Hello!

We’re so glad you’ve decided to embark on this prayer initiative with us. For some of you, this is your first go-round with prayer. Some are seasoned prayers. And many fall somewhere in between.

No matter where you are on your prayer journey, you need to know your prayers are effective. Any time you pray, you release the power of God into this earth and into people’s lives. God needs us to pray.

You need to know something. Things happen when you pray that don’t happen when you don’t pray. Even when you don’t see anything right away, even if you don’t feel anything when you pray, your prayers count. And we need them.

This devotional is meant to be prayed for the same person/people for 21 days in a row. Mark their names and make a commitment to pray for them all the way through. It will make a difference.

In order to help us pray together every day, we have set up a journal with the following:

1. A scripture (our prayers must be Word-based).
2. A devotional thought.
3. Prayer points to help us grow closer to God.
4. Prayer points for the people on our list.

You can pray in the morning, at night, or anywhere in the middle. Whenever you pray, we encourage you to start your prayer time with this devotional. It will help guide and direct your prayer. And even though we aren’t physically together in the same room, we will all be praying the same thing. It’s powerful.
This isn’t meant to limit your prayer time but to be a starting point. Feel free to pray more detailed as God leads you. And He will lead you. (It’s so exciting to grow in hearing His voice and following His promptings.)

Other great scriptures to pray for ourselves and others are the epistle prayers (see the appendix). These prayers come straight from the Word of God. Read them. Pray them daily for yourself and those on your list and watch what God will do.

As we begin this 21-day journey, let’s pray this together:

Father, I ask You to use my life to pray for the people on my list during the next 21 days. You alone hold the power to change lives, and we are thankful that You’ve given us the avenue of prayer to release Your power into the lives of our friends, family, community and neighbors. I ask You to stretch me, help me grow, and show me how to give myself to prayer. Give me Your eyes and Your heart for the lost. Help me see them as You do — precious fruit. I love You and come to You with great anticipation of what You will do.

In Jesus’ Name,
Amen!

We love you and are so thankful we’re uniting in prayer for the lost. We truly are better together.

This is going to be fun. Let’s pray!
FASTING

We are so excited you’ve decided to come on this journey of prayer with us, and we would like to encourage you to consider fasting as well. You may not be familiar with what it is, so here is some information that may help you.

We see in the Old Testament they fasted at different times for different reasons. They fasted in sadness, mourning, and repentance. They fasted in times of danger and later in remembrance of God’s powerful hand to deliver out of that danger. They followed different fasts laid out for them in the law of Moses. And they fasted on the day of Atonement.

Moving into the New Testament, we find there are no specific instructions on fasting. Neither Jesus nor the apostles go into detail on this subject.

Jesus referred to fasting, though. One such reference is:

Matthew 6:16-18 (NIV)
“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Jesus did not say IF you fast. He said when. We know the early church fasted because we can see it in the book of Acts. We also see it mentioned throughout the New Testament.

Fasting was then and should still be a part of the Christian’s life. There may not be any detailed instructions like there
are for prayer, the gifts of the Spirit, and how to be a godly husband and wife, but there are guidelines we can see as we study it.

**WHY SHOULD I FAST?**

There are three main reasons we see for fasting in the New Testament.

1. To minister to the Lord. (Acts 13:2)
2. In times of consecration, such as laying hands on people to separate them into ministry. (Acts 13:3)
3. On individual occasions, such as times of danger, crisis, or decision making. (The shipwreck in Acts 27)

We do not fast to move God. God doesn't move. We do. We do not fast to gain victory over the enemy. Jesus did that for us completely on the cross! We can’t obtain any greater degree of authority over him than we already have.

Fasting makes us more sensitive to God because we've drawn closer to God. We become more aware of who we are and Who we carry. It helps us be more self-controlled. And if we cannot command our flesh, we will never be able to command an evil spirit to come out or a sickness to leave with authority.

**FASTING & PRAYER**

Fasting without prayer is simply skipping a meal. Fasting also frees up our schedule to be able to spend more time in prayer and communing with God since we are not preparing meals and sitting down to eat. As you read through the Old and New Testaments, you will see fasting connected to prayer.

As you plan your fast, be sure to plan extra times of prayer as a part of it. If you're fasting during work hours, try to find a place to get alone with God to spend extra time in prayer and the Word if you can. (Keep in mind, prayer does not have to
be loud to be effective. A whispered prayer carries as much weight as one that is shouted from the top of your lungs. It's the substance of the prayer that matters, not the volume.)

Whenever you fast, be sure to plan for prayer as well.

**HOW DO I FAST?**

There are many different kinds of fasts. I've seen a 40-day sugar fast. There's a Pleasant Bread Fast, where you can fast the “luxuries” of food (sweets, caffeine, etc). The Daniel Fast is similar to this but is very specific on what is permissible to eat and what to avoid. (There are several good books available regarding this type of fast on Amazon.com.)

Some people do a total fast, also called a water only fast, with no food or juice. Others fast a certain meal each day. Some fast for one day, some for 3 days, and some from sunup to sundown. People also fast things other than food like TV, Facebook, or all social media for a set amount of time.

Since there are no “rules” listed in the New Testament, the best thing we can say here is to be led by the Spirit of God. Whatever fast you choose to do, you will be more successful if you make a plan.

- Set your objective
- Set your fast parameters:
  - Length
  - Kind of fast
- Commit to it mentally, physically, and spiritually
- Prepare yourself physically:
  - Hydrate well with water
  - Begin eating smaller portions before your fast begins
  - Wean off caffeine ahead of time
  - If you have physical conditions that may hinder your
ability to fast food, check with your physician before you begin

• Limit physical activity during your fast if necessary:
  » You are not taking in as many (if any) calories, so demanding exercise may not be a good idea
• Prepare yourself mentally for the physical discomforts of fasting:
  » Let your hunger pangs remind you to pray
  » You may experience crankiness and impatience if you’re coming off caffeine or sugar. Be aware and mindful when relating with people while detoxing from these things
  » You may feel weak or tired at the beginning of the fast, so rest if you can

• Schedule extra times into your day to pray

Remember, fasting does not move God. It changes you. If you “fall off the wagon” before your fast is complete, that doesn’t mean you’ve failed completely. God is not disappointed in you. Just pick it right back up and move on from there and you will still see the benefits of the fast.

You can pray effectively without fasting, so please don’t be discouraged from praying if you choose not to fast. Seek God and follow His leading and you can’t go wrong.

We cannot do an in-depth study on fasting here, but for more information or a deeper study in the area of fasting, we recommend the following books to you:

• A Commonsense Guide to Fasting by Kenneth E. Hagin
• Fasting: The Key to Releasing God’s Power in Your Life by Derek Prince
• How to Fast Successfully by Derek Prince
Waking up isn’t usually fun. If we set an alarm, chances are we’ll hit the snooze button, maybe even more than once. Then we’ll roll out of bed and groggily look longingly back at the soft mattress and warm blankets, wishing for just five more minutes.

Nowadays we buy room darkening curtains to keep the light out. But back in the days before electricity, the farmers knew it was time to get up when the first rays of daylight caused the rooster to crow and creeped through the windows of their home. So it is with the light of God coming into our lives. When it comes, it begins to awaken things in our spirits.

I believe this month will be marked by spiritual awakening, both in the lost for whom we’re praying and in us. We all have areas in our lives where we’re “drowsy” and need the light to shine. It’s time to wake up.

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For the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

_Ephesians 5:14 (NLT)_
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME
• Father, awaken me to a deeper walk with You today.
• Father, wake up our church to Your plans and purposes today.
• Father, wake up our community to Your presence today.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST
• Father, awaken the heart of _________ to Your presence and love today. Give them a desire to know You in all of Your goodness and grace.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Day 2

Your heart is the most vulnerable part of who you are, physically and emotionally. Physically, it’s one of our most vital organs. If you live to be 80 years old, your heart will have beaten approximately 3,363,840,000 times, pumping blood through your entire body with each beat.

If something were to penetrate it, you would die. It’s surrounded by the sternum in the front and the spinal cord in the back, and your ribs wrap around it on all sides, forming a protective barrier against outside attack.

It’s the same with our emotional heart. People, situations, and life have hurt us throughout the years, and the natural response is to build a “wall” to protect ourselves. It’s true our walls keep the bad stuff out, but it can keep good things out as well, things like love and joy and peace.

We need walls to help protect us against hurtful people. Those are healthy. But God will never hurt us. Quite the opposite. He desires to heal every hurt of the past if we will just let Him penetrate our defenses to get to our heart.

And I will give them one heart [a new heart] and I will put a new spirit within them; and I will take the stony [unnaturally hardened] heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh [sensitive and responsive to the touch of their God].

Ezekiel 11:19 (AMPC)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, help me trust You with my whole heart.
• Father, help me tear down the walls where You are concerned.
• Father, as I expose my most vulnerable thoughts and emotions to You, come and heal me and make me new.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, soften the hard heart of _________. Break through their walls and give them a heart that is sensitive and responsive to Your touch.

SPACE TO REFLECT
They’ve been saying, “Jesus is coming back soon,” for centuries. As the apostles wrote the letters that make up our New Testament, they referred to it as His soon return. That was 2,000 years ago, yet here we still are.

And this is why. God isn’t willing that any should perish. He’s patiently waiting for the church to do its job of reaping the harvest. Reaping the harvest starts with praying and ends with telling the lost about the love of God.

Keep doing your job. Pray. Share. It will bear fruit for the kingdom. Once the harvest is fully reaped, He will come back and not a moment before. He paid a great price with His blood, and He is patiently waiting to get everything He paid for.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

*2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)*

**PRAYER IS THE MAIN JOB OF THE CHURCH.**
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, give me Your heart of compassion for the lost.
• Father, open my eyes to see the harvest right in front of me and help me pray for them without ceasing.
• Father, I yield my life to be used by You in Your harvest. Help me pray. Send me forth. I am Yours.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, You are not willing that _________ should perish. You want their heart. I pray for them right now. Please open their eyes and reveal Yourself to them again today. Touch their heart with Your sweet love. Make Yourself real to them.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Search me and know my heart. That can be a frightening thing to pray until we realize that He already knows everything. In fact, He knows things about us we don’t even know about ourselves, things that are hidden deep in our hearts. And He loves us still.

Sometimes we avoid coming to Him because we’re ashamed of those hidden things. That’s what happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden in Genesis chapter 3. God’s heart was saddened by their sin because it brought a separation between Himself and the creation He loved. They ran away from God in shame instead of running to God in repentance.

But even when they ran, God pursued them. He covered them. And He left them with hope and a promise of restoration. There’s nothing we have done, nothing we are doing, nothing we will ever think to do that could separate us from the love of God.
He reveals things in our hearts to us so that we can clean it out and walk even more closely with Him. That’s what He’s after, you know, a deeper intimacy with us. Because we know He passionately, recklessly and relentlessly loves us, we can pray this with abandon — search me and know my heart, oh God.

**PRAYER POINTS FOR ME**

- Father, I trust You with my heart. All of it. The good, the bad and the ugly. I know I’m safe with You.
- Father, Search me. Know me. Help me change to be more like You.
- God, saturate my life with Your love today.

**TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST**

- Father, open the eyes of __________. Let them experience Your relentless love and the safety that can be found as they yield their heart to You.

**SPACE TO REFLECT**
Anxiety. Worry. Fear. These are the feelings we get when we’re thinking about a situation with a “what if” attached to it. “What if” they leave? “What if” I lose my job? “What if” the test results come back cancerous? It’s natural. It’s normal. It’s awful.

There’s nothing pleasant about anxiety. And there’s a better way to live.

We feel anxious and overwhelmed when we are more enamored with the problem than we are with the promise. When we live focused on the mountain instead of the Mountain Mover. Worry thrives when we compare the problem to our own lack of ability instead of comparing it to how big our God is.

It’s also the feeling we feel when we think of those all around us who are lost, and it steals our peace. God is bigger than anything we will ever face, and He loves our family and friends even more than we do. He longs for them with an everlasting love. And He knows how to reach them.

Test me and point out all my anxious thoughts.

*Psalm 139:23 (NIV)*

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

*I Peter 5:7 (AMPC)*
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, I choose to remember how powerful You are and I choose to see my problem as it really is, tiny in comparison to my God.
• Father, help me cast this care on You and trust You to work it out.
• Father, I choose to kick worry out and replace it with faith because You are faithful.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, give ________ a revelation of who You are and how big You are and let Your peace be tangible every time they hear about You. You know how to reach them. I ask You to move in their life today and draw them towards You.

SPACE TO REFLECT

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S PRESENCE THROUGH PRAYER WILL BRING REST TO YOUR SOUL.
Since that fateful day in the Garden when Adam and Eve fell and brought us with them into separation from God, He has been single-minded in purpose. In Genesis 3:15, we see the first promise of Jesus and in Revelation 13:8 we find that Jesus was the Lamb slain before the world was ever even formed.

God spent thousands of years preparing for the moment all of humanity would be bought back and brought back to Him. The whole of the Old Testament points to it and the entirety of the New Testament reveals it — God’s plan of redemption is Jesus.

God’s heart is for the lost. He longs for them. He yearns for them. He wants us to feel the same way He does about them. And when we pray for their salvation, we are joining with His plan and purpose. He listens and He acts every single time we pray.

This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.

I John 5:14–15 (AMPC)
We have been praying together for a week now, but maybe we haven't seen any evidence of change in the people we're praying for. Don't lose heart. If we pray according to His purpose, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, we know we have granted to us the requests we have asked from Him.

Don’t stop praying.

**PRAYER POINTS FOR ME**

• Father, strengthen my faith today to continue to pray, even if I don’t see change yet.
• Father, help me see the lost the way You see them. Give me a burden for their salvation.
• Father, lead me in my prayer for the lost today.

**TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST**

• Father, reveal Yourself to ________ today. Send someone to tell them of Your goodness and lead them into Your sweet salvation.

**SPACE TO REFLECT**
Have you ever tried to walk around in the dark? If it’s a familiar place, you may be able to make your way through, but you can’t see any obstacles or dangers around you. It’s easy to bump into things, step on a Lego®, and stumble about. But if you turn on the light, everything changes.

Over and over in scripture we see the contrast of light and darkness. God’s realm is light. The devil’s is darkness. Period. In fact, 1 John 1:5 says, “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

When we were born again, God turned on the light in our spirit and our soul and we were able to see clearly. And that’s exactly what needs to happen in the lives of the lost people on our lists. So that’s exactly what we’re going to pray today.

For You will light my lamp; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

*Psalm 18:28 (NKJV)*

It is through prayer alone that God’s power is released into our situations.
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, I love living in the light of Your truth, of Your Word, and of Your love.
• Father, thank You for shining Your light in my heart and soul, and drawing me close to You.
• Father, continue to help me walk fully in the light. If my feet are heading towards dark paths, please enlighten the darkness so I can turn away from it.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, I pray that You will shine Your light in _________’s heart. Make it so bright and clear that it exposes the darkness for the lie that it is and draw their heart to You.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Jesus had a massive work to do while He was here on this earth. He was always surrounded by crowds who were pulling on Him. He was fully God, but He was also fully man with the limitations of a human.

Jesus saw the crowds. He didn’t look past them. He looked at them. As He looked at the vast multitudes of the lost and broken, He was overwhelmed by the task at hand, and He knew He needed help.

So He recruited His disciples. But before He ever told them to GO to the harvest field, He told them to pray for harvesters. Pray for help. Pray for people to be willing to lay down their lives and go for Him.

It’s important to pray for the lost. It’s important to go to the lost. But before we do any of that, we need to pray for the harvesters to be filled with such a desperation for the lost that they will be compelled to go.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

Matthew 9:36–38 (NLT)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, open my eyes to see the vastness of the harvest. Help me to not look past them but to see them like Jesus did.
• Father, fill me with compassion for the lost that moves me to action.
• Father, send forth laborers into Your harvest.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, I pray that You will send a laborer into the path of __________. Send someone they will listen to. Give them the right words to speak and let their words be saturated with Your anointing that will pierce the heart of __________ and bring them close to You.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Day 9

We lost our daughter one day when she was around 2 years old. I was outside playing with our 3 kids while my husband was inside fixing a window. One minute she was there. When I looked up the next minute, she was gone. I can’t tell you the absolute panic that filled my heart.

I ran to my husband, hoping she had gone in with him, but she had not. Then we were both panicked. We ran up and down the street, shouting her name and looking for her. We finally found her, thank God! We didn’t know she had learned how to open the door and she let herself into the garage without me seeing her.

I will never forget that hopeless panicked feeling.

That’s how God feels about each and every person on your list. About each and every lost soul on this planet. He’s calling to them. Reaching for them. He’s inviting His church to join Him in His search, and He does it through our prayers.

If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?

Luke 15:4 (NLT)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME
• Father, thank You that You didn’t back down in Your pursuit of me until You found me.
• Father, give me Your eyes to see the lost the way You do.
• Father, give me Your heart of compassion for the lost and Your words to pray over them.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST
• Father, I ask You to keep pursuing _________. Pour out Your love in their heart and soul. Send laborers across their path to minister Your life and truth to them. Soften their heart to receive what You so freely offer.

SPACE TO REFLECT

PRAY THE WORD. THE WORD OF GOD COMING OUT OF OUR MOUTH IN PRAYER IS JUST AS POWERFUL AS WHEN JESUS SPOKE IT.
Day 10

It’s one thing to know about the love of God and it’s completely Next Level to experience it.

I used to hear people say, “God loves You.” I would hear them quote John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever should believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” I even memorized it. I knew it was true because God’s Word said it was true.

But one day, I experienced His love for myself. He touched my heart and revealed His love to me in a personal way. There are no words to describe it. I just knew right then and there that God was real and His love was different than anything I had ever experienced. And I wanted more and more of Him.

Do you remember when you experienced His love for the first time?

His love is the gamechanger.

That you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience.

Ephesians 3:19 (AMPC)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, thank You for loving me. Thank You for revealing Your love to me.
• Father, continue to fill me with Your love so I can give Your love to those around me.
• Father, help me live always aware of Your presence and love in me.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, touch ________’s heart with Your love. Let it saturate every inch of their soul until they see Your goodness and turn completely to You.

SPACE TO REFLECT
God hears me when I call. I find Him when I seek Him. These are truths we need to remember daily because they don’t always feel true. Our feelings can and will lie to us.

God is not playing hide and seek with us. Sometimes it can feel like that when we pray because we don’t “feel” anything. But effective prayer isn’t based in how we feel when we pray. It doesn’t have anything to do with whether or not we got a goose bump. It’s not about how loud we pray or even how long we pray.

Effective prayer is based on faith in God’s Word. Maybe you have been praying these past 13 days and wonder if it’s working. Do you wonder if God is even listening?

I can tell you for sure He is because His Word says He is. Period. Keep praying whether you feel anything or not. Your prayers are prevailing and releasing God’s power into this earth.

In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

*Jeremiah 29:12–13 (NLT)*
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, thank You for hearing me when I pray according to Your Word no matter how I feel.
• Father, help me grow in trust and intimacy with You as I continue this prayer journey.
• Father, give me ears to hear what You’re saying when I pray and help me draw closer to You day by day.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, I know more than anything You long for the salvation of _________. I ask You to continue to reveal Yourself to them. Make Yourself real to them. Draw them close to You by Your Spirit.

SPACE TO REFLECT

PRAYER IS A CONVERSATION ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP AND BASED ON TRUST.
Day 12

The Christians James was talking to here were anxiously awaiting the return of the Lord. They wanted Him to come and come now. "What's taking so long?" That was the theme of their thoughts.

James gives them a peek into the heart of God here and answers that question so well. He's waiting for the “precious fruit of the earth.” Do you know who that is? It’s everyone on your list. It’s everyone who has yet to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. That’s a lot of people. The church was being selfish. In essence, they were okay with millions of souls being lost forever as long as it made their life easier. Ouch.

I like how James describes the lost. Precious fruit. Precious. There are a lot of people who don’t know Christ that I wouldn’t call precious. Many words pop into my mind when I think of them. Frustrating. Wicked. Evil. Vile. Hopeless. But not precious.

There is no rotten fruit in His eyes. What we may call rotten, like a rapist or murderer or someone so lost in addiction we’ve had to cut them off because they’ve hurt and betrayed us too many times, God calls precious. He paid a hefty price for them like He did for you and me.

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

James 5:7 (NKJV)
There is nobody so far gone that God’s powerful, loving, delivering arm can’t reach them if we pray. Do what you need to do in the natural. Draw boundaries if you have to, but never stop praying. Ever. It releases God’s power where it’s needed the most.

**PRAYER POINTS FOR ME**

- Father, help me see the harvest as You see them, precious fruit and not rotten.
- Father, help me to be patient in waiting and yet still longing to see Your return.
- Father, help me not be selfish with my time as others continue to be lost but help me always be watching in prayer.

**TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST**

- Father, ________ is precious to You. You want them. You long for them to be part of Your family. Send the rain of Your presence into their heart to soften it and I pray they will respond to Your touch and turn to You.

**SPACE TO REFLECT**
Our daughter keeps us on our toes. We learned early on not to say anything we don’t mean when it comes to her. She remembers everything and she doesn’t let up until we do what we said we would do. If we say we were going to buy her something, she reminds us hourly until we do. She keeps us honest, that’s for sure.

Ask. Seek. Knock. These words were written in the present continuous tense. In other words, it could say:

“Ask and keep on asking.”

“Seek repeatedly.”

“Don’t stop knocking.”

That’s what we’re doing during these 21 days for the people on our list. We may not have seen any changes yet, but we aren’t going to stop asking until we do. That’s what God expects of us. That’s what He needs from us. So that’s what we’ll do.

Ask, and the gift is yours. Seek, and you’ll discover. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. For every persistent one will get what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he longs for. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door.

Matthew 7:7–8 (TPT)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, help me not grow weary in prayer when I don’t see any change on the outside.
• Father, help me care about the souls of others enough to not stop praying for them.
• Father, thank You for the people who prayed for me until my heart softened to You. Help me be that person for the people on my list.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, I ask You to soften the heart of ________. Every time I pray, I thank You that You continue to reveal Yourself to them. Help them see Your goodness and respond to Your love.

SPACE TO REFLECT

YOU DON’T RECEIVE ANSWERS TO 100% OF THE PRAYERS YOU DON’T ASK.
One year at Christmas, I had a friend who told me, “Jesus is like pumpkin roll. It tastes so good you can’t keep it to yourself. You want to share it with everyone!”

For those of you who don’t know, pumpkin roll is a sweet roll of confection deliciousness. And I agree wholeheartedly. God is good, and Jesus is so sweet I want everyone I know to share in His sweetness.

I used to get so confused as to how people could not want Him. Then it dawned on me. They haven’t tasted Him yet. They haven’t experienced Him. They haven’t had a personal encounter with His mercy and goodness and love. Once you do, you’re hooked and you want everyone around you to taste and see what has set you free.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 34:8 (NKJV)

Drink deeply of the pleasures of this God. Experience for yourself the joyous mercies he gives to all who turn to hide themselves in him.

Psalm 34:8 (TPT)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME
• Father, I’m so thankful that I’ve tasted of Your sweetness.
• Father, help me share Your goodness with those around me by pouring Your love through me.
• Father, fill me so thoroughly with Your love and grace today that when I get squeezed, You are all that comes out.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST
• Father, I pray for ________ to have an encounter with You today. Let them experience the joy of Your presence so they crave You more and more.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Day 15

Jesus is everything I never knew I needed. We’ve said this already but it bears repeating.

Why did I not know? How could I have been so blind? This verse tells us. Because Satan had me blindfolded. I was deceived until I encountered Jesus for myself. You probably have a similar story. Right?

My life was a mess and I was drowning in darkness before I accepted Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. When the blindfold was removed and the light came, I was delivered. Free. Loved. New. I am a completely different person now. I know who I was and I see who I now am, and no one can take that from me.

That’s the only difference between us and the people on our list. They’re still living in the dark behind the blindfold. It’s time to turn the light on.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME
• Father, thank You for shining the light into my heart and mind. I am forever changed and forever grateful!
• Father, I am thankful that I know You but I want to know You even more. Help me become more deeply and intimately acquainted with You and all the wonders of who You are.
• Father, help me show Your love and grace to those around me because I’ve been shown such love and grace from You.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST
• Father, shine Your light into the heart and mind of __________. Devil, I command you to remove the blindfold from their eyes. Father, pour Your life into their heart. Melt away the hurts with the warmth of Your love.

SPACE TO REFLECT

THE POWER TO ANSWERED PRAYER LIES NOT IN THE WORDS WE SPEAK BUT IN THE ONE WE ASK.
Day 16

Have you ever been thirsty? I think it’s safe to say we all have been. What’s the first thing you do? Reach for something to drink. But taking a drink of something won’t alleviate thirst if you drink the wrong thing. If you reach for pop, it will only make you thirstier. Water, on the other hand, quenches thirst.

What you drink is just as important as taking a drink.

Jesus told us in John 7:37, “If you’re thirsty, come to me and drink.”

We all get thirsty spiritually and emotionally. Sometimes we try to quench it with the things of this world, like TV or books or drugs or alcohol. But those things will never satisfy. They only make us thirstier.

Jesus is the cup that will never run dry. He quenches every thirst and satisfies the longing of every heart when we choose to drink of Him instead.

For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground. Isaiah 44:3 (NKJV)
**PRAYER POINTS FOR ME**

- Father, teach me to turn to You when I thirst instead of the things that can never satisfy my heart.
- Father, thank You for always being there for me when I need You.
- Father, I surrender those things in my life I’ve put in Your place. Show me how to drink from You alone.

**TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST**

- Father, _________ is thirsty for You and probably doesn’t even know it. I know You are the only thing that will satisfy their thirst. Pour Your water on the dry ground of their heart and flood their thirsty soul with the River of Life from heaven.

**SPACE TO REFLECT**
Day 17

Truth. It's defined as the real facts about something. Absolute truth is something that is true at all times in all places. It's a fact that can never be changed. For example, there are no round squares. Subjective truth, however, is truth based on a person’s feelings and emotions. It's the perception of something based on the experience at the time.

We live in a time in history where people believe in absolute truth less and less. Truth has become subjective. If it feels good, it’s truth for you. But what people believe doesn’t change the facts of the Truth. Truth is truth whether we believe it or not. A lie is still untrue even if everyone believes it.

God’s Word is the foundation for truth. It is always true, even if no one believes it. And it is in His Word we find our freedom. Our redemption. Our deliverance. Our hope.

And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

*John 8:32 (NLT)*

Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.

*John 17:17 (AMPC)*
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

- Father, open my eyes to the truth of Your Word.
- Father, show me areas where I’m believing a lie.
- Father, help me align my life with Your truth.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

- Father, give ________ eyes to see the Truth of Your Word and a heart to receive it as truth, and let that Truth set them free.

SPACE TO REFLECT

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR PRAYER ISN’T ANSWERED YET? KEEP PRAYING.
Before you ever believed in Jesus, you heard about Him. You likely heard about Him through a person. It could have been someone close to you, a stranger on an airplane, or a preacher on TV.

Did you know that on average a person hears the gospel 5–6 times before they turn to Christ? I was a wee bit more stubborn than that. How many times did it take you? We recently spoke to a young man who said his coworker invited him to church for four months before he finally showed up, and he gave His heart to the Lord that very Sunday.

There are lost people all around us that don’t believe yet because they haven’t heard yet. Oh, I’d venture to say that everyone in America has heard about Jesus. But have they heard the truth about Him? Have they heard that He is good, that He heals, that He sets free and restores the broken?

Or maybe they need to hear the Good News one more time. Keep sharing. Keep praying. Maybe this time will be the time they turn to Him.

But how can people call on him for help if they’ve not yet believed? And how can they believe in one they’ve not yet heard of? And how can they hear the message of life if there is no one there to proclaim it? And how can the message be proclaimed if messengers have yet to be sent?

Romans 10:14–15 (TPT)
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME
• Father, thank You that people kept pursuing me until I gave my heart to You.
• Father, help me push past their rejection of You and give me the Words to speak to the lost ones around me yet again of Your goodness.
• Father, help me to grow in boldness and confidence to share my story of Your goodness in my life with those around me.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST
• Father, send laborers to ________. Send people that they will respect and listen to. Anoint their words to pierce the heart of ________. Open their ears to really hear what they’re saying about You. Give them a heart to believe.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Salvation isn’t just about the fire insurance. It isn’t just about escaping the flames of hell, although that’s a huge part of it. For years we relied on the fear of hell to get people saved.

It is true. Hell is a real and awful place that leaves us eternally separated from God. Putting our faith in Christ guarantees our freedom from ever going there, and there are some that will only come to Him because of the realization of that fear.

Many see God as a mean harsh person in the sky, waiting to punish them for something terrible they’ve done. But the reality of God’s heart and His salvation couldn’t be more opposite.

Salvation is about the goodness of God being poured out in our lives. When we encounter His graciousness, it will break down the walls we’ve built. When we feel His kindness and taste His sweetness, our hearts open to Him and we begin to want Him.
PRAYER POINTS FOR MYSELF

• Father, thank You for revealing Yourself to me in all of Your goodness.

• Father, help me reveal Your kindness to those around me who don’t yet know You through my actions and words today.

• Father, may Your goodness be seen in me by the lost all around me.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, I pray that ________ will encounter Your goodness today. Open their eyes to see Your kindness being poured out in their life. Stir a desire in them for You.

SPACE TO REFLECT

JESUS WON COMPLETELY THE VICTORY ON THE CROSS, AND WE HAVE ACCESS TO IT THROUGH PRAYER.
No one walks into a dark room and says, “Turn off the darkness!” No. We say, “Turn on the light.” Darkness literally means the absence of light.

When light comes, darkness goes. It has no choice. It’s not a fight. There is no power struggle over who gets to stay. Darkness cannot overpower the light.

When the light of God’s Word comes into our life, darkness must leave. This is why Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18 for our hearts to be flooded with light so we can understand, and it’s why we can pray this for the people on our lists.

If you’re feeling “in the dark” about God or any part of His Word, you can pray this for yourself too.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

*John 1:5 (NLT)*
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, flood my heart and mind with the light of Your Word so I can clearly see truth.
• Father, thank You that the Spirit of life and light lives in me and I don’t have to fear the darkness.
• Father, forgive me for any areas I’ve chosen to walk in darkness. Guide me back into the light by Your Word.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, flood ________’s heart and soul with Your light and Truth. Let the light flood their mind so they can clearly see and understand their need for Jesus. Bring them close to You through revealing Your love to them.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Day 21

The Holy Spirit convicts. He rebukes. He tells us our faults and shows us where we’re wrong. That’s one of His jobs. He convicts the church. He also convicts the world of its sin.

What is their sin? Murder? Stealing? Those are pretty big sins, but they aren’t the one that He will rebuke them for. They aren’t the “Big One.”

No, the biggie is refusing to believe in Jesus. That’s it. That’s what He convicts them of. And He does it by wooing their hearts and saying, “What have you done with Jesus? Don’t you know how good He is? How much He loves you? Come on. Just believe. You know you want to.”

Every time we pray, it opens the door for Him to speak to their hearts one more time. Don’t stop praying. It’s working, even if you can’t see it.

And when he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me.

*John 16:8–9 (NLT)*

SELF-CARE ISN’T SELFISH. YOU CAN’T POUR FROM AN EMPTY CUP.
PRAYER POINTS FOR ME

• Father, thank You that You convicted me of the sin of not believing in Jesus. That’s what drew me to You.
• Father, if there are any areas of Your Word that I don’t believe yet, open my eyes and convict me again.
• Father, help me live aware that You live in me. Help me live with the awareness that I may be the only Jesus the lost may ever see. Help me be an adequate representation of who Jesus is by living my life poured out for You.

TODAY’S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON MY LIST

• Father, convict ________ of not believing in Jesus. Bring understanding to their mind and a desire to know You to their heart. Awaken their hearts to the awareness of who You are and Your love for them.

SPACE TO REFLECT
Appendix: The Epistle Prayers

These are powerful prayers to pray for yourself and for others. Wherever you see the word “you” or “your,” insert “me” or “my” or the name of a friend or loved one. Pray them daily and watch what God will do.

**EPHESIANS 1:17-23 (AMPC)**

17 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,
18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),
19 And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,
20 Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],
21 Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.
22 And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church],
23 Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].
EPHESIANS 3:14–21 (AMPC)

14 For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name].
16 May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].
17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God’s devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!
20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—
21 To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).
PHILIPPIANS 1:9–11 (AMPC)
9 And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more and extend to its fullest development in knowledge and all keen insight [that your love may display itself in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment],
10 So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling nor causing others to stumble].
11 May you abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God [[that His glory may be both manifested and recognized].

COLOSSIANS 1:9–12 (AMPC)
9 For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things—
10 That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition].
11 [We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy,
12 Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God’s holy people) in the Light.