

Day 14

No one is too important nor too insignificant to praise the LORD. - Ps. 148:11-14

God, You rule over all. So let the kings of the earth and all nations, princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children, let them praise the name of the LORD, for Your name alone is exalted; Your splendor is above the earth and the heavens. You raised up for Your people a Savior, the praise of all Your saints, of Your people, the people close to his heart: Our Savior Jesus, Your Son. We offer You praise, O LORD. We praise Your name!

Day 15

Our Father hasn't held back on any of His promises.

- 2 Peter 1:3-4

Father, Your divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of You who called us by Your own glory and goodness. Everything, Father. You have given us everything! Through these gifts that come only from You, You have given us Your very great and precious promises, so that through them we may participate in Your divine nature and escape the corruption that is in this world. You are a giving Father, and we worship You!

Day 16

When we pray for God's glory to be over all the earth, that includes even the smallest detail of our life. Nothing is too insignificant for God! - Psalm 57:5

God, we exalt You! We lift You up! We put you first! We acknowledge and proclaim that You are above everything—even heaven itself! Father, may Your Presence be over all the earth. That includes me, O God. Every detail of my life, from the largest to the smallest. Everything, O God; may Your Presence have first place over everything.

Day 17

Prayer allows us to hear the cheering multitudes of heaven and sets our focus the One we run to, Jesus. - Hebrews 12:1-2

God, allow us to hear the cheering voices of that great stadium filled with witnesses who are Your children. We are casting aside everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. We're running, God—the best we can, the race You marked out for us. We're close, God—we're almost there! We can see Your Son, our Savior Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who considered it a great joy to suffer on a cross because He knew how it would all end. And He is seated next to Your throne, cheering us on. We're close, God—we're almost there! Help us to finish. Help us to finish well. Amen.

Day 18

"To that end, keep alert with all perseverance."

- Zephaniah 3:17

Father, You have promised that You will always be with us, every moment of every day. Nothing is impossible for You. You are more than enough! You are mighty to save us. We worship You, Father, because Your Word tells us that You take great delight in us. That truth is amazing; so amazing that we don't know what to say. We're speechless! What's more amazing—You sing over us, God! Jesus, what a wonderful gift of grace You have given to us. We praise Your name!

Day 19

Prayer and praise to our Father in Heaven helps us focus on who He is and what He has done, is now doing, and what He will do for us. - Psalm 67:1-7

God be gracious to us and bless us and make Your face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among every people and nation. And when You accomplish this, may everyone praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You. Then the land will yield its harvest, and You, our God, will bless us. You will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will know You and worship You. Amen.

Day 20

Our weaknesses are great opportunities for God to demonstrate His power and to validate every promise He has made.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

God, I don't need to tell you about my "weaknesses." You know them already. You know everything about me and You know exactly what I need. Father, as You work in my life, work in such a way as to give me an undeniable testimony to others of Your faithfulness and presence in my life. I don't want to take credit for anything—I want people to see Jesus and His love when they look at me.

Day 21

The life Jesus promises begins today and lasts forever.

- John 4:14

God, thank You for Your refreshing life in me. It is so good! Thank You that You've given me the real thing, the life that pours out onto those around me—and it goes on and on and on. Thank You that Your well will never run dry, that we can come and receive Your refreshing both now and forever.

21-DAYS OF PRAYER

PRAYING THE POWER OF GOD PRAYER GUIDE



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A casual reading of God's Word reveals that when God's people prayed, miraculous things happened! The Church was birthed by prayer (Acts 1:4-5,14); the Church was fueled by prayer (Acts 2:42); the Church was empowered by prayer (Acts 4:31) and the Church grew by the power of prayer (Acts 6:4,7). Without prayer, there was no power. Without prayer, there was no promise that God would do anything for His people. Thankfully, our good Father has provided us with His Word to lead, guide and direct our prayer life. Praying God's Word is powerful and effective. His Word keeps our thoughts and desires focused on God's purpose and plan for our life and His Church.

Read each passage from God's Word and let the Holy Spirit reveal the wonderful promise that God wants to give you. His Holy Spirit will help you pray (Acts 8:26-27)! The prayer that follows is simply a suggestion. You can use it or you can write your own. The most important principle of prayer this: God loves to hear His children pray! May God's comfort and mercy overwhelm you as spend time with Him in prayer!

Blessings,
Pastor Dave Meding

Day 1

Our Father hears our prayers and rescues us when we call to Him.
- Psalm 34:4-7

Lord, when I seek You, You have promised to answer me; You have promised to deliver me from all my fears—every last one! Even though there are times when I feel I don't quite measure up, You shine on me and You remind me that I am not covered with shame. When I call on You, You hear me and you rescue me from all my troubles. You send Your angels to come and protect me and they stay with me long after You have delivered me out of the dark moments of my life. So I can praise You, Father, because You hear my cry for help and deliverance.

Day 2

No difficulty in life is too overwhelming for God to intervene.
- 1 Peter 5:7

God, thank You for caring for me. Thank You that I can give You all my anxieties and worries—all of them. Take them, God, I don't want them anymore! Take them from me because You care for me. Father, I don't want to just know that You care for me, I want to feel it. Care for me, Father. Amen.

Day 3

A child of God is recognized by their willingness to crawl up into the arms of Jesus and have Him bless them. - Mark 10:14-16

Father, I want to come to You as a little child, holding my arms up to You so You can pick me up and hold me close. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.

Day 4

Prayer moves our attention and praise toward God and His demonstration of His love for us—His Son Jesus Christ.
- 2 Peter 3:18

Lord, I want to know You better! I want to grow in the knowledge that You saved me by sending Your Son, Jesus to die on the cross for my sin. God, I can take no credit for what You have done for me. I want to praise You today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Day 5

Offering praise to God is a vital ingredient to a joyful prayer life. - Psalm 113:1-4

Lord, I want to shout, "Praise the LORD!" I want to praise Your name every day of my life. I want to praise Your name when I get up in the morning, when I go through my day, and when I go to sleep at night. I want to praise Your name. I want to praise Your name when things are going great, and when things aren't going so great. No matter—I want to praise Your name! I want the entire earth to praise Your name. That would be awesome!

Day 6

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to help us stay on the right track. - Galatians 5:25

Holy Spirit, I need You! I need You in my life, in my thoughts, in my plans—every moment of every day. I can't do life without You! In every breath I take I need You. Keep my on track, Lord. I depend on You.

Day 7

We can pray in confidence because Jesus Christ is fully aware of every situation and circumstance in our life.
- Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus, thank You for speaking to Your Father, my Father, on my behalf. Thank You that You understand everything I am going through because You went through those very same things when You walked here on this earth. Thank You that we don't need a priest, a pastor, an elder or deacon to pray for us. We have You. You are right there with our Father. You are more than enough! Thank You that we can pray with the confidence that we will be heard because the Father listens to everything You have to say. Thank You that when we need help, we are given grace and mercy—just what we need.

Day 8

The wonderful truth is this: Jesus always promised an answer to prayer! - Matthew 7:7-8

Lord, you promised that when I ask, You'll be a good Father and give—so I'm asking. Lord, you promised that when I look for You, I'll find You—thank You for revealing Yourself to me and You won't play "hide and seek" with me. Father, I need to be where You are because I'm standing outside in the cold and in the storm. Lord, I'm knocking—thank You for being right there to open the door and let me in. It's good to be where You are.

Day 9

When He purifies us from all sin that also includes all of "my" sin. - 1 John 1:7

Jesus, You are light. I used to walk around in the dark but You came and made everything bright. Now that I can see, I won't be stumbling around in the dark anymore and You have given me other Christ followers to help me. Better yet, I can help them, too. What's really amazing to me, God is that when You forgave me of my sin, that life when I stumbled around in the dark, You forgave all of that—every second of it. You are a good and an amazing God.

Day 10

The Holy Spirit is God's "seal of approval" that we belong to Him and His "guarantee" that He will keep His promise.
- Ephesians 1:13-14

Holy Spirit, I need more of You. Thank You that You are in my life. Thank You that You are God's stamp of approval on me, not because I was good enough but because Jesus was perfect enough to die for my sin—all of my sin. Father, thank You that You included me. You didn't leave me standing alone; You invited me to the party; You invited me into Your family. Father, help me to understand fully the truth of Your Spirit's presence in my life. Thank You, God, that You always keep Your promises, especially the promise that I belong to You and I will belong to You forever!

Day 11

It's hard to stumble and fall when you're praying on your knees. - Jude 24-25

Father, I stumble—a lot. I sin—a lot. You know everything about me. Thank You that You have promised that I will never fall, even when I stumble; You are right there, right beside me to catch me, to pick me up, brush me off, to clean me up and present me as one who is without fault. And You do this with great joy! So I give You all the glory, majesty, power and authority—all these are Yours, Jesus. I will praise You today, tomorrow and forever! Amen.

Day 12

The most powerful prayer always begins with, "God..."
- Matthew 6:7-8

Jesus, thank You for teaching me that when I pray, You are not impressed with the words I use or whether I get the sentences down right. You just want me to talk with You. You love it when I pray! You already know what I need—but you want me to ask anyway. How does that work? I don't know, You just tell me that it does. Thank You for not making prayer too complicated. Thank You that I can come to you and just say, "God..."

Day 13

Prayer narrows all of life down to one simple thing: to live for Jesus. - Philippians 1:21

Good Father, I want to come to the place in my life where I can honestly testify before You that it doesn't matter what happens to me, whether I live just one more day or come Home to be with You, forever. Both have such wonderful possibilities. So if you give me one more day, let that day be lived for Jesus. And I get to come Home to be with You, that will be awesome too.