



**SOMETHING  
GREATER**

**TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF PRAYER**  
JANUARY 10-30

PREPARING FOR

# ***SOMETHING GREATER***

TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF PRAYER

God invites us to talk to him. He is a caring and attentive Father, who wants to hear from his children. He listens to us; he meets us where we are. As we talk to him, he does something greater in us, and he does something greater through us. Jeremiah 33:3 says, “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” Over the next three weeks we are going to call out to God together. Let’s pray and expect God to do something greater in each of us, in our church, and in our world.

Do feelings of insecurity, intimidation, uncertainty, or awkwardness pop up when you think about praying? It’s okay if they do. Even Jesus’s disciples asked him to teach them to pray. Hopefully this guide will be a practical help during the next twenty-one days.

Pastor and author, Dane Ortlund, says Bible reading and prayer are like breathing. Reading the Bible is inhaling. Praying is exhaling. “Oxygenate with the Bible; and breathe out the CO<sup>2</sup> of prayer as you speak back to God your wonder, your worry, and your waiting.” That is our goal for this guide. We want to become more confident in praying, and we want our prayers to be shaped and informed by Scripture.

Each day you’ll see one passage of Scripture to read, meditate on, and pray. Practice breathing in God’s word and speaking his words back to him in prayer. We’ve also included two guiding prompts for each day and one specific focus each Friday. These are meant to help you respond to God’s word and shape your prayers. There is also space to write down what God teaches you or specific things that you’re praying for that day.

This guide is divided into three one-week sections. Our theme is *Something Greater* which goes along with our churchwide sermon series.

**Week One**      Something greater in us, personally.

**Week Two**      Something greater in our relationships.

**Week Three**    Something greater in the world.

Every day, except Sunday, is informed by part of the Lord's Prayer from Luke 11:2-4. This is how Jesus taught his disciples to pray when they asked for help. Jesus teaches us to worship, pursue his mission, make requests for our needs, and lean on his strength as we pray.

Come to God with expectation over these days. Open your heart and your mind to him. Pray bold life-changing, eternity-shifting prayers, believing that God can do more than we could ever ask or imagine! (Ephesians 3:20)

WEEK ONE

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SOMETHING GREATER  
IN ME



**Luke 12:28-34**

*But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

**PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Thank God that He delights in giving you His kingdom in your life.
- Ask God to establish His kingdom and will in every area of your life.

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**Psalm 51:1-10**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to our abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

**PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Confess to God the seriousness of your sin and your desire to be washed clean.
- Confess to God your belief in the forgiveness He offers you in Christ Jesus.

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week one // SOMETHING GREATER IN ME

# JANUARY 14

## ***Galatians 5:16-18***

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

### **PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Thank God He has given you His Spirit to help you walk in holiness.
- Ask God to strengthen your desire to walk in the Spirit, day by day.

### **FRIDAY FOCUS**

Thousands of college students in Birmingham have returned for spring semester. Pray that God would move on each campus, that hundreds of students would give their lives to Jesus, and that our church would have a passion for reaching this generation with the gospel.

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**week one // SOMETHING GREATER IN ME**

## *Acts 16:25-32*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.*

### **PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Ask God to strengthen your faith in the midst of opposition to the Gospel.
- Ask God to make you bold for His mission in your life, no matter the cost.

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WEEK TWO

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IN MY RELATIONSHIPS



## *Isaiah 55:6-13*

*Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.*

### **PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Confess to God that His thoughts and ways are higher than ours.
- Since the Word of God does not return void, ask Him who you can “go out in joy” to and share His Word with.

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# JANUARY 19

*Acts 2:42-47*

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

## PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank God that He gives us one another as the Body of Christ and that He meets all our needs in Jesus.
- Ask the Lord to add to our number day by day those who are being saved.

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**Matthew 18:15-20**

*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.*

**PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Ask God to search your heart and show you what you need to ask forgiveness for from Him and others.
- Ask Him to reveal to you who you need to forgive, even if they haven't asked for it.

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# JANUARY 23

## *Luke 5:17-26*

*On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”*

### **PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Ask the Lord to reveal someone you can bring to the Lord for His forgiveness.
- Ask God to heal that person’s heart and save them.

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WEEK THREE

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IN THE WORLD









# JANUARY 28

## **1 Timothy 6:8-10**

*But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

### **PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Ask God to make you aware of temptations that hinder you from accomplishing His purpose in you.
- Ask God to protect the hearts of followers around the world from the temptations they face today.

### **FRIDAY FOCUS**

This weekend our children's ministry will host a special experience for parents and their children as they enjoy dinner, play games, and discover how God has uniquely created each of them. Pray that this will be a milestone moment for these families as parents point their children to Jesus, and some commit for the first time to be the primary spiritual influence in their child's life.

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