

*Facility Vision
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United in Prayer

21 Day Prayer Guide

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Day 21:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” - Hebrews 12:1-2

“If we only spent more of our time in looking at Christ we should soon forget ourselves.” - Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

Lord, we humbly thank you for this blessed congregation. Grant us the wisdom and strength to persevere through the difficult decisions and seasons ahead. May those who would cause strife and disunity be brought to account. Unite us under Your banner for Your purposes. To You we surrender. May our eyes remain fixed on You, and You alone.

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Day 20:

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:23-25

There is a holy sacredness to community. In the great mystery of God Himself, there is community – three in one. Jesus assured us that where two or three gather in His name, He is there in the midst. Brothers and sisters in Christ represent Him in the lives of one another. The united community is together the very Bride of Christ.

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Day 1:

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.” - Romans 8:26-27

With great humility we surrender into the perfection of the holy, sovereign God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – His awesome omnipotence and incomprehensible goodness. We confess our ignorance of Your awesome will, and claim the gift of Your Holy Spirit who guides us into Your Truth, reaching out to You on our behalf in our weakness.

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Day 2:

“The Most High does not live in houses made by men.” – Acts 7:48

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” – Acts 2:1-4

We believers in Jesus Christ are together being built into the dwelling place of God. But the Holy Spirit came with power to the believers gathered in a particular location: God shows up where believers gather in His name.

Day 19:

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” - Colossians 3:12-14

The Christian community is the place where we are free to discover who we are, why we’re here, and what we are to do about it. Acceptance by a Christian brother or sister in spite of wrongdoing is life-giving. To bear with each other is to carry the burden of one another’s freedom.

Day 18:

“To [the saints] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone complete in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.” - Colossians 1:27-29

We are all proclaimers of the Gospel, but we are also all keepers of our brothers. We carry a responsibility for the spiritual well-being of all in our community. So we discipline one another with gentleness reminiscent of Christ our Lord.

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Day 3:

Read Solomon’s prayer of dedication for the temple in 2 Chronicles 6:18-40.

This temple was built to serve as a place where people may go to encounter the LORD ready and waiting to hear those who’d pray, forgive those who’d confess, restore those whose hearts and souls would turn towards Him, and teach those who’d walk in His ways.

“I have chosen this place. ...If my people... will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear... forgive... heal...” - 2 Chronicles 7:12-14

God’s benevolent responses are predicated on His people first humbling themselves, praying, seeking His face, and turning from wickedness.

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Day 4:

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” – Romans 12:10-13

Honor is humility in action. Brotherly love concerns itself with the other’s needs and well-being.

It is a very diverse group of people that calls GracePoint Church home. Great intentionality is required to simply notice the various needs that surround. Pray to see with the eyes of Jesus – to notice among the crowd the burdens that interfere with our brothers’ and sisters’ pursuit of God.

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Day 17:

“Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of His Body, which is the Church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the Word of God in its fulness – the mystery that has been kept for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.” - Colossians 1:24-26

There is much pain and suffering, toil and work to the continued revelation of the Gospel and the advancement of the Kingdom.

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Day 16:

“Speak to one another with psalms hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” - Ephesians 5:19-21

Music has been the form in which the ancients remembered the truths of God, and it remains a powerful and effective means of remembrance today. We gather – confessing our need for the exhortation and affirmation of each other – to sing overwhelmed with thanksgiving for the multitude of blessings the Lord has seen fit to pour upon us.

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Day 5:

“Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20

We are learners chasing Christ, pursuing Christ-likeness, given the mission to initiate and raise up other learners, to teach them to pursue Christ. Such is our corporate charge. Let us not lose sight of that.

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Day 6:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

We testify of the Truth to the world with the entirety of our lives, empowered with the Spirit of God Himself, reproducing His very likeness.

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Day 15:

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” - Ephesians 4:15-16

Each member of the Body has an important role to play that no other can. May we all strive to be ligaments that support the connectedness of the Body with love.

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Day 14:

“You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.” - Ephesians 2:19-22

We are a part of something so much bigger and grander than we could ever comprehend: built upon a foundation perfectly aligned with the character, attributes, and nature of Jesus Christ Himself, rising together in holiness that we may house the very Spirit of the Most High. May we honor the LORD as we humbly seek to be only what and all that He would have us be.

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Day 7:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ...All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Everyday they continued to meet together... broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:42-47

A beautiful description of model Christian community – sincere devotion to spiritual disciplines, generosity across the community – united by their submission to the Truth of Jesus Christ and the spread of His rule. The Lord blessed their sincere active devotion with community growth. This is our prototype to follow and is not an ideal beyond fulfillment.

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Day 8:

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the Church of God – even as I try to please everybody in every way. God I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Every act of our lives can be done to the glory of God – even the planning and potential remodeling of our church building and grounds. We do this by seeking the good of many without causing anyone to stumble.

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Day 13:

“This service you perform... many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ...Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” - 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

We will not have the privilege of witnessing most of the fruit that will come from the seeds we sow. The myriad of fruits we enjoy now come from seeds planted before our time. Thank God for the faithfulness and humility of generations past that has blessed us with the building and facilities we currently enjoy. Very few from within those past generations of givers had even a hint of what would eventually result. The rest simply gave with their eyes on the Giver.

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Day 12:

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” - 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

The Lord provides the seed that we are called to generously sow. The fruit of righteousness comes through Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:9-11). And in sowing this righteousness, we reap the fruit of unfailing love (Hosea 10:12). Righteousness and unfailing love are the fruit of generosity.

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Day 9:

“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up... Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ...Warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ...Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

Teach, admonish, and exhort one another. Intentionally observe the witness offered by the siblings in the faith who labor with earnestness here, and honor them, regard them, defer to them, stand by them, and support them.

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Day 10:

“One Body... one Spirit. ...The members of the Body which seem to be weaker are necessary... so that there may be no division in the Body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it....” - 1 Corinthians 12:12-28

All within the Body are necessary. It is far too easy to become numb to the suffering of others given the ubiquitous nature of suffering. However, the whole Body suffers – not attaining to its ideal operation – when one member does.

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Day 11:

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.’” - 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Giving plays a critical role in the model Christian community. Giving is an act of humility and submission to the congregation. The generous giver will reap a generous harvest. God is more than able when we are generous.s

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