



**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 CO² 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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IN ME

JANUARY 10

Psalm 1:1-4

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away."

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank God that he invites you to be close to Him.
- Ask God to stir in you a desire to be closer to Him.

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.

JANUARY 12

Psalm 63:1-4

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 and 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.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Confess to God the ways you have sought your own satisfaction in the things of the world.

- Ask God to satisfy you with His presence in a new way.

week one // SOMETHING GREATER IN ME

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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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.

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.

JANUARY 16

Luke 5:12-16

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God to remind you of your need for His healing power in your own heart.
- Ask God to pour out His Spirit in a new way in our own lives and miraculously save the lost around us.

WEEK TWO



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IN MY RELATIONSHIPS

JANUARY 17

Psalm 30:1-4

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Give thanks to God for restoring you through Jesus.
- Praise God for the people in your life who remind you of His grace.

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.

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.

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.

JANUARY 21

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God to give you eyes to see the way out of temptation and strength through the Spirit to walk in it.
- Ask Him to bring people to walk with you in what is right.

FRIDAY FOCUS

This weekend our student ministry will pour into the lives of hundreds of middle and high school students at CRAVE Weekend through worship, teaching, small groups, and a whole lot of fun! Pray that students would make the life-changing decision to place their faith in Jesus for the first time and others will encounter God in a fresh way – no turning back.

Psalm 91:14-16

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Praise God that He is not only our protector and deliverer, but that He is the same for those around us.
- Ask God to show His salvation to those in your life who do not know Him.

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.

WEEK THREE

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IN THE WORLD

JANUARY 24

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank God that all people from everywhere are invited to worship Him.
- Ask God to show you who in your world that you can invite to worship Him.

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JANUARY 25

Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God to show you His will for your life today.
- Ask God to make himself known to the nations

JANUARY 26

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank God that He has given you the Holy Spirit to guide you in your life.
- Ask God to show you where in the world He wants you to go to tell others about Him.

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Confess anything to God that may be hindering your relationship with Him.
- Ask God to turn the world back to Him.

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.

JANUARY 29

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Praise God for a time that He stepped into a situation in your life and brought you through it.
- Ask God to intervene in the lives of those around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

JANUARY 30

Luke 5:27-32

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God to give you love and courage to be with people who are lost.
- Ask God to give our church a love for the lost that changes the world.



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