

PRAY

A 24 DAY GUIDE TO PRAYER



PRAY LIKE JESUS

*“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark,
he departed and went out to a desolate place,
and there he prayed.”*

~Mark 1:35

Nothing marks the spiritual rhythms of Jesus more than prayer. Jesus modeled it throughout His ministry; He practiced it in the early mornings; He taught it to His disciples. Everything in Jesus life was marked by prayer, which begs the question: *“If the perfect Son of God felt the need to seek the Father, how much more should we?”*

For the next 24 days we invite you to join us in pursuing God through prayer. This guide has been designed to equip you for that journey. For each day of the challenge you will be given a Scripture to read and something to commit to prayer.

As you prepare for the 24 day prayer challenge, consider taking up the following practices to help as you meet with God:

SET A TIME

As we see in Mark 1:35, Jesus first posture of the day was prayer. Commit to setting aside a time each day to pray. Put it on your calendar; set an alarm; make it a priority.

CHOOSE A PLACE

Jesus removed distraction. Commit to finding a time and place free from distraction so that your heart can be fully present as you seek God’s face.

PRAY WITH PURPOSE

As you seek God in prayer, pray specifically and purposefully. Think of people and pray for them by name. Consider events and circumstances and pray for specific breakthroughs. This guide will furnish you with a daily request to pray over; consider how you can pray specifically for things and/or people related to that request.

24-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

This guide is designed to guide your prayer life over the next 24 days by providing you with a Scripture to read and reflect on along with a daily request (or theme) to pray over.

DAY
1

It's easy for prayer to become a one-sided conversation about our needs. As we begin this journey, let's start by praising God for who He is and thanking Him for everything He has already provided.

Scripture: *Psalm 103*

Prayer: *Praise God for who He is and all that He has done for you.*

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2

The promise of Scripture is that God opposes the proud but draws near to the humble. Take the time today to focus on confession and on asking God to purify your heart.

Scripture: *Psalm 51*

Prayer: *Confess your brokenness to God and ask Him to 'renew a right spirit' in you.*

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3

It's easy to be driven by the tyranny of the urgent. Ask God to help you put His Kingdom first and to trust Him with the rest.

Scripture: *Luke 12:22-31*

Prayer: *Ask God to give you a Kingdom perspective instead of an earthly one. Ask God to provide Northeast's leadership with a deep sense of His Kingdom purpose for our church.*

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4

The Scriptures tell us that God is a good Father who knows what we need and desires to give good gifts to His children. Today, lay your needs before your heavenly Father.

Scripture: *Psalm 121*

Prayer: *Lay your needs before the Father and trust Him with how He chooses to provide. Think of a friend facing great need and ask God to provide for them personally and specifically. Let that friend know you have prayed for them today.*

DAY
5

The book of Ephesians tells us that our real battle is not physical but spiritual. Today, take the time to pray against the attacks of an enemy who seeks to discourage and destroy.

Scripture: *Ephesians 6:11-18*

Prayer: *Ask God's spiritual protection over our church, friends and family.*

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6

Our enemy loves to attack the unity of the Church. Today, take the time to pray for unity, health and peace at Northeast.

Scripture: *John 17*

Prayer: *Ask God to protect our church from disunity and to do a work in hearts and relationships that are broken. Pray that we "may be one" and that through our unity our community might be pointed to Jesus.*

DAY
7

In the face of trying times, fear and discouragement can be a very real and unwanted companion. Today, pray for those who are struggling and discouraged in the wake of a difficult year.

Scripture: *Isaiah 41:8-20*

Prayer: *Ask God to strengthen the fearful, to be near the discouraged and to lift up the weary around you.*

DAY
8

Consider the vast needs of our church body and the countless opportunities to make an impact in people's lives. Today, pray that God would send more hands into the harvest.

Scripture: *Luke 10:1-2*

Prayer: *Ask God to raise up hands ready to serve. Pick one area of ministry at Northeast and pray over its leaders, asking God to send them the help they need for the work that is yet to be done.*

DAY
9

We worship and serve a Father who longs to welcome back the prodigal child. Today, let's seek God to do a work in the hearts of those who do not know Him.

Scripture: *John 6:35-51*

Prayer: *Pray by name for those you know who have not placed their faith in Jesus Christ, asking God to do a work in their hearts.*

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10

Our nation needs God more than ever before. Today, let's seek God's mercy and ask for Him to do a work through the Church in our country.

Scripture: *Isaiah 33:2-22*

Prayer: *Pray for God's mercy on our nation, for the Church to be a light in the darkness, for the Gospel to go forth and hearts to turn to Him.*

DAY
11

Our hearts are prone to drift and to wander away from God. Today, let's seek God to restore and revive our hearts for Him once again.

Scripture: *Psalms 85*

Prayer: *Pray for revival at Northeast; for a renewed passion for Jesus Christ and a desire to submit every area of our lives to Him alone.*

DAY
12

God promises to do a work in us, both to grow us and even prune us for even greater growth. Apart from His work in our lives and in our church, there will be no growth.

Scripture: *John 15:1-8*

Prayer: *Pray for "fruit" at Northeast; both in our ministries and in the individual hearts and lives of those who call Northeast home.*

DAY
13

God promises that we do not walk alone but that He has given to us His Spirit to guide us, comfort us, strengthen us and convict us when we stray from Him.

Scripture: *Galatians 5:16-26*

Prayer: *Pray for the strong leading of God's Spirit at Northeast. Pray for God's help to walk in His Spirit today and not in the flesh.*

DAY
14

The Lord is our great physician. He is able to heal our diseases and He promises to use them for our growth and His glory.

Scripture: *Isaiah 38:1-20*

Prayer: *Pray for those who are sick, in pain and/or fighting chronic illness. Pray for healing, encouragement, strength and a very real sense of God's nearness.*

DAY
15

God promises to draw near to the broken-hearted and to save those who are crushed in spirit. Today, take some time to pray for those who are weary, troubled and discouraged. Reach out to someone you prayed for and seek to be an encouragement to them today.

Scripture: *Psalms 34*

Prayer: *Pray for those who are lonely and brokenhearted. Pray for those who have experienced loss and are grieving. Pray for those who have suffered hardship or job loss during this season.*

DAY
16

God longs to save the sinner and He sovereignly calls people to go out on His behalf in order that the Gospel might be preached and people might be given a chance to respond. Today, let's pray for those doing this great work around the world.

Scripture: *Romans 10:1-15*

Prayer: *Pray for our missionaries serving God overseas; for strength, resources and a strong sense of God's presence in their ministry. Pray specifically for our partnerships in Haiti and Peru and those serving in the communities there.*

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17

God desires that our lives not only reflect Him but also that our words and actions consistently point people to Him. Your life is designed to be a witness for those who need the hope of heaven.

Scripture: *Matthew 5:13-16*

Prayer: *Ask God to open doors of opportunity for our church to serve our community. Ask for God to open doors for you with neighbors, friends and loved ones.*

DAY
18

In many parts of the world it is illegal to be a Christian. Every day, pastors and believers across the world suffer for their faith; and every month more than 300 are killed simply for professing Jesus. Today we pray for the persecuted Church.

Scripture: *John 6:17-36*

Prayer: *Pray for those who are suffering persecution for their faith. Pray for strength, courage and protection. Pray that pastors will continue to boldly proclaim the Gospel even in the face of harm; and pray that their boldness will result in countless lives embracing the truth about Jesus.*

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19

God longs for us to live holy lives before Him that we might be an effective witness before a watching world.

Scripture: *1 Peter 1:13-2:3*

Prayer: *Pray that God would purify His Church and lead us to live holy lives before a watching world. Ask God to unearth and sanctify anything in you that is not pleasing to Him.*

DAY
20

God desires for us to be doers of His Word, lovers of justice and compassionate to those who are needy. Today, ask God to do a work in your heart to see the needs around you and to be faithful and willing to respond.

Scripture: *Isaiah 58*

Prayer: *Pray for the poor, the widowed and the orphaned. Pray for opportunities to respond right where you are and for our church to be a place where the broken and needy find help and healing.*

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21

God promises to build His Church and that unless He is at the center of our work, our work will be in vain.

Scripture: *Psalms 127:1; Matthew 16:13-20*

Prayer: Pray for Northeast's leadership: for wisdom, guidance and humble submission to God. Pray for our *Imagine* campus expansion initiative and ask God's favor on our church's growth and that we would always make spiritual growth a greater priority than any physical growth.

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22

The Scriptures tell us that God has instituted every governing authority and He is sovereign over them all. As such, God calls us to respect these authorities and to pray for them.

Scripture: *Romans 13:1-10*

Prayer: *Pray for our governing authorities: local, state and national. Pray that God would appoint godly men and women to lead us.*

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23

Without love we will be nothing more than “a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal” before a lost and dying world.

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13*

Prayer: *Pray for God to do a work in your heart to help you love those around you; to see as God sees and to love as God loves.*

DAY
24

God loves the Church and He desires that we love it, too. It is His bride, bought by the blood of His Son, called to carry His message and created to bring glory to His great name.

Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5*

Prayer: *Pray today for Northeast; for unity in the body, for a love and commitment to one another and a desire to care for one another.
Pray for a deeper commitment to community among our people.*