

Week of Prayer

August 2021 Prayer Focus

August 22-28, 2021

We know that it can sometimes be difficult to know what to pray for. That's why we've designed this guide to help you through the Week of Prayer and, hopefully, into the rest of your life. Take minute to read through this guide and familiarize yourself with the content. Our hope is that it will help lead you into powerful times of connecting with God through prayer.

Every Day Prayer Focus

The following are general prayer points that you can pray for every day of the 21 Days.

- Humble ourselves. Asking for forgiveness for our sins and the sins of our land.
- Seeking God. Declaring our dependence on God in every area of our lives.
- His Kingdom Come. Praying for the completion of the Great Commission and for revival in our generation.
- Hear from Heaven. Inviting the Presence of God in our church and our lives (souls saved, signs, wonders, miracles, and transformed lives.)
- Next Steps. Praying for all people in their journey of faith to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, and Make a Difference
- Believing God for answered prayer to our specific needs.

Praying Through Scripture

One of the keys to praying prayers that work is to pray the Word of God. The following are three prayers from that you can pray based on scripture. These prayers are a regular part of Pastor Adam & Kristin's prayer life & they'd like to encourage you to make them a part of yours as well.

The Prayer of Surrender

Romans 12:1-2

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to **give your bodies to God** because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to **know God's will for you**, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

- I surrender my body through obedience.
- I surrender my mind through reading God's Word.
- I surrender my will through prayer.

Check Your Oil

Isaiah 11:2

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

- Rest upon him - Intimacy
- Spirit of wisdom - Order & administration
- Spirit of understanding - Vision & clarity
- Spirit of counsel - Make right decisions
- Spirit of might - Supernatural energy
- Spirit of knowledge - Insight

- Fear of the Lord - Integrity

Prayer of Jabez

1 Chronicles 4:10

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

- Bless me - Tangible & intangible blessings
- Enlarge my territory - Increase influence, responsibility, opportunities
- Your hand would be with me - Before me, behind me, cover me
- Keep me from evil - Walk worthy of the call & of the cross

Daily Specific Prayer Focus

Each day of the 21 Days we have a specific prayer point that we will be praying together as a church. You will find a quick overview of the topic, our heart for this topic, how to pray, and a scripture that correlates with the topic.

Date	Emphasis	Overview	Scripture
Sunday, August 22	Our mission	We exist to create a place people love so they can experience a loving God. This is a beautiful a beautiful partnership between God and the Church. Let's pray that we would do our part to create a life-giving, joy-filled culture in our church. Pray that we would create a church family where people feel needed and known. Then, let's pray that God's Spirit would move on people's hearts. Pray that our gatherings would be filled with His presence and that lives would be transformed!	Romans 8:15-16 John 4:42
Monday, August 23	What we do	We lead people on a spiritual journey to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose and Make a Difference. Take time to pray for each of these steps. Pray for lost people to be saved. Pray for saved people to be delivered from their past hurts, habits, and hangups. Pray for delivered people to be redeemed and brought back to their original, God-ordained purpose. Finally, pray for Redeemed people to be commissioned for service!	Galatians 5:13-14 Jeremiah 30:17
Tuesday, August 24	How we do it	We intentionally create environments for people to take their Next Steps on their spiritual journey. Pray for all the facets of our Weekend Services, that lost people would be saved. Pray that our Small Groups would grow so that saved people can be pastored. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt people towards the Growth Track so that pastored people can be trained. Finally, pray for everyone on our Dream Team and that trained people would be mobilized!	Philippians 1:6 Hebrews 10:24-25

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Wednesday, August 25	How we behave	<p>Our values determine our behavior. Let's pray today that we would live the values of Realife Church.</p> <p>We Love God - Pray we would develop our closeness with God, develop our character, and develop our callings.</p> <p>We Love People - Pray we would be servant leaders, team players, and always be real.</p> <p>We Pursue Excellence - Pray we would do things well, before we are asked, and more than is expected.</p> <p>We Choose Joy - Pray that we would be enjoyable, be positive, and be loyal.</p>	Deuteronomy 7:9 Philippians 2:3 Romans 12:12
Thursday, August 26	Our leaders	Our Pastors, Staff, Leadership Advisory Team, and Dream Team Leaders are the spiritual shepherds, overseers, coaches, and caregivers of Realife Church. They are here to help us navigate through challenges and life decisions, and they equip us to become more like Jesus every day. Let's pray that they would be filled to overflowing with the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for wisdom and humility. Pray for courage and strength. Pray for their families.	I Thessalonians 5:12 I Timothy 2:1-4
Friday, August 27	Kingdom Builders	Kingdom Builders is our way of focusing on the great commission by faithfully giving above and beyond to three main initiatives: Global Missions, Local Ministry Expansion, and Next Generation Leaders. Take time today to pray for our local, national, and global missions partners. Pray for our local church to grow. Pray for our new building to be completed in a timely manner and for the financial provision needed. Pray for Realife Kids and Students, and well as our efforts to equip them for ministry. Finally, pray that God would help us reach our \$1 million goal to complete all of our Kingdom Builders projects for 2021.	Luke 4:18 Acts 16:5 Matthew 24:14
Saturday, August 28	The harvest	Fall is not only a season of harvest in the natural, but it has always been a season of supernatural harvest as well. Year after year we have seen exponential growth in the second half of the year. Let's pray for our At The Movies Series. Pray for our Saturday night services. Pray for the Christmas season. Pray that it would a season of lost people coming to Christ. Pray that Christians who have disconnected from the body would reconnect with the Church. Pray that the Lord would send forth laborers into the fields. Pray that God would give us a burden for those around us who need to become a part of our church family.	Matthew 9:37-38 John 4:35

FASTING

The goal of fasting is to draw nearer to God. Biblical fasting always has to do with eliminating distractions for a spiritual purpose; it hits the reset button of our soul and renews us from the inside out. It also enables us to celebrate the goodness and mercy of God and prepares our hearts for all the

good things God desires to bring into our lives. Remember, your personal fast should present a level of challenge, but it is very important to know your body, your options, and, most importantly, to seek God in prayer and follow what the Holy Spirit leads you to do.

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Complete Fast

In this type of fast, you drink only liquids, typically water with light juices as an option.

Selective Fast

This type of fast involves removing certain elements from your diet. One example of a selective fast is the Daniel Fast, during which you remove meat, sweets, and bread from your diet and consume water and juice for fluids and fruits and vegetables for food.

Partial Fast

This fast is sometimes called the “Jewish Fast” and involves abstaining from eating any type of food in the morning and afternoon. This can either correlate to specific times of the day, such as 6:00 am to 3:00 pm, or from sunup to sundown.

Soul Fast

This fast is a great option if you do not have much experience fasting food, have health issues that prevent you from fasting food, or if you wish to refocus certain areas of your life that are out of balance. For example, you might choose to stop using social media or watching television for the duration of the fast and then carefully bring that element back into your life in healthy doses at the conclusion of the fast.