

PRAYING; 1.1.19 – 1.19.19



We want to begin 2019 together, by reminding ourselves that prayer is not our last resort, it's **our first response**. Prayer is a priority in our lives. Whether we're celebrating, mourning, seeking, or simply saying "thank you," our first instinct should be to go to God in prayer.

On January 1, we begin a 19-day period of prayer designed to help prioritize our relationship with God and focus our attention on what matters most. How we start the year matters. We want to encourage and empower you to start 2019 seeking God's wisdom, strength, and direction for your life.

Each day, there are a couple of statements to direct your prayer. As you pray, begin by inviting God's Spirit to help you pray.

## BREAK THE FAST

1.20.19

Join us on **Sunday, January 20, at 9am**. We will break the fast together with pancakes (gluten free available) before our worship time.

## DAY *one* FAST FROM THE HEART *Tuesday, 1 January*

As we enter into this season of prayer, it is about allowing God to have more of your heart. We want to focus our hearts on God. We don't pray and/or fast to earn God's love, but to remove the obstacles in order to experience Him more fully. Today you can begin by praying that God would help you to remove all obstacles so that you can focus on Him.

## DAY *two* PUTTING GOD FIRST *Wednesday, 2 January*

Make it your goal in 2019 to grow in the ways God wants you to grow. Growing spiritually begins with putting God first in every area of your life and being willing to lay things down that may hinder you from putting God first. What is something that you feel like God is asking you to lay down so that you can put Him first?

## DAY *three* FREEDOM *Thursday, 3 January*

God has greater things for you; things that you cannot even imagine! He wants to free you from things that hold you down so that you can give Him more glory. Wherever you struggle, stand

secure in knowing that Jesus already secured victory over that struggle on the cross.

## DAY *four* HOPE *Friday, 4 January*

You can give God your dreams and trust Him with your difficulties. Our hope is built on the person and promises of Jesus. He will not disappoint!

## DAY *five* MIRACLES *Saturday, 5 January*

Our God is a miracle working God. All he asks of us is for us to have faith as small as a mustard seed. Ask God for greater faith and believe him for greater things this year.

## DAY *six* PURPOSE *Sunday, 6 January*

God created you with purpose. You are his masterpiece made for great things. Ask Him to reveal his purposes for you in 2019.

## DAY *seven* FORGIVENESS *Monday, 7 January*

Relationships with family, friends, spouses, children, and co-workers are not easy to manage at times. There can be frictions, fights and disunity. Whom do you need to forgive today? Ask God to give you wisdom, power and compassion to make things right. Sometimes it may take you to make the first move, but you can do it with God's help.

## DAY *eight* FAMILY *Tuesday, 8 January*

Pray for your family. We are called to build a God-first families. Building a God-first family begins with your heart and your commitment to allow God to reign in all areas of your life. This can include prioritizing His word, time in His presence and making a commitment to be faithful to His house.

## DAY *nine* UNITY AND RECONCILIATION *Wednesday, 9 January*

There is so much division and discord in our world. More than ever, the world needs to see us love one another just as God has loved us. Loving others despite their faults builds bridges and brings unity. Ask God to help you be a bridge

builder and peacemaker in your world starting today.

## **DAY *ten*** **MARRIAGE**

*Thursday, 10 January*

Marriage can be such a powerful picture of God's love. God wants your marriage to be great. Pray for health, healing and protection over your marriage today and throughout this year.

## **DAY *eleven*** **PEOPLE AROUND US**

*Friday, 11 January*

It is so easy to become self-absorbed with the pace and pressures of lives. Ask God to slow you down, to open your eyes to needs of the individuals around you and to help you to become sensitive to those who are far from Him.

## **DAY *twelve*** **THE CHURCH**

*Saturday, 12 January*

Jesus came, died and was resurrected in order to build His church. The church is the hope of the world. Pray for pastor Brent & Mike, our ministry leaders and our whole church family that we all might fulfill the mission of making disciples and helping as many people as possible to lead a God-first life.

## **DAY *thirteen*** **THOSE FAR FROM GOD**

*Sunday, 13 January*

Do you remember what life was like for you before you trusted Jesus as your Savior? May we never forget what He has done for us and in us. Ask God to give you a heart for those who are far from Him and boldness to share the love of Christ with them.

## **DAY *fourteen*** **AFAR**

*Monday, 14 January*

We have the privilege of praying for the Afar – an unreached people group in Ethiopia. There are some 500 believers among the 2million Afar. Pray that the good news will continue to spread among these people that Jesus loves.

## **DAY *fifteen*** **ORILLIA**

*Tuesday, 15 January*

We live in the Sunshine City. Pray that it will become the Sonshine City – a place where Jesus truly is king. Pray for the flourishing of the city in all areas: socially; economically; physical – emotional – mental – spiritual health. Pray that people will be set free from the bondages that keep them trapped.

## **DAY *sixteen*** **NEEMA**

*Wednesday, 16 January*

Pray for our friends connected to Neema in Uganda. Pray for those who are preparing for college. Pray for the new well to be completed.

## **DAY *seventeen*** **CANADA**

*Thursday, 17 January*

Pray for our country. We are told in Scripture to pray for those in authority over us. Pray for our Prime Minister and the various ministers and MP's. Pray for the Premier and MPP's. Pray not only for wise decision making, but pray as well for their families.

## **DAY *eighteen*** **CULTURE**

*Friday, 18 January*

Culture in all of it's aspects (TV, film, newspaper, magazines, on-line, art, commercials, & so much more) impacts all of us, everyday. Pray for followers of Jesus who work as culture shapers. Pray that all of us will have filters and be able to discern truth.

## **DAY *nineteen*** **CONTINUING YOUR**

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

*Saturday, 19 January*

As our 19 days of prayer comes to an end, ask God to continue to help you experience greater clarity in hearing His voice daily throughout this year. In quietness and solitude, allow Him to speak to your heart.

Ask Him how you can continue to grow spiritually in and through Him this year. (you don't have to stop praying after 19 days!)

The thoughts that come into your mind as you quiet yourself may just be His calling for you in 2019. Trust God that this will be your best year yet as you allow Him to make it your best year spiritually.

## **DAY *twenty***

*Sunday, 20 January*

## **BREAK THE FAST**

**9:00am** join us for pancakes

## **PRAYER AND COMMUNION**

**6:30pm** join us for prayer & communion