



# DAYS OF PRAYER

Crossroads Community Church

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# Twenty One Days of Prayer

## Why Pray?

- **Intimacy with the our Heavenly Father.** *O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power of glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live, in Your Name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.* Psalm 63:1-11
- **There is power in prayer.** *All things are possible through God.* Matthew 19:26
- **Jesus tells us to ask.** *If we ask His will, He will give us what we ask.* Luke 11:9
- **To demonstrate our faith in God.** *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* Philippians 4:6-7
- **To discern God's plans.** *What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love Him-these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit.* 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

## How?

- Pick a quiet place and a quiet time.
- Have your Bible or daily devotional available and for extra bonus have a journal with you.
- Set aside 5 -15 minutes that you aren't doing anything else.
- Allow time to listen as well.
- The Lord speaks in many different ways.
- Use worship music.

## Model for Prayer(ACTS):

**Adoration:** Spend some time just telling God what He means to you. Who is God? What does He do? What is His character?

*I am Almighty God. Genesis 17:1*

**Confession:** Confess where your heart is not right, sins of deeds, sins in thoughts.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is Jesus Christ. Romans 3:23*

*If we Confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:19*

**Thanksgiving:** What has God done for you, where and when has He protected you, saved you, comforted you, guided you, given you hope, forgiven you, had mercy on you, given you grace?

*Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18*

**Supplication:** What are the needs, requests, what needs God's hand, God's provision.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6-7*

*You do not have because do not ask God. James 4:2*

(A Personal prayer from Vickie Moody who leads our prayer team at Crossroads)

“Dear Heavenly Father, the One who made me, designed me and has a plan for me. You are “ I Am”. You are Almighty and all powerful. You alone know the choices I have in front of me and where each pathway will lead and what will come from each path. Father, I confess my sins of being jealous, of being easily hurt and then reacting. My mouth moves before my filter turns on. Lord, I thank You that You have shown me truth. You have forgiven me for my sins. You give me opportunities to make things right. Thank You that Your mercy is new every morning. Thank You that my joy comes from Your strength. Father, I ask You to guide my steps today, to give me confidence in all I do. I ask that mercy and love pours from my heart just as it does from Yours. I pray You align my heart with yours. I pray for strength to complete my tasks for today and the ability to lead where You have given me leadership roles. In the Powerful and Beautiful Name of Jesus I pray. Amen.”

## **Day 1      *Preparing your Heart***

Ask the Lord to make your heart steadfast and clean. Ask the Father to open your heart and mind to prayer for the next 21 days. Ask that you will be able to hear, to listen, to receive, to trust, to believe and to know that Our Heavenly Father has a plan and a purpose for you. He wants to walk with you and He wants to talk to you.

*“My heart, O God is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.”* Psalm 57:7

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.”* Jeremiah 29:11,12

Music: “Give Us Clean Hands” Chris Tomlin; “Refiner’s Fire” by Hillsong

## **Day 2      *Accepting the Lord as Your Shepherd***

Personalize the 23rd Psalm

Dear Lord You are my Shepherd. You give me what I need. You give me rest in safe places and You lead me around dangerous places. You quench my thirst. You refresh, renew and restore my soul. You alone can lead me to be righteous in Your sight. Even though sometimes I'm in physical, mental or spiritual danger that can lead to death, You are with me. Your discipline and Your Holy Spirit are with me. You are trustworthy. You let my enemies know that You protect me. You anoint me and bless me and I have everything I need to live abundantly. Your mercy and goodness will follow me all the days of my life and then I will dwell in Your house forever. In the Name of Jesus I believe Amen. (An examples of using 23rd Psalm to get started)

*“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”*

King James Version (KJV) Psalm 23

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and shun evil.”*

Proverbs 3:5-7

### **Day 3      *Be Transformed by Renewing of your Mind***

Some good ways to have a better relationship with the Lord include reading the Bible, being connected with other believers, serving and worshipping. Ask the Lord to open your mind to receive His Word, the Bible. Ask Him to help you use the “Make it Practical” steps in the sermons. Pray that you’ll be able to make time to read the Bible and pray at least 5 minutes a day 6 days a week (or more). Ask the Lord to lead you to a connect group where you feel comfortable. (He may even be asking you to lead one.)

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 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 12:1-2

### **Day 4      *Communion with the Lord***

Meditate on the significance of the Lord's Supper. In what ways has his body been broken for you; old sins or current sins, or thoughts, deeds or actions. Think and pray about what in your life required His sacrifice. What transgressions made against you or that you have made against others needs acknowledgement. Ask the Lord to help you bare your deep feelings. Feel the comfort that Lord provides as you bring these things to Him in prayer. Give thanks that Jesus already knew what would happen and took the punishment, paid the debt. Thank Him that He called you to his table.

*“Now they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*  
Matthew 26:26-28

## **Day 5      *Letting Go of the World***

Ask the Lord to help you to live in peace with everyone. Confess any areas of bitterness. Ask God to remove any bitter roots of unresolved hurt, jealousy, anger, abuse. Give thanks that the Lord can heal anything. Ask for an increase in faith as the healing process begins.

*“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.”*

Hebrews 12:14-16

## **Day 6      *Armor of God***

Pray for strength. Learn to use the Armor of God on a daily basis. Think about the pieces of the armor. Thank the Lord for giving you the pieces so that your heart, mind, body and soul can remain strong in the care of the Lord. Look at your circumstances and ask for reinforced pieces where you need them. (For example ‘Dear Lord remind me that my struggles are not against people, hurt people hurt people. Help me to remember Your grace when I feel hurt).

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

Ephesians 6:10-17

## **Day 7      *A Day in His Arms***

Spend time adoring God as you would someone you admire. Name His characteristics. (Healer, Almighty, Emmanuel- God with us, Forgiving, Loving, Good, etc.) Think of who He has been to you. If a negative thought pops up give it to Him to heal. Give Him thanks for where He has made a way when there seemed to be no way. Thank Him for when provision and/or joy have come up unexpectedly. Use this time of prayer for resting in His arms. Picture a loving parent holding a beloved child in their arms and then enhance the picture of a Loving Father who created you holding you in His safe arms.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28

## **Day 8      *Vessel Of Prayer***

Ask the Lord to allow you feel His Presence and feel the connected to Him while you are praying. Ask the Lord to lead you to Scriptures that will answer questions. Ask for increased belief and commitment to prayer in your life. Ask God to teach you how to pray boldly. Ask the Lord to use you for His purposes.

*“During the days of Jesus’ life on Earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the One who could save him from death, and He was heard because of his reverent submission.”*

Hebrews 5:7

## **Day 9      *We are For: Family , Neighbors, Missions, Nicaragua, and the Broken***

Pray for our church and church family. Pray for the “FORS” listed above. Pray that our church embraces this vision wholeheartedly. Pray for strength for each person to grow in faith and tenacity in each of these areas. Ask the Lord to bless you an individual to do what He has called you to do in regard to each of these “FORS”. Admit to Him any worries, concerns or roadblocks that you might be experiencing. Ask him to show anything that you may not be aware of that prevents you from pursuing your purposes. Thank the Lord for strengths and weaknesses as He is working through you.

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

2 Corinthians 12:9-11

## **Day 10     *Praying for Family***

Pray for families and start with your own. Pray for family members you are related to by blood, marriage or adoption and for those you consider family such as connect groups, coworkers, church, etc. Pray for good communication, healing of any hurt or unresolved issues. Pray for fellowship and opportunities to “share life together”. Take time to thank God for each of these families. Thank Him that He knows the how and why of families. Thank Him for your family even those who seem difficult, hurtful, etc. Ask the Lord to help you pray for your families and to learn ways to pray together. Pray for our church family to have strengthened bonds with their families. Pray our church as a body works together to help build up, restore, and reconcile families.

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*  
Colossians 3:13, 16-17

## **Day 11     *We are Heirs of the King***

Thank God that you are an heir to His family and His kingdom. Consider responsibilities that come with being an heir. List them and pray about how to be a good heir. Ask for wisdom. Ask for guidance in being a responsible heir. Thank the Lord that you have been made righteous through Jesus. Thank Jesus that even in failure and flaws, He chose you.

*“Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?”*  
James 2:5

*“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”*  
Matthew 25:34

## **Day 12     *Peculiar People, A Royal Priesthood***

Thank God that He has set you apart and has placed you in place to be His ambassador. He loves you and cherishes you. Ask the Lord to enlighten you with knowledge and wisdom. Think about and give thanks that you have been called out of the darkness. Ask Him how you can be a person who is “not normal” and different than the world we live in. Pray He gives you courage to do just that and that you will be a light to this broken world.

*“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*  
1 Peter 2:9

## **Day 13      *Relationships: the Lord's Way***

Meditate on the following verses from 1 Corinthians 13. Ask yourself what these characteristics look like today? What do they look like in your life? Ask the Lord to show you what and how He wants you to apply these in your life. Who has He put in your life that models these characteristics? Thank the Lord for those mentors, role models, etc. Who has He put in your life so that you will model these characteristics? Ask Him to guide you in them. Thank the Lord for being trustworthy in His divine appointments.

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## **Day 14      *On Bended Knee***

Try out a physical position of reverence, obedience and submission when you pray such as bowing down, laying face down, or on bended knee. Thank the Lord that He loves you enough to discipline you, to correct you, and sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within you. Thank Him for the insight He has given you over the past days. Acknowledge the closeness you have experienced through prayer. Pour your heart out in worship and thanksgiving to the Lord.

*“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.”*

Psalms 107:1

*“Give thanks in all circumstances for this God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”*

Colossians 4:2

## **Day 15      *Wisdom***

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16*

Ask the Lord for wisdom. Where do you need it in your life? Tell Him what things you need help with and you aren't sure what to do. Ask questions if you have any. Ask Him to lead you to answers from the Bible, through wise counsel, dreams or visions and circumstances.

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”*

Ephesians 1:17

## **Day 16     *Praying for our Military***

Thank the Lord for all the military who have been and continue to be part of our church family. Pray for their safety, for their families, for protection of mind, body and soul. Pray for good communication. Pray for good strong connections. Pray for opportunities to grow in the Lord. Pray for a strong sense of belonging. Thank the Lord for their presence. Thank the Lord for opportunities to reach out and to show support. Pray for personal connections with our military families. Pray Psalm 144 over our military.

*Blessed be God, my mountain,  
    who trains me to fight fair and well.  
He's the bedrock on which I stand,  
    the castle in which I live,  
    my rescuing knight,  
The high crag where I run for dear life,  
    while he lays my enemies low.  
Psalm 144:1-2*

*"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us".  
Romans 8:37*

## **Day 17     *Prayer for Nicaragua***

Pray for the connections we already have in Nicaragua. Pray for the church in El Timal. Pray for Pastor Bill as he serves that church. Pray for improvements in the economy. Pray for jobs so families can support themselves. Ask the Lord to show you your role regarding Nicaragua. Ask Him to remind you to faithfully pray. Ask ways you can help raise funds for mission work. Crossroads Community Church is doing there. Pray for heart changing miracles.

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.  
1 Timothy 2:1*

*"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor."  
1 Peter 2:17*

## **Day 18     *Prayer for Missions***

Pray that Crossroads would be a light in the world. Ask God to use us in our local community and with our own neighbors. Ask God to use us specifically during our “For” weeks. Pray that God would use us as we reach out to the broken. That He would use us in the lives of the people of Nicaragua. Pray for our mission team as they help lead these efforts. Ask God how you can be involved in missions and then ask Him to give you the courage to do it!

Promise from Isaiah: *“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you...singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”*

## **Day 19     *Balm of Gilead (Broken)***

Pray that we remain a church that “starts where you are”. Pray that we continue to be a church where it is okay to “live uncovered” and that we will walk with people who are broken. Pray that each person walking through the door feels cherished, valued and knows they would be missed. Pray that as church body we pray first, last and always as God uses us in great ways in 2019! Ask God to reveal any road blocks, barriers, agendas, thoughts that keep you from being able to participate in the 757 beliefs and habits of Crossroads. Pray for a willingness to be part of the “757”.

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,  
for the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted  
and to proclaim that captives will be released  
and prisoners will be freed.[a]  
2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
that the time of the Lord's favor has come,  
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.  
3 To all who mourn in Israel,  
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,  
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,  
festive praise instead of despair.  
In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks  
that the Lord has planted for his own glory.  
Isaiah 61:1-3*

## **Day 20     *Ready Set Go***

Pray for power of conviction to continue on your life long journey as a person of prayer, who seeks intimacy with the Lord and values talking with and listening to the Lord. Pray for confidence and boldness in your ministry, in your prayer life, in your neighborhood, in your workplace and in your home. Pray for opportunities to serve and willingness to do so. And yet pray for balance in your life. Pray that you love your neighbor well while remembering that God loves you. Show God's love, mercy and grace to others because God has shown you love, mercy and grace. Ask the Lord to constantly remind you of His incredible love for you and His amazing gift of His one and only Son. Thank the Lord because He is good.

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me.*

Isaiah 6:8

*And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*

Mark 1:17-18

*So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

Romans 14:12

## **Day 21     *Be Still and Know***

On this last day of this 21 day journey, stop and adore God. Call on Him as Abba, Father. Share your heart with Him. Claim His victory over your life, your heart, your soul. Tell Him you love Him. Thank Him for everything that comes to your mind. Then stop and listen, be still, bask in His presence, delight in His company.

*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;*

*I will be exalted among the nations,*

*I will be exalted in the earth."*

Psalm 46:10