

IMMEASURABLY MCARE

THE RELENTLESS PRAYER GUIDE

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Ephesians 3:20

WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH!

The most important element of our upcoming capital campaign initiative is prayer. As we begin this journey together, we invite you to join us by using this prayer guide as we prepare to witness God do **IMMEASURABLY MORE** than we could ever imagine.

Each daily devotion is thoughtfully divided into three parts: *Thought of the Day*, *Challenge Questions*, and *Prayer*. These sections are designed to strengthen your relationship with God and help discern His will for you during this important campaign.

1. **Read:** Read the entire selected Bible passage and Thought of the Day.
2. **Challenge Questions:** Read and reflect on the questions provided, and use the space to write your responses, thoughts, and ideas as you grow as a follower of Christ.
3. **Pray:** Spend time alone with God and pray. Ask Him to reveal how He wants you to participate in this campaign.

On November 10, 2024, we will have the opportunity to make a three-year commitment to the **IMMEASURABLY MORE** capital campaign. Your pledge will help create a space for many to encounter Christ and will ensure a lasting place of worship for future generations.

Thank you for taking the first step in what could be the greatest investment in your life and in the future of Relentless Church.

With gratitude,

Pastor David Jones

HOW TO USE THIS PRAYER GUIDE

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This Prayer Guide is intended to help us as a church body to **A.S.K.** God to do immeasurably more during this campaign - in our hearts, in the church, and in our community.

Approach: We will learn how to *APPROACH* God through reading and meditating on the Lord's prayer.

Surrender: As we pray, we are actively *SURRENDERing* our heart through the power of Christ's Love, trusting that God will do immeasurably more in us and through us.

Know: Once we have approached God in prayer and surrendered our hearts through the power of Christ's love, we can trust and *KNOW* that God hears us. We also *KNOW* that He will answer us with direction to boldly step out in faith.

Each day of prayer offers the opportunity to:

- Read the Scripture and engage in the Thought Of The Day
- Answer the Challenge Questions
- Pray
- Sit for a few minutes quietly listening to what God might be saying
- Write down what you heard and your reflections

DAY 1

APPROACH

Learning how to pray

“Our Father in heaven...” Matthew 6:9

“For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” Romans 8:15

Thought Of The Day: Jesus begins what we know as The Lord’s Prayer by calling out to God as “Our Father...” He is signaling to his disciples to approach the Creator of the universe in an intimate and relational way, as Father. Acknowledging God in this way softens our heart to expect God to be close to us.

Challenge Questions: Think of the qualities of good fathers that you know. How has God shown these same qualities in your life? Is there a place in your heart for God intimately as your Father?

Pray to God as your Father.

Take three minutes or more to sit in silence and listen to what God has to say.

Write your reflections:

DAY 2

APPROACH

"...your name be honored as holy." Matthew 6:9

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." Psalms 29:2

Thought Of The Day: Acknowledging God's holiness places Him in His rightful place in our hearts. He is worthy of our reverence. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. When we understand how awesome, majestic, and holy He is then we can worship Him with a sincere heart.

Challenge Questions: How do you see yourself in relation to a holy God? What priority does worship of God have in your life?

Pray and honor God by telling Him who He is to you.

Practice sitting in silence and listening to what God has to say.

Write your reflections:

DAY 3

APPROACH

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you." Matthew 6:33

Thought Of The Day: Spend time focusing on what God wants in the world, in your community, and in your life. Our time in prayer is well spent when we seek God's purpose for us in His redemption story for all of humanity. Seeking His kingdom first will open your ears to hear what He has to say.

Challenge Questions: Do you spend more time asking God what you want Him to do for you than asking what He wants you to do for Him? What do you think He wants you to do today?

Pray and ask God how you can seek His kingdom.

Take time to listen to the Holy Spirit during some silent moments throughout your day.

Write your reflections:

"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11

"His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3

Thought Of The Day: God wants us to trust and depend on Him for everything in our lives. Everything. When we bring our smallest or biggest tasks and worries to God, we are showing Him that we trust Him to provide for us. Trusting Him replaces our own self sufficiency with dependency on Him. He is dependable!

Challenge Questions: Do you trust God to take care of your life . . . In your dating/marriage life? In your family life? In your work / school life? In ministry? In your finances? In your physical life? In your attitude? In your emotional/mental life? In what ways do you see God taking care of you in any/all of these areas?

Ask God for what you need today.

Take three minutes or more to sit in silence and listen to what God has to say.

Write your reflections:

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”
Matthew 6:12

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

Thought Of The Day: We don't confess our sin to God to inform God of what we've done. He is omniscient and already knows. We confess our sins because sin loses its power over us when we bring it out into the light. The enemy of our lives wants us to stay silent and alone so we ruminate on all of our brokenness instead of focusing on the freedom we have through the blood of Jesus. Confession is healthy for us and allows us space to forgive others.

Challenge Questions: What areas of your life do you need to confess to God? Is confession a part of your spiritual life?

Pray: Check your heart before God and ask Him to reveal areas where you need forgiveness for yourself and for others.

Take three minutes to listen to what God has to say.

Write your reflections:

DAY 6

APPROACH

“And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13

“A thief only comes to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.” John 10:10

Thought Of The Day: Have you experienced times where you feel as though you are fighting something you can't see? Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we aren't battling people here on earth but rather “against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil...” How do we fight? In the powerful name of Jesus. The name of Jesus has magnificent power in the spiritual realm. When we call on Jesus, we resist the enemy and he will flee.

Challenge Questions: What ways can you resist the devil? (James 4:7)

Pray: Check your heart before God and ask Him to reveal areas where you need forgiveness for yourself and for others.

Take three minutes to listen to what God has to say.

Write your reflections:

DAY 7

APPROACH

"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:13

"Oh, Lord God! You yourself made the heavens and earth by your great power and with your outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for you!" Jeremiah 32:17

Thought Of The Day: The kingdom represents God's authority. The power is His might and strength. The glory is the victory that we already have in Jesus! Recognizing that God is almighty and all powerful reminds us that our faith and hope is not lost in some weak deity. Rather, we worship the one and true God who overcame the sins of the world through His Son. He will not be defeated and neither will you!

Challenge Questions: When was the last time you were in awe of God? What happened and how did you feel?

Praise God for how awesome and majestic He is.

Sit in silence and listen to what God has to say.

Write your reflections:

DAY 8

SURRENDER

SURRENDERING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

"I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16

Thought Of The Day: For the next four days, our prayer time will be focused on surrendering to the power of Christ's love. What we are surrendering is our heart. Our heart represents many things including our deepest longings, desires, and insecurities. Paul was praying for the church in Ephesus to understand God's all encompassing love for them. And they could only understand God's love by allowing Christ to dwell in their hearts. The same is true for us. When we allow Christ to dwell or make a home in our heart, we are making room for Him to do whatever He wants to do. We are making room for His love to transform us into who He wants us to be for His glory.

Challenge Questions: What change is occurring in your heart as you fill it up with Jesus? In what ways can God fill up the deficiencies of your soul?

Pray: Lord, I pray that You capture, grip, and fill my heart!

Sit in silence before the Lord and listen to what He may be saying.

Write your reflections:

DAY 9

SURRENDER

"...just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless." Ephesians 5:25-27

Thought Of The Day: Christ's love transforms the Church. We, his beloved Church, have been transformed from sinners who can't stand before a Holy and just God, into saints who are holy, cleansed, and washed by the blood of Jesus. As His Church, we must continually submit ourselves to Him for transformation in all areas of our lives.

Challenge Questions: What personal strengths or strategies do I tend to rely on for spiritual change, rather than the transforming love of Christ?

Pray: Lord, open my heart to transformation. Ask to be more open to His Word and His Will.

Spend quiet time in reflection and listening.

Write your reflections:

“For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17

Thought Of The Day: Christ’s love transforms the world. In Genesis chapters 1 and 2, we see creation as God intended. Once sin entered the world, everything and everyone was broken. God sent Jesus to save the world. God sent Jesus to save all of creation! What a magnificent rescue of His creation and His children! Does all seem lost at times? Absolutely. Has God won the victory over everything including death? Absolutely.

Challenge Questions: When I am not aware of or concerned for the lost, what am I forgetting?

Pray: Lord, pour your love for the world into my heart.

Spend time in quiet reflection.

Write your reflections:

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:44-46

Thought Of The Day: Christ’s kingdom is everything. Jesus shared several parables (including the one above) in the book of Matthew to give insight on the importance and magnificence of the kingdom of Heaven. God’s kingdom is where Jesus reigns. God’s kingdom should be prioritized. God’s kingdom is unshakable. As God’s children, we obtain entrance into this kingdom through the blood of Jesus. What an inheritance! Our task is to tell others that His kingdom is coming and God wants them to inherit it too!

Challenge Questions: How valuable is the kingdom of Heaven? Which do I treasure more: the kingdom of Heaven or the treasures of this world?

Pray: Lord, show me the worth of your kingdom and increase its value to me.

Give God some time of stillness so He can show you His kingdom.

Write your reflections:

DAY 12

KNOW

TRUST & KNOW GOD WILL DO A WORK IN US

"How can I repay the Lord for all the good he has done for me? I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

Psalms 116:12-13

Thought Of The Day: The psalmist wonders how he can repay God in light of the Lord's goodness to him. We KNOW God has been good and gracious to us. The psalmist's declaration to take the cup of salvation means he will lean into and be thankful for God's blessings and deliverance. Calling on the name of the Lord is the psalmist's way of saying he will continue to trust and worship the God who saved him. How do we thank our Almighty God? We must never forget His goodness. We should allow His blessings and deliverance to move us into a deeper relationship with Him and move us to engage in His work with Him.

Challenge Questions: Why do you think the psalmist paired the cup of salvation with calling on the name of the Lord? What is one way you can lift up the cup of salvation?

Pray: Lord, make me one who lifts up the cup of salvation and calls upon Your name in gratitude for all You have done for me.

Quietly meditate on His blessings and deliverance in your life.

Write your reflections:

“The point is this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Thought Of The Day: A gardener deposits a seed into the ground as an investment with the expectation of reaping something larger than the seed itself. The same is true of the investments we make in the Lord’s work. This isn’t to imply that if you give financially that you’ll reap financially. That’s a misinterpretation of God’s Word. It’s simply how God’s kingdom works. We KNOW God expands greatly what we give to Him in faith. He blesses our faith in Him. And through His power, we are blessed with the capacity to experience, enjoy, and extend His goodness and favor in our lives.

Challenge Questions: What do you suppose motivates the heart of a person who gives grudgingly or under compulsion? How will you seek God’s guidance to give in faith as He directs you?

Pray: Lord, help me to rely on You alone to prompt and provide for my giving in all things.

Listen to how the Holy Spirit is moving in your heart.

Write your reflections:

“Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen...Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” Hebrews 11:1,6

Thought Of The Day: How do we please God? By trusting Him and living by faith. Faith is more than believing. It is believing AND acting on that belief. Hebrews 11 is full of people who lived their faith by doing what God told them to do despite what they saw with their natural senses. We KNOW that by living by faith we will please God. Is there anything more secure in your life than KNOWing that the Creator of the world is pleased with you?

Challenge Questions: How does God want you to trust Him right now?

Pray: Lord, strengthen my faith that I might please you.

On this final day of prayer, meditate on God's faithfulness in your life.

Write your reflections: