

21

DAYS OF PRAYER

HIGHPOINT CHURCH

January 3 – 23, 2021

Highpoint Family,

In this new year, we are determining to set our hearts to be a people of prayer. Beginning on January 3rd through January 23rd, we are spending 21 days of prayer together. Our rally cry at Highpoint will be, "Pray First." In every situation, whether good or bad, we will pray before we act. Many times, people act first and then want God to rescue them from that situation, but prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.

Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough. In order for it to become a part of our daily life, it needs to become something we look forward to doing. I'm convinced that for most people who don't enjoy prayer, it's because they have never been taught how to pray. That's where this simple prayer guide can help. Using several prayer models from the Bible and having some guides to make prayer more personal, this guide 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.

Once you learn how to pray, prayer will become a part of everyday life. And then...

- 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 bad things happen
- When good things happen
- In every situation — PRAY FIRST!

Prayer changes everything!

You can find more information at www.highpointchurch.us/21days.



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2021 Prayer Focus January 3 – 23

As we begin our year with a focus on prayer, we are expecting great things from God. We will be following a devotional that is available on the YouVersion Bible App. You can download this app from your App Store. Once you have the App, click on plans at the bottom, search at the top, and type in “21 Days of Prayer”, it should be the first one that comes up. It has a picture of a sofa, coffee cup and Bible. The devotional is from Pastor Eric Gerber of Freedom Life church.

We have the following options for you to join us for the 21 days.

Daily devotional on your phone through YouVersion.

Text Reminders of the prayer focus for the day.

Weekday Zoom Calls – Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM with one of the staff, deacons or prayer team.

Saturday Prayer Gathering – Here at Highpoint Church at 8:30 AM in the auditorium.

Resources are also available on our website – www.highpointchurch.us/21days or at the info booth in the atrium. There are guides to prayer. Bookmarks of the prayer focus for the day.

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

– 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I PRAY?

This verse from 1 Thessalonians could make us feel like we can't possibly be successful in our prayer life, instead it gives us the freedom to know that prayer should be a daily part of life. We should be able to talk to God whenever and however we can. There is no perfect time or length to pray. It's a relationship you can feel free to seek out throughout your daily activities. Although, it's important to set specific times that you can be intentional in with your prayer time. As life does have a tendency to get in the way and without scheduled time with God you can become too busy to spend the time with Him you intend.

GETTING STARTED

To help you pray during the next 21 days we've provided you the following focuses and scriptures that go along with the devotion from YouVersion. As you use this guide during that set time you have scheduled with you and God remember you aren't alone, connect in corporate prayer by joining a zoom call. Or make a plan to attend a Saturday prayer gathering if you are comfortable.

Week 1

DAY 1

January 3, 2021

FOCUS God's power in our life.

Who He is, What He has done, and What He will do.

TAKE AWAY Rely on God's strength in your life, not your own.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10

Acts 1:8

Psalms 100

Philippians 4:13

1 Corinthians 4:20

PRAYER FOCUS Pray specifically for your relationship with God, open your heart to His plan and desire for your life and for those around you.

DAY 2

January 4, 2021

FOCUS God's creativity

TAKE AWAY See the big ideas God has giving you and be open to doing more for Him.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-3

Psalms 139:14

Luke 1:37

Exodus 35:31-21

Matthew 25:16

Colossians 3:2

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for opportunities to serve God and witness to others about what He has done in your life.

DAY 3

January 5, 2021

FOCUS Resources

TAKE AWAY We were created in His image. He provides our resources, and we should thank him for those resources.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26

Matthew 6:33

Proverbs 3:5-6

Philippians 4:19

PRAYER FOCUS Give thanks for all God has given in our lives and for all the resources He has given to those around us.

DAY 4

January 6, 2021

FOCUS Relationships

TAKE AWAY We are to connect with people around us. We were never meant to do life alone.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:18

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Hebrews 10:24-25

Exodus 4:14

Proverbs 17:17

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for your friends, family and people in our lives.

DAY 5

January 7, 2021

FOCUS Peace

TAKE AWAY Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Let Him take our anxious thoughts away and fill us with peace.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:18

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Hebrews 10:24-25

Exodus 4:14

Proverbs 17:17

Philippians 4:6-7

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the children, students and educators who have had to navigate a difficult year of change in their education.

DAY 6

January 8, 2021

FOCUS Strength of God

TAKE AWAY If you feel weak, you are in the best position to be able to receive strength, God gives strength.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 46:1

Isaiah 40:29

Psalms 119:28

Isaiah 40:31

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for parents, business owners, and professionals who need strength during the transitions they have faced in their workplaces & homes.

DAY 7

January 9, 2021

FOCUS Authority of God

TAKE AWAY We can walk in humble confidence because of Jesus' authority that is backing us.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 8:6-7

Luke 10:19

Luke 9:1

Acts 3:6

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for protection & safety for our 1st Responders & Military.

Week 2

DAY 8

January 10, 2021

FOCUS Discipline

TAKE AWAY Stir up passion for God's word, spend time looking for areas to void and replace them with the great things God has in store for you.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 25:28

Titus 2:11-14

1 John 1:9

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Hebrews 12:11

Psalms 139:23-24

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for daily direction in your life and those around you.

DAY 9

January 11, 2021

FOCUS Vision

TAKE AWAY Look beyond your circumstances and see the big picture. Look at life through God's eyes.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:5

Jeremiah 29:11

Ephesians 3:20-21

Proverbs 29:18

Habakkuk 2:3

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for Highpoint's Pastors, Staff and their families. And for future vision in leading Highpoint as they plan for the coming year.

DAY 10

January 12, 2021

FOCUS Faith

TAKE AWAY We have a faith in God, we believe in the things we cannot see.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:24

Luke 17:6

Galatians 2:20

Hebrews 11:1

1 John 5:14-15

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for those you know who don't know Christ and need faith.

DAY 11

January 13, 2021

FOCUS Hope

TAKE AWAY God gives us hope when all seems hopeless.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 23:18

Romans 5:2-5

Romans 8:24-25

Romans 15:13

Hebrews 6:19

Matthew 9:38

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for Highpoint's outreaches & Missionaries – Our WayMaker partners. See the WayMaker booklet for more details.

DAY 12

January 14, 2021

FOCUS Joy

TAKE AWAY Joy is not happiness. Joy is what God is doing in your heart and in your life despite your circumstances.

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:10

Romans 14:17

Galatians 5:22

1 Peter 1:8-9

Psalms 51:10-13

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for our world to experience the joy of God's salvation.

DAY 13

January 15, 2021

FOCUS Ability

TAKE AWAY We are all given abilities to be who He created us to be. Where are you using your God-given talents to honor Him?

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:37
Philippians 1:6
Colossians 3:23

2 Corinthians 9:8
Philippians 4:13

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the Dream team at Highpoint Church – those who volunteer their time in any capacity to make Highpoint function.

DAY 14

January 16, 2021

FOCUS Wisdom

TAKE AWAY Seeking wisdom from God leads us to the right answers.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 2:6-7
James 3:17
1 Timothy 2:1-4

James 1:5
Ephesians 1:17

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the Leaders of our Country, State of Colorado, & City of Aurora.

Week 3

DAY 15

January 17, 2021

FOCUS Favor & Unity

TAKE AWAY We walk with God's favor as His child. God loves you.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 5:12
Psalms 125:2

Psalms 30:5
2 Corinthians 4:8-9

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the lost in our community and world who needs to know His love.

DAY 16

January 18, 2021

FOCUS Love

TAKE AWAY God loves us unconditional. We don't have to earn His love.

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:17

Psalms 136:26

Romans 5:8

Ephesians 2:4-5

1 John 4:9-11

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for marriages, yours or others you know. Pray they will be able to show unconditional love to their spouse.

DAY 17

January 19, 2021

FOCUS Health

TAKE AWAY Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, how are you taking care of your temple today? How could you do better?

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:5

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1 Corinthians 10:31

Ephesians 5:18

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for our Health care workers who are tired and weary as they care of our health.

DAY 18

January 20, 2021

FOCUS Compassion

TAKE AWAY Show compassion to others and ask God for a heart of compassion.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:36

Matthew 14:14

Romans 12:10

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the homeless & poverty stricken in our world.

DAY 19

January 21, 2021

FOCUS Forgiveness

TAKE AWAY Forgiveness can set you free. Don't let your past rob you of your future. God forgives us.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 3:19
Ephesians 1:7
Matthew 6:14-15

2 Corinthians 5:17
1 John 1:9
Mark 11:24-25

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for broken relationship that you have in your life & pray for forgiveness to set them free.

DAY 20

January 22, 2021

FOCUS Grace

TAKE AWAY Grace is a free gift from God. We don't earn it and we can't lose it.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:8
Hebrews 4:16
Colossians 3:2

Ephesians 4:7
2 Peter 1:2

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for you to receive God's grace personally and to give you the ability to show grace to others.

DAY 21

January 23, 2021

FOCUS Life

TAKE AWAY God wants us to thrive. You are extraordinary!

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:11
John 10:10

Matthew 6:33
Romans 12:2

PRAYER FOCUS Pray for the Small Groups at Highpoint, their leaders & all the new participants as they find their small group tomorrow, so they do not do life alone.