to our reading today, we are called to love one another with

the same deep, sacrificial love given to us in Christ; that means confessing sins to one another, bearing one another’s burdens, meeting needs, living on mission together, and maybe even washing feet. The point is, when we do this, we reflect close, intimate, biblical community, making the Gospel more believable to those around us **(John 17:20-21)**.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

- Are you loving others like Jesus?
- Are you currently walking in community with others?
- Are you willing to make the first move towards reconciliation when necessary?
- How can you bring healing to those around you?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For God to heal the division in our country.
- For a spiritual awakening within our community.
- For protection over law enforcement and first responders.

Day 21

Saturday, February 1

BETTER TOGETHER

Read: Acts 4:23-37

REFLECTION:

“We Need Each Other.” This is one of our convictions here at Liberty. Here is how we describe it: “We believe our God is a God of community. As his people, we too must share in community both for spiritual growth and to bear His image rightly in the world. Doing so requires more than surface level interaction but true devotion, commitment, and deep love for one **another (Acts 2:42-47)**. Therefore, we will be a people of authentic relationships, knowing they are vital for us and instrumental in making the Gospel more believable to the outside world (**John 17:21, 1 John 4:11-12**).” In our text today we can see what community looks like in the church as a whole.

After Peter and John boldly proclaimed the truth to the religious leaders who had opposed Jesus and had Him crucified, we find them gathering together with other believers for a time of prayer. **Prayer is the key**. Prayer should always be our first response and not our last resort. We call out to God because we need Him and that’s what they were doing. Luke tells us that during their time of prayer, they were ALL filled with the Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly (v. 31).

The Spirit gives us boldness and confidence to share the Gospel individually and together, because sometimes it is hard. Not only do we see boldness, we see they were unified in heart and soul. I would say that’s pretty unified. And it’s reflected in what happens next. They sacrificed personal property, possessions, and financial resources so that needs that existed could be met. This is how we are called to live

our lives today. We should willingly sacrifice for one another and the church. The truth is, God has called and equipped us to be better together.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

Do you hold tightly or loosely to the resources God has given to you?
Are you currently faithful with your finances to give back to God?
How can you be the hands and feet of Christ to those around you financially?

CORPORATE PRAYER POINTS:

- For state and national leaders in government
- For local elected officials and nonprofit organizations in our community.
- For the upcoming transition of power in Washington.
- For America to turn back to God and for a great harvest of souls to come into the Kingdom.
