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2021 DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

Epic Church Family,

Since the beginning of our church in 2013, we have strived to make prayer a priority. Our heart has simply been to “PRAY FIRST.” In every situation, whether good or bad, we strive to pray before we act. We want prayer to be our first response, not our last resort.

However, just understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough. In order for it to become a part of our lives, it needs to be something we prioritize. As a church, we have two seasons each year (January and August) called *21 Days of Prayer*. It’s my hope for *21 Days of Prayer* to be an opportunity for us all to draw closer to God and seek Him in a fresh way.

This *21 Days of Prayer* guide was designed to provide a prayer focus for each day. We don’t have to follow a specific formula to talk with God, but hopefully this guide helps facilitate meaningful times of prayer.

I’d encourage you to set aside some time each day using this guide. Maybe include worshipping God through music as a part of this time or reading Scripture. Maybe even use a notebook/journal to write down some of your thoughts. The more we prioritize prayer, the more connecting with God will be a natural part of our lives.

One last thing Please know of my prayers for you. I’ll be praying for you to draw closer to God over these next 21 days and that in every situation, we learn to PRAY FIRST!

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

CREATING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. - Mark 1:35

Prayer is most effective when it isn't something we do every now and then, but when it's a lifestyle we cultivate. To understand how to have a lifestyle of prayer, we can look at the example Jesus gave during His life on earth.

HAVE A CERTAIN TIME

Jesus got up early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father. Make a daily appointment with God — whether it's first thing in the morning, at lunch, or in the evening — and faithfully keep it.

HAVE A CERTAIN PLACE

Jesus had a specific place He went to pray. Having a designated place to pray helps us remove distractions and frees us to worship and pray out loud.

HAVE A CERTAIN PLAN

When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave them a prayer outline. We call it "The Lord's Prayer." This outline, along with several other tools, is available in this guide. As we pray every day, our plans for our prayer time can vary, maybe including worship music, Bible reading and quiet time to listen to God. It doesn't always have to look the same; it just helps when we have a plan for connecting regularly with God.

INTERACTING WITH SCRIPTURE - S.O.A.P

As we read the Bible, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing daily devotions re-patterns the way we think, transforms the spirit of our mind, and helps us become more like Jesus.

S.O.A.P. journaling is a simple and excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to you. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time when you want to reflect on and review some of the 'gems' that you have received. Without writing them down, you may forget those blessings and important lessons!

Furthermore, while journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, you may want to share some of your daily journaling with your Epic Group or spouse, so having a written record becomes very important. Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you, gain new insight, and even encourage others.

If you'd like to find a Bible reading plan, we suggest that you use the YouVersion Bible App or go to <https://my.bible.com>. You can search for a Bible plan that will work for you. Here are some that we suggest:

- ***21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (21 days)*** –
<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/3405-awakening-21-days-of-prayer-and-fasting-devotional>
- ***First Steps for New Believers*** –
<https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/2838>
- ***One Year Bible (365 days)*** –
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/60-the-one-year-bible>
- ***How to Pray (7 days)*** –
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/11610-how-to-pray>
- ***Anxious for Nothing (7 days)*** –
<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/16022-anxious-for-nothing>
- ***Gospels in One month (30 days)*** –
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/16-the-gospels>
- ***Proverb a Day (31 days)*** –
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/149-proverbs>

Here's how to S.O.A.P.:

S – SCRIPTURE

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O – OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this Scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

A – APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P – PRAYER

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

DAY 1 - JANUARY 10

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the people of Epic Church as we start a new year and for us to seek God first as we grow to become all-in followers of Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is often recited in churches or at religious events, but there's so much more to this prayer. Jesus provided this model as an outline to teach us how to pray in a way that connects us to God and empowers us to accomplish great things through Him. This model takes us through each part of The Lord's Prayer, showing us how to pray the way Jesus instructed.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." - Luke 11:1

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." - Matthew 6:9-13

CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

"Our Father in Heaven"

God isn't interested in us practicing religion; instead, He desires a relationship with us. God has adopted us as His children and loves for us to call Him our Father. Starting our prayer time acknowledging our relationship with God is powerful for us and delights Him as well.

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father." - Romans 8:15

Proclaim your intimate relationship with God, addressing Him lovingly as your Father and thanking Him that you are His child.

PRAYER:

“Father, I come to You in prayer today thankful that I am Your child. I know I am a sinner, but You have forgiven me and adopted me as Your own, and I am so grateful to call you my Father. Thank you for loving me. I love you.”

DAY 2 - JANUARY 11

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the Pastors, Staff, Group Leaders, Dream Team Leaders and Trustees of Epic Church.

WORSHIP HIS NAME

“Hallowed Be Your Name”

God loves when we worship Him, and there is power in His Name. Here is a list of some of His Names to help us worship Him specifically and personally:

God is Righteousness – He makes us clean. God is Sanctifier – He has called us and set us apart. God is Healer – He has the power to heal according to His Will. God is Banner of Victory – He defeated our enemies. God is Shepherd – He speaks to us and leads us. God is Peace – He is our peace in every storm. God is Provider – He supplies all of our needs.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. - Proverbs 18:10

Speak God’s Names out loud. When we proclaim who He is, we not only worship Him, but we also remind ourselves how powerful and great our God is.

PRAYER:

“God, I am in awe of You. Your Name is a strong tower, a place of protection and safety for me. I praise You as my Healer, my Shepherd, and my Banner of Victory. You are my Peace, my Provider, my Righteousness, and my Sanctifier. Your Name is great and I worship You.”

DAY 3 - JANUARY 12

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for Western New York and for the people in our communities.

PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"

Part of being a child of God is caring about what He cares about. We know His will is perfect, and we acknowledge His wisdom and sovereignty when we pray His agenda first.

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. - Luke 12:31

Spend time focusing on what God is focused on. His priorities include:

- *Saving the lost.*
- *Seeing His followers grow in their love and knowledge of Him.*
- *Accomplishing His purpose in our lives.*

PRAYER:

"God, I recognize there is no better plan on earth than Yours, and I pray for Your will to be done in my life (name the areas of your life where you need more of God's presence today) and in our world. This world is lost and needs You desperately, and I pray for every person to know You as their personal Lord and Savior. And I give my life to You again today; have Your way in my life! Anything You want to do in me or through me, I will do. I ask today for wisdom and clarity as you show me my next steps."

DAY 4 - JANUARY 13

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for those who are hurting or struggling through a situation or season of life.

DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"Give us this day our daily bread"

God promises to supply all our needs, and He wants us to come to Him with our problems, needs and desires. He wants us to trust Him to provide.

I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! - Psalm 121:1-2

Ask God for what you need today. It may help to write down the concerns weighing on your mind or the desires of your heart. You can bring them to God, and trust Him enough to hand them over to Him fully. It may help to open your hands before God to physically show your surrender to Him. Problems can either be ours or God's; they can't be both.

PRAYER:

"Father, I acknowledge that everything I need today will come from You. You made the heavens and the earth; You are more than capable of handling any situation I'm dealing with, so I give it to You completely (specifically talk to God about what is on your mind and heart right now and give it to Him). I look to you to help me, sustain me, and give me Your peace. Remind me of Your hope and power today. Thank You in advance for taking care of my needs."

DAY 5 - JANUARY 14

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for those who have perhaps hurt us and those who God is calling us to forgive.

FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"

God has offered us complete forgiveness and we can receive it at any time. When we turn away from our sins and receive His forgiveness, our hearts are more prepared to forgive others as well.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

Ask God to check your heart and life and show you areas where you might need to ask for forgiveness from Him. Then, it is your turn to forgive those who have offended you. We can even choose to forgive people in advance. Ask God to forgive you and to help you forgive others.

PRAYER:

“God, thank You so much for offering me the gift of forgiveness. Show me any areas in my life that I need to bring before You in order to receive forgiveness and healing. I confess that I have been struggling with sin (talk to God about any areas of sin in your life), and I know that You want me to be clean again. Please forgive me for my sin. Thank You for showing me unfailing grace. As You have so freely forgiven me, I also want to freely forgive others. Please help me let go of all of my offenses. I release to You those who have hurt me, and I trust You to handle those situations according to Your perfect will.”

DAY 6 - JANUARY 15

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for God’s strength for the greatest battles we are facing in life.

THE BATTLE IS SPIRITUAL

“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one”

Spiritual battle can seem difficult to understand, but the Bible makes it very clear that we have an enemy who is trying to steal, kill and destroy. As we pray, we take our stand against the enemy and fight from a place of victory through Jesus as we’re empowered by His Holy Spirit. There is power in God’s Word, and every lie the enemy has told us can be replaced with God’s truth.

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. - Ephesians 6:12

By recognizing that the enemy wants to bring harm, you can shed light on his lies and claim God's truth over your life. Ask God to show you any lies you're believing or areas of battle happening in your life. Ask Him to expose the enemy and to help you understand and receive His truth. The Bible tells us in James 4:7 that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. Through prayer, we can resist him and walk forward in freedom.

PRAYER:

"God, I recognize that my struggles today aren't against the people or circumstances around me, but against the enemy. Please help me to see how the enemy is lying to me. Help me to recognize his lies, take them captive, and make all of my thoughts obedient to the truth of Your Word (list out any specific areas God shows you where you have believed a lie that needs to be replaced with His truth). While the enemy wants to destroy me, I know that You came to give me life to the fullest. I speak the name of Jesus over my life and declare that no weapon formed against me will prosper. I don't have to fear the enemy because the One who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world."

DAY 7 - JANUARY 16

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Focus on worship, praise and thanks to God today and express faith in Him.

EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

"For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever."

God is more than able to move in every situation, and ending our prayer time expressing faith in His power focuses our minds on the truth and hope of who He is and what He can do.

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You. - Jeremiah 32:7

Remind yourself that God is in control and then return to praising Him and declaring your faith in Him:

- “Yours is the Kingdom” – all authority belongs to You.
- “Yours is the Power” – all strength flows from You.
- “Yours is the Glory” – Your victory will be complete.

PRAYER:

“Father God, nothing is too hard for You! Through Your great power, all things are possible. All authority is Yours, all might is Yours, and I know that Your victory will be complete. You are amazing, and I worship You. I praise You for Your power and presence in my life. You are my God, and You are worthy of all praise.”

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE

In these next days, we’re going to focus on and use Scripture as a guide for prayer. The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic daily prayer life. It brings power, truth and encouragement to our prayer time.

DAY 8 - JANUARY 17

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the Epic Kids ministry of Epic Church. Prayer for the kids and families. Pray for the Epic Kids Team as we work to partner with families and lead children in becoming all-in followers of Jesus.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Take a moment to read Psalm 23 below and use the prayer below as a way to use the psalm to have a conversation with God.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff,

they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalm 23

PRAYER:

“God, You are my Provider and I know You will take care of me. Thank You for guiding me to places of rest. You are my source of energy and passion. You keep me going and lead me toward a life of purpose and freedom. I know that even when I experience my darkest seasons of difficulty and challenge, I have nothing to be afraid of because You are with me. Your presence and power are a constant comfort to me. I know that You are preparing the way for me and that my enemies cannot touch me because You are taking care of me. I know that You have blessed me, and I thank You for choosing me and anointing me with purpose. Your blessings are so much more than I could ask for. I know that You are good, God, and that You are with me all the days of my life. You have chosen me, and I have chosen You, and that means I will be with You, in Your presence, forever.”

DAY 9 - JANUARY 18

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the Epic Students ministry of Epic Church. Prayer for the students and families. Pray for the Epic Students Team as we work to partner with families and lead students in becoming all-in followers of Jesus.

SEARCH ME GOD

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
- Psalm 139:23-24*

PRAYER:

“Father God, I ask You to search my heart. If You find anything in me that is offensive, please show me and help me remove it from my life. Lead me to live a life that draws people to You. Help me live my life on earth in a way that impacts eternity.”

DAY 10 - JANUARY 19

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the Group Leaders of Epic Church as they prepare to lead groups this year at Epic. Pray for confidence for those leaders and for healthy, Christ-centered relationships to develop in the groups.

REST FOR YOUR SOULS

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” -

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus has promised a rest for our souls when we draw near to Him. The closer we are to Him, the more we can experience a rest for our souls. Even if the storm is raging around us, we can experience a rest within.

PRAYER:

“Heavenly Father, help this verse to be a reality in my life. If there are any burdens that I’ve been carrying that are Yours to carry, help me to give those to you. I believe there is rest that comes from trusting in You. I place my faith in You and where there is doubt, help me in my unbelief. Thank you that I don’t have to worry about being accepted as Your Son or Daughter. You have made a way for me to be in right relationship with You and I rest in that promise today.
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DAY 11 - JANUARY 20

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for your family today. Whether it is your children, your spouse, your parents, your siblings - spend some time praying for them.

HUMBLE YOURSELVES

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. - James 4:10

PRAYER:

“God, You have promised that if I humble myself before You, You will lift me up. I recognize today that I cannot succeed on my own and I need You in every moment. I humble myself before You and I ask You to work in and through me today. My time, efforts, thoughts, and words are Yours today (name specific parts of your day and give them to God). Use me for Your purposes, Lord. I trust that You will be with me and lift me up.”

DAY 12 - JANUARY 21

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the marriages represented in Epic Church. Pray for strength, wisdom and godliness to mark the marriages that you pray for.

NO FEAR

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and a sound mind. - 2 Timothy 1:7

Is there an area of life that has been causing fear? Use this as an opportunity to identify that and ask God to cultivate the three words of this verse (*power, love and sound mind*) in your life.

PRAYER:

“Father, I know You have not given me a spirit of fear or timidity, but one of power, love, and a sound mind. When my mind feels out of control, I pray that You will renew my spirit and let power, love, and self-discipline fill me. Help me to look more like You every day. Help me to choose wisdom and faith over fear today.”

DAY 13 - JANUARY 22

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for an area of your life in which you want to grow in. Maybe it's your ONE WORD focus for 2021.

REMAIN IN ME

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

- John 15:4-5

Jesus reminds us here that we cannot grow in our faith without staying close and connected to Him. We cannot cultivate the fruit of God's Spirit on our own. If there is an area of your life that you want to grow in, discover what Jesus has to say about that and commit to follow His teachings.

PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for not giving up on me and that you are still helping me to grow as a follower of Jesus. Even when I fail, You get me back on my feet. With your help, I want to grow in this area of my life and walk with You. I know I can't do it on my own strength, so I lean into Yours today. Give me the focus as I go about this day to remember Jesus. Help me to walk in obedience and I thank you for Your promise to be with me. May You be honored through my life today."

DAY 14 - JANUARY 23

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Focus today on the truth that God is our Provider. He is our Heavenly Father and through faith in Jesus, we are His sons and daughters. Focus on giving Him your trust today.

ARE YOU NOT MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN THEY?

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" - Matthew 6: 25-27

In this passage, Jesus reminds us that God promises to provide for us because he cares for us. Because of that, we don't need to stay stuck in worry. Planning

for tomorrow is time well spent but worrying about tomorrow is wasted time. Worry can paralyze us but faith can help us move forward.

PRAYER:

“Heavenly Father, thank You that you have promised to provide for me. I acknowledge that I have felt worried about these things (share with God about your worries). I’m reminded today that You promise to provide because You care for me. Today, I choose faith in you. Help me to seek You first and put You first in my life. I surrender my cares and concerns to you. Thank You for Your provision in my life.

DAY 15 - JANUARY 24

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for those we know who have not yet said YES to faith in Jesus. Pray for God to draw those people to Himself and to use us as a good witness for Jesus.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17

Knowing that we are in a spiritual battle, God provides spiritual armor and equips us to take a stand when battles come our way.

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. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. - Ephesians 6:11-18

PRAYER:

“Thank You, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You, and I’m reminded that nothing can separate me from the love of Christ and the place I have in Your Kingdom. Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Expose the lies I have believed and show me Your truth today. I choose to live for the Gospel in every moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Give me strength to walk daily with You. I believe that You are powerful against every lie and attack of the enemy and I receive and claim your power in my life. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me. Holy Spirit, show me the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the traps of the enemy. Bring those Scriptures to mind today. Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything as my spirit communes with You in prayer throughout the day.”

DAY 16 - JANUARY 25

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for a new teaching series starting at Epic Church in February called “Relationship Rescue.” Pray for healthy, Christ-centered relationships to be experienced by those in Epic Church.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, 10:3-5; Romans 12:1-2

We often worry about our safety and protection. When we feel this way, we can immediately come to God in prayer, pouring out our heart to Him and reminding ourselves that He is our Savior.

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. - 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Share your thoughts and concerns with God. Ask Him for His supernatural protection. He says He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11). Claim this promise and lay everything down before Him trusting His good plans and His power to protect you and those you love.

PRAYER:

“God, I bow in worship to praise You. Thank You for making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. I surrender myself completely in every area of my life to You. I submit myself to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of the enemy in my life. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I reject every thought that tries to compete against the knowledge of Christ. I pray and thank You for a sound mind, the mind of Christ. Today and every day I ask for protection over my family and loved ones; all immediate family members, relatives, friends, acquaintances, and myself. I ask for protection during all of our travels. I ask You to watch over our financial security, possessions, health, and safety (be as specific here as you like).

DAY 17 - JANUARY 26

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for our nation and its leaders.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

CONFESSION PRAYER

Based on Romans 10:10; James 5:16; 1 John 1:7-9, 3:8

Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus made a way for us to be reconciled to God through His death on the cross. As followers of Jesus, confessing and repenting of sin is something we continue to do. If we are humble and honest about our sin, God will help us become more like Jesus.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

PRAYER:

“Lord Jesus, I confess all of my sins to You. I repent and turn away from them. I’m sorry for the wrong I have done. I confess the times I should have stepped up to do right and did nothing instead. I lay it all down at Your feet. I submit my thoughts, words, actions and inactions to You. Thank You, God, for forgiving and making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. You died on the cross for my sins and rose to life again on the third day. I confess all my sins and repent. I receive Your forgiveness and ask You

to cleanse me from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, setting me free, making me holy, and giving my life purpose."

DAY 18 - JANUARY 27

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for the vision of Epic Church and that we would be successful in leading people to become all-in followers of Jesus.

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

Based on Matthew 6:14-15; Leviticus 19:18

Forgiveness can feel challenging, but God makes it clear in the Bible that He freely forgives us and we are expected to do the same for others.

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. - Matthew 6:14-15

Come before the Lord with humility, honesty and sincerity. Share the areas in your life where you need to forgive others. Even if you aren't able to settle a situation with that person, you can settle it with the Lord. As we choose to forgive those who have hurt or offended us, we can also thank God for forgiving us when we didn't deserve it.

PRAYER:

"Lord, I have a confession to make. I haven't loved others well. I have resented certain people and have not forgiven them in my heart. God, I know that You have forgiven me for so much, and I need Your help to follow You and forgive others. In faith, I now forgive (name them). I also forgive and accept myself because You have made me new in the Name of Jesus."

DAY 19 - JANUARY 28

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for all of the Dream Team members of Epic Church and those who serve in different ways.

PRIDE PRAYER

Based on Proverbs 11:2, 16:18, 26:12; 1 Timothy 3:6

Pride comes in different forms. There is “*I’m better than you*” pride and “*I don’t need God*” pride and even “*I can handle it myself*” pride. Use today as an opportunity to choose humility over pride.

*When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
- Proverbs 11:2*

Is there an area of life where we’ve been stuck in pride? Maybe it shows itself in the way we treat others or maybe we’ve felt like we can handle things ourselves. Let today be an opportunity to express your need for God.

PRAYER:

“Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I know pride only keeps me from You. I put down anything that would cause me to have pride in my heart in dealing with other people. Help me to prioritize others over myself. I ask you God, to remind me daily that true humility is not thinking less of myself, it’s thinking of myself less. I humble myself before You and come to You like a child.”

DAY 20 - JANUARY 29

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - Pray for God’s healing for those who have or are still being impacted by Covid.

HEALING PRAYER

Based on 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 103:2-5; Luke 1:37

Our God is our Healer. He is still able to bring healing in our lives today. He is still a God of miracles. He heals and responds according to His will but we are called to pray and ask by faith.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. - Psalm 103:2-5

In faith, ask God for healing. Proclaim His power and goodness, believing and trusting Him to take care of you or those you're praying for to be healed.

PRAYER:

"Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come before You asking for healing (name yourself or someone you are praying to experience healing). My hope is in You as our Healer. I believe You are able to do this. Your name is Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals, and I believe You are able. Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross so that we can receive healing. You say that You forgive our sins and heal our diseases, and I praise You for this. Thank You that the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. I stand in faith believing for healing for (yourself or someone you're praying for). Nothing is impossible for You, God! Give us peace and direction as You work in our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen."

DAY 21 - JANUARY 30

EPIC CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS - For Jesus to receive all of the worship, honor and devotion in our lives because only He is worthy.

A PRAYER OF SURRENDER

As we bring this 21 Days of Prayer seasons to an end, let's commit ourselves to Jesus for the rest of this year. Let's remember that ONLY JESUS is worthy of our devotion and worship.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - Philippians 2:10-11

PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for these last 21 days and what You've done in my life. I may not be where I want to be but I'm also not where I used to be. I praise You, Jesus, as my Savior and Lord today. I put my trust in You alone. I give my devotion to You alone. Your Kingdom is not of this world and help me to live for Your Kingdom above all else. My hope is not in this world or any political leader or any country - but in You alone. I commit the rest of this year to you and ask you to keep shaping me into who You created me to be. Amen."

