

NEW LIFE CHURCH OF ROSWELL
21 Days of CONSECRATION Guide!

Sometimes it seems there are times when God is trying to get our attention. What if God is trying to get your attention? What if God is calling your name? What if God is trying to help you take a turn in life right now? In this 21 days of consecration, it is not only possible but probable that God will speak into your life and use this as a turning point.

This season of prayer and fasting will be aided and accompanied by several tools in this document, including: a Biblical guide to fasting, different fasting options, and a prayer guide for each of the 21 days that includes a central Biblical passage, a brief devotional thought, reflection questions, and a prayer.

We eagerly await what the Lord will do for us, in us and through us during these very special 21 days. We are seeking for **THY WILL TO BE DONE IN ME IN 2021.**

Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV)

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Fasting Guide
What Does The Bible Teach About Fasting?

Biblical fasting involves abstaining from eating (and/or drinking) for spiritual purposes.

In the Old Testament, Israel celebrated certain annual fasts, the most prominent being the Day of Atonement. There were also occasional fasts tied to specific historical events, sometimes individual and sometimes corporate. Here are a few of the occasions for fasting: at a time of grief (I Sam. 31:13; Nehemiah 1:4), at a time of repentance (I Sam 7:6; I Kings 21:27), as an expression of humility (Ezra 8:21; Psalm 69:10), and as an expression of a need for God's guidance and help. What all of these fasts share in common is that they were an expression of dependence on God.

Several New Testament passages give us insight about fasting.

Fasting teaches us to trust God's Word to nourishes us: Matthew 4:1-4 records the only example of Jesus fasting, just prior to His being tempted in the wilderness. He faced temptation with these words, *Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.* Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 8:3-5 which talks about the 40 years Israel spent in the wilderness, depending daily on manna to sustain them. He says that God humbled them and let them be hungry in order to teach them to depend on God's Word to sustain them. By His example of fasting, Jesus reminds us that food alone can't sustain us. We need to be nourished by God's Word.

Fasting teaches us that doing God's will sustains us: John 4:31-35 records Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. When the disciples return, they encourage Jesus to eat. He responds by saying, *I have food to eat that you know not of.* Then He adds, *My food is to do the will of the Father.* Again, Jesus reminds us that food alone is not enough. We are sustained by doing God's will.

Fasting teaches us that Jesus Himself sustains us: In John 6:48-50 Jesus says, *I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.* We see this pictured symbolically in the bread and the cup of the Lord's supper. Jesus is the source of eternal life. Fasting is feasting on Jesus.

Jesus assumed that fasting would be a part of His disciple's spiritual life. In Matthew 6:16-18, He says, *when you fast, not if you fast.* He warns us not to fast to impress people, but to be near to the heart of God.

What is the purpose of fasting? *Fasting is designed to intensify our dependence on God by weakening our dependence on food and other things.* How does it do that?

Fasting reveals and heals our dependence on food (and other things) to heal the discomfort caused by low self-esteem, unfulfilling work, unloving relationships, uncontrollable circumstances, etc. It removes the false peace derived from the pleasure of eating.

Richard Foster says, "More than any other discipline, fasting reveals the things that control us. This is a wonderful benefit to the true disciple who longs to be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ. We cover up what is inside us with food and other good things, but in fasting these things surface. If pride controls us, it will be revealed almost immediately. David writes, *I humbled my soul with fasting* (Psalm 69:10). Anger, bitterness, jealousy, strife, fear – if they are within us, they will surface during fasting."

Fasting teaches us that we can go without getting what we want and survive. Fasting can free us from having to have what we want. Therefore, fasting can

teach moderation or self-control, not only in relation to food, but in other areas as well. It teaches contentment. (I Timothy 6:6)

Fasting expresses and deepens our hunger for God. Richard Foster says, "Fasting reminds us that we are sustained *by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God*: (Matt. 4:4). Food does not sustain us; God sustains us. In Christ, *All things hold together* (Colossians 1:17). Therefore, in experiences of fasting, we are abstaining from food or other activities and feasting on God's Word.

Fasting must always, and foremost, center on God. It must be about Him.

Step 1: Clarify The Purpose Of Your Fast

Why are you fasting? Ask the Holy Spirit to clarify His leading and objectives for your prayer and fast. This will enable you to pray more specifically and strategically. Fasting is God-led and God-initiated. That means that He fuels a desire to fast and pray. He loves it when we fast.

Step 2: Specify The Kind Of Fast You Will Do

Pray about the kind of fast you should undertake. Jesus implied that all of His followers should fast. (Matthew 6:16-18; 9:14,15) For Him it was a matter of when believers would fast, not if they would do it. Before you fast, decide the following up front:

- ⇒ *How long you will fast - one meal, one day, one week, several weeks, certain days (beginners should start slowly, building up to longer fasts)?*
- ⇒ *The type of fast God wants you to undertake - discussed in the Types of Fasts section below.*
- ⇒ *What physical or social activities you will restrict*
- ⇒ *How much time each day you will devote to prayer and God's Word*
- ⇒ *Making these commitments ahead of time will help you sustain your fast when physical temptations and life's pressures tempt you to abandon it.*

Step 3: Prepare Your Heart, Mind, And Body For Fasting

Fasting is not a spur-of-the-moment thing. It is planned. We must prepare. The very foundation of fasting and prayer is repentance. Un-confessed sin can hinder your prayers. There are several things you can do to prepare your heart

Fasting requires reasonable precautions. Consult your physician first, especially if you take prescription medication or have a chronic ailment. Some persons should never fast without professional supervision.

Do not rush into your fast. Prepare your body. Eat smaller meals before starting a fast. Avoid high fat and sugary foods. Eating raw fruit and vegetables prior to your fast is helpful. Physical preparation makes the drastic change in your eating routine a little easier so that you can turn your full attention to the Lord in prayer.

Prepare your heart and mind: *Remember that God is your Father and He loves you and is for you.*

Confess every sin that the Holy Spirit calls to your remembrance and accept God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9). Seek forgiveness from all whom you have offended, and forgive all who have hurt you (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3,4). Make restitution as the Holy Spirit leads you.

Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1, 2). Meditate on the attributes of God, His love, sovereignty, power, wisdom, faithfulness, grace, compassion, and others. (Psalm 48:9,10; 103:1-8, 11-13)

Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart. (Hebrews 11:6)

Do not underestimate spiritual opposition. Satan sometimes intensifies the natural battle between body and spirit. (Galatians 5:16,17)

Finally, and of deep importance, Jesus instructs us in Matthew to not let others know about your fasting. The strict details of your fast should not be something you constantly talk about to others. It should remain between you and God.

Types Of Fasts

Now that we have explored the Old and New Testament teaching and instruction on fasting, we can proceed to discuss specific kinds of fasts. Let us begin with the helpful words of Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: As with all the Disciplines, a progression should be observed; it is wise to learn to walk well before we try to run.*

Biblical fasting almost always concerns food. Since the purpose of fasting, as we saw above, is to focus on God, to humble ourselves and to remind ourselves that we are sustained by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, then the task in fasting is connecting our *going without* to *hungering for God*. This takes time, focus and prayer in itself. Please do not expect to be an **expert** at fasting right away. Fasting is a discipline that can take a very long time to understand well. Also, do not let this fact deter you or intimidate you.

Fasting is not unlike a beautifully written masterpiece of literature. It is simple enough for a youth to understand and enjoy, and yet magnificently rich enough for the scholar to devote his/her entire life to.

Abstaining From Certain Types Of Foods (meat, sweets, etc.) - *Daniel 10:3*

This type is a good one for beginners to fasting or those with health needs and special or restrictive diets.

Choose to abstain from things like breads, sweets, sodas, coffee, or even red meat. Perhaps spend some time reading through Daniel's fast in Daniel chapter 1 and chapter 10. Stick to only fruits and vegetables like he did or something similar.

Determine the timing and duration of your fast and begin. You may choose to go without a specific type of food on only certain days like Fridays, or you may go without it during the weekdays only or perhaps every day. Finally, choose the duration of your fast. This fast is 20 days (January 12 – January 31) but that does not mean you must go without for all of the 20 days. Determine the timing and duration ahead of time and stick to it. Rather, pray through it.

Abstaining From All Food - *Esther 4:16; Acts 9:9*

This kind of fast is more difficult but can be broken up by timing and duration. This seems to be the most prevalent of the fasts we see in the Bible. It is also the most intimidating, but refuse to let it scare you. Fasting from all food is not scary if you determine beforehand when you will do so and for how long. Here are some ideas.

Start slowly. Begin with fasting for only a part of a day (lunch, or lunch and dinner). Do this for one day, a week, or perhaps three days a week. You determine the timing and duration. Take a step of faith. Fasting is risky and involves our faith.

Next, try fasting from food but not beverages. This means that according to your timing and duration, you would not eat any solid foods but only water, juices, smoothies, or perhaps simple soup broths.

Do this for the first one or two weeks. Devote the time that you normally would eat to Scripture reading and prayer. Focus on Jesus' statements about food.

Next, try a 24-hour fast. This means that you get up and eat a good breakfast and drink only water or juice until the following breakfast the next day. Set aside specific time, during normal meal times if possible, to pray and seek God.

Finally, you may progress to a two or three day fast. For some, progression may lead to a multi-day, even multi-week fast. But remember the purpose of your fast.

Abstaining From Entertainment - Daniel 6:18

The king's voluntary "fasting" from entertainment in the time of Daniel helps us further understand yet another type of fast. Fasting from entertainment can be particularly helpful and accessible to kids and teens.

Think of abstaining from television, video games, all reading except the Bible, music except Christian, texting, social media etc. for the duration of your fast. This can be a very powerful decision even as a supplement to food fasts.

Choosing your fasting plan is a very personal decision. We are all at different places in our walk with God and our spirituality should never be a cause for comparison or competition. There is nothing more **inherently spiritual** about one type of fast as opposed to another. Your personal fast should present a level of challenge to it, but know your body, know your options, and most importantly, seek God in prayer about this and follow what the Holy Spirit leads you to do. It's also important to not let what you eat or do not eat become the focus of your fast. This is a time to disconnect enough with your regular patterns and habits in order to connect more closely to God.

If you do not choose to fast, or no matter what kind of fast you choose, seek God with us in prayer.

21-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

DAY 1, JANUARY 4

*Today's Focus: **The Church** (Religion, Revival, and Spiritual Awakening)*

Pray specifically today for our church and other churches of our community or area. As you pray through today's passages from Scripture, apply these promises to this specific focus – the Church. Include other churches and pastors by name, asking God to bless them with true revival. Pray specifically for revival in our church and the churches of our area and for a resulting spiritual awakening in our community so that many might come to Christ as the result. Additionally, remember people of other faiths and religions, that they might experience the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

*Today's Passages: **Ephesians 3:14-21 Ephesians 1:17-19***

Today's Prayer Starter: For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which He has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

DAY 2, JANUARY 5

*Today's Focus: **Christian Laborers** (Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, and Other Christian Workers)*

Today our primary focus for prayer as watchmen are those who help spread or teach the Good News of Christ in our community and nation. Be specific as you pray for those you know by name who are serving in advancing the kingdom of Christ. Some may be prominent leaders in the Church, known worldwide, while others may only be known to a small community of believers, including you.

They need your prayers. Pray for those you know who may be beyond your theological sphere or denomination. Compile your personal list of those you want to pray for at least once each month. Pray also for more laborers to be called into the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). Pray also for those who proclaim the Gospel, that it will be the pure Gospel and that all Christian workers, whether missionaries or indigenous pastors and evangelists, will remember Peter's compelling words: *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12, NKJV).

Today's Passages: **Matthew 9:37-38 Romans 10:13-15**

DAY 3, JANUARY 6

Today's Focus: **Evangelism and Discipleship**

The mission of the Church is called the Great Commission – to faithfully carry out Christ's command to *go and make disciples of all nations* (Matthew 28:19). It's a two-pronged strategy of sharing the Gospel with the lost to help lead them to faith in Jesus Christ and then salvation as new believers through sound Bible teaching in order to preserve fruit that remains (John 15:16).

In addition, to all that we might pray for today as we fulfill our assignment as watchmen, we specifically want to focus on today's primary theme – worldwide movements, salvation, strategies, and ministries committed to global evangelism and discipleship. Jesus commissioned His disciples to go and disciple the nations, *teaching them to obey everything* that He commanded them (Matthew 28:19-20). Most believers are familiar with key ministries, with a vision to reach the lost and disciple them. Many of these are involved in church planting.

Today's Passages: **Matthew 24:14 Matthew 28:18-20**

DAY 4, JANUARY 7

Today's Focus: **Unreached People**

A compelling love for the lost led Jesus to the cross to die for the sins of the world, yet nearly 2,000 years later millions of inhabitants live among unreached

people, groups that have yet to receive a clear presentation of the Gospel. Even within America today pockets of unreached people exist.

- ⇒ Pray that all barriers that hinder the spread of the Gospel to these people will be overcome.
- ⇒ Pray that God will divinely call and save key individuals to help New Life share the Good News, make disciples, and feed the poor among all these unreached people.
- ⇒ Pray for our ministry as we use the internet, social media, gospel literature, and other methods to help introduce these unreached people to Christ.

Draw encouragement from the apostle John's vision in heaven: Revelation 7:9

Today's Passage: **John 10:15-17**

DAY 5, JANUARY 8

Today's Focus: **Family and Marriages** (*Influencing Family Values and the Sanctity of Marriage through Prayer*)

The main focus for prayer today is families and marriages. Satan seems to have initiated an all-out warfare on marriages in recent years, including Christian marriages and those of pastors and leaders. Satan knows that if he can destroy marriages, and thus the family, he can destroy the very fabric of any society. Pray today especially for families in distress that you know of as well as your own family. Pray for marriages of those close to you and for those of Christian leaders.

Today's Passage: **Ephesians 5:25-30**

DAY 6, JANUARY 9

Today's Focus: **Children** (*Children abused, hungry, and orphans*)

Jesus loved children. In Matthew 19:14 He said, *Let the little children come to me,*

and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Today we remember these innocent ones of society. Child prostitution and the trafficking of young children are on the rise in America.

In addition, there are children in America who are without homes, food, and families. The children of America need our prayers today. Pray by name for your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews in your family. Extend your prayers to children in your neighborhood, your state, and the nation.

Pray that Christian parents will raise their children to know and love the Lord. Pray for Christ-centered alternatives in TV programs, movies, video games, and music that will help build a child's faith, rather than destroy it. And pray for international evangelistic programs that help share the Gospel and make disciples of children around the world.

Today's Passages: **Matthew 18:2-5 Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

DAY 7, JANUARY 10

Today's Focus: **The Elderly**

The elderly often face difficult challenges without complaint, and many have no one to help them in times of need. Pray that the younger generation will respect the unique gifts and wisdom of the elderly. Proverbs 16:31 says, *Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.* Ask God to reveal to elderly believers that they have a special opportunity to use their wisdom and spiritual maturity to be dedicated intercessors for the lost and others in need.

Some may even feel called to be full-time intercessors. Pray that God will show them how to embrace this unique calling. Pray by name for the elderly in our church who may need assistance. Befriend them, reaching out to them at home or in a senior care facility where they live. Pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel with people who may have lived long lives, but have not yet asked Jesus to come into their hearts.

Today's Passage: **Psalms 71:17-23**

*Today's Focus: **The Disabled** (Those Developmentally and Physically Impaired)*

Daily life is difficult for people who were born with physical or mental challenges or who were left disabled by a severe illness or injury. Often some of the most neglected people are those with serious handicaps or various physical or mental impairments. They also can be the most severely mistreated and regularly abused.

Today, in addition to all else we claim in prayer as watchmen, we especially weep over these, praying that God will touch followers of Jesus in these areas to seek out the needs of such people and to show ways to love and care for them—in the name of Jesus.

Prayerfully remember those in this condition in our own community. Do some prayer homework and learn of ministries that specifically target the disabled and pray for them as well as support them in their mandate to care for and disciple the disabled.

Pray also for the creation of more church-based outreaches to the disabled in local communities. Pray that every church, especially in the less developed areas of the nation, will be sensitive to the needs of the disabled who are part of their congregation or people they know. Pray by name for disabled people you may know at church or in our neighborhood. Also pray for family members and caregivers who help loved ones with special needs.

*Today's Passage: **Isaiah 35:4-6***

DAY 8, JANUARY 11

*Today's Focus: **The Homeless***

Today we place special emphasis during our prayer on those who lack a place to dwell, the homeless. In some regions of America, children live and sleep in city culverts and under bridges because that is their home. An increasing number of families are seeking help from local homeless shelters because they have no place to live.

Many homeless, who often suffer from mental illness or addictions, sleep in

parks and beside the road in bushes and shrubs. Pray for the well-being of the homeless and especially that the Church will rise up to help meet this growing need.

Pray about ways that you and our church might become specifically involved in ministering to the homeless – providing food, clothing, and assistance in finding employment and meeting family needs. Especially remember ministries you know of that are devoted to this specific challenge. Above all, pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel with homeless people who do not know the Lord. Encourage them with the words of the prophet Samuel: *The Lord...raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor* (1 Samuel 2:7-8).

Today's Passages: Psalm 61:2-4 Psalm 12:5

DAY 9: JANUARY 12

*Today's Focus: **Health Care** (Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Professionals)
Humanitarian Ministries (Charities, Nonprofit Agencies)*

Pray today for those who do not have adequate medical care and for those who have a heart to help meet this need in our nation. Ask God to use Christian doctors and nurses not only to minister to the physical needs of their patients but to spiritual needs as well.

Especially pray for those involved in medical missionary enterprises as they often risk contracting the very diseases they seek to treat. Pray by name for doctors, nurses, and other first responders and all other front-liners (*grocery clerks, cleaning companies etc.*) you may know.

In this way they will help fulfill God's promise of Psalm 72:12: *For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.*

Christian humanitarian ministries, often referred to as NGOs or Non-Government Organizations, provide aid to people living in poverty or who have become victims of natural disasters, acts of violence, and other unexpected tragedies. They see Christ in those they serve, remembering His words in

Matthew 25:35: *For I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in(NKJV).*

Pray by name for humanitarian ministries working today in America that you support or are familiar with. Pray for the protection of Christian aid workers who often work in dangerous conditions to minister to people in need. Especially pray that Christian ministries will not compromise their responsibility to share the Gospel with the people they minister to. Pray they will have many opportunities to share the message of salvation openly in areas that might not otherwise be freely open to Christian evangelism.

Today's Passage: Jeremiah 33:6-8 Proverbs 3:27-29

DAY 10, JANUARY 13

*Today's Focus: **The Military** (Those Serving in the Protection of the Nation) **Liberty and Freedom** (Issues of Human Rights and Individual Freedoms)*

Men and women who serve in the armed forces are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to protect our nation and help maintain peace in the world.

Pray for the various branches of the military in our nation as the Holy Spirit leads. Ask God to hold back any armies that may seek to create arbitrary conflicts that may lead to war in various regions of the world. Pray especially that Christians in all branches of service that will *put on the whole armor of God* as described in Ephesians 6:10-20.

Pray that godly officers and particularly that chaplains will lead their troops with moral character and courage. Intercede for conflicts now underway in the nations that peace will be restored so that the Gospel can go freely throughout those nations or regions.

Pray by name for servicemen and women you may know. Ask God to help you minister to the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of the spouses, children, and family members of military personnel who are away on dangerous deployments around the world.

One of the most important of the seven spheres of influence involves government and politics. People around the world are willing to lay down their lives for the freedoms expressed in the United States' Declaration of Independence in 1776: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

Pray that we, as Americans, do not forget that the freedoms and liberties we experience are gifts from God that can be lost if we turn our backs on Him. Pray that God will intervene in America's national and local governments in ways that promote individual freedoms for all mankind.

Pray that more devoted, righteous people will seek and be elected to public offices, thus helping provide a moral compass for their communities and nations, for where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 28:18).

Today's Passage: Psalm 33:12-20 Romans 8:19-21

DAY 11, JANUARY 14:

*Today's Focus: **Justice** (The Courts and Judges of America), **Civil Servants** (Police, Firefighters, and Others Who Serve in Our Communities), **Crime and Violence** (Drug Cartels, Drug Trafficking, and Organized Crime)*

Justice is defined as *the upholding of what is just, especially fair treatment in accordance with honor, standards, or law. It is to treat adequately, fairly, or with full appreciation.* The judicial branch of the government is clearly an influential authority in America. Their decisions touch the lives of every citizen and, when functioning properly, help protect individuals from exploitation, settles disputes, and punish criminals who break the law.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas in your own nation or community where justice is desperately needed. Pray specifically for areas of the government that you know to be lacking in administering true justice to people. As followers of Jesus we should be model citizens who, *Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked"* (Psalm 82:3-4, NKJV).

Pray that God will raise up more Christian judges and lawyers in America who

are guided by honesty and truth.

Men and women who hold city, state, or federal jobs serve within one of the seven spheres of influence that are foundational to government structures. The responsibilities they have and the decisions they make impact communities on multiple levels and in ways that may affect thousands of people.

Pray that public servants will act responsibly in their jobs. Pray by name for people you may know who work in the public sector. Also pray that Christians will stand out as model employees as they mirror Christ's example of a faithful servant, mindful of His words: *If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all* (Mark 9:35, NKJV).

Pray especially for the police of our community, that they will be protected as they often are in harm's way. Pray against all corruption that can often be tempting to those in such positions of trust. Pray, too, for the families of those in law enforcement, as often the intensity of their work impacts their home life in negative ways. The same is true for firefighters who generally have to live away from home for many days at a time in order to be on call at all hours of the day and night.

Escalating crime and violence are symptoms of a society that has drifted away from God or outright rejected Him. Commenting on the end-times, Christ said: *Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved* (Matthew 24:11-13, NKJV).

Pray against all those who would seek to tarnish our culture through criminal activity and all manner of corruption. Pray that God will show the younger generation that involvement with any kind of recreational drug use does not only destroy their health, but fuels organized crime in the nations.

Pray against the drug cartels operating throughout the country especially in our community. Ask that God would cause cartel leaders to make critical errors in how they conduct their business in such a way that leads to their downfall.

Pray especially for the protection of Christian workers who work in the fearful atmosphere of these drug cartels. Pray also that those in law enforcement specifically focused on this problem will find more and better ways to combat this plague through modern technology and other means.

Today's Passage: **Proverbs 2:1-9 Philippians 2:3-8 Psalm 11:1-7**

DAY 12, JANUARY 15

PRAYER Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

**I WILL BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, BUT IN PRAYER AND
THANKSGIVING, I WILL PRESENT MY REQUEST.**

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God. PHILIPPIANS 4:6*

**I WILL ASK IN JESUS' NAME AND IN RECEIVING, MY JOY
WILL BE MADE FULL.**

*"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive,
that your joy may be full." JOHN 16:24*

**I AM FULLY CONVINCED THAT GOD IS ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR PROMISES.**

And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ROMANS 4:21

I WILL ASK IN FAITH, WITHOUT DOUBTING.

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven
and tossed by the wind. JAMES 1:6*

**I WILL DELIGHT MYSELF IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL GIVE
ME THE DESIRES OF MY HEART.**

Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. PSALMS 37:4

**I WILL WATCH AND PRAY, SO THAT I DO NOT ENTER
INTO TEMPTATION.**

*"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak." MATTHEW 26:41*

**IN ALL MY WAYS, I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND
HE WILL DIRECT MY PATH.**

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. PROVERBS 3:6

**I WILL SEEK HIM AND FIND HIM WHEN I SEARCH FOR HIM
WITH ALL MY HEART.**

"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." JEREMIAH 29:13

DAY 13, JANUARY 16

THE WORD Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

I HAVE HIDDEN GOD'S WORD IN MY HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST HIM.

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. **PSALMS 119:11**

HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT HIS WORD STANDS FOREVER.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." **MATTHEW 24:35**

THE WORD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE.

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **HEBREWS 4:12**

ALL SCRIPTURE IS PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, REPROOF, CORRECTION, AND INSTRUCTION.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

BY HIS WORDS, I CAN SEE WHERE I AM GOING.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **PSALMS 119:105**

I LOVE JESUS. THEREFORE, I KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." **JOHN 14:15**

DAY 14, JANUARY 17

OVERCOMING Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. **PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND SALVATION; I WILL FEAR NO ONE.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **PSALMS 27:1**

I HAVE AUTHORITY TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY AND NOTHING WILL HURT ME.

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power

of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” LUKE 10:19

I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ROMANS 8:37

HE WHO IS IN ME IS GREATER THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 JOHN 4:4

NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME SHALL PROSPER.

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me, says the Lord.” ISAIAH 54:17

THE LORD IS MY REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah. PSALMS 46:1-3

DAY 15, JANUARY 18

FAITH Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” MATTHEW 19:26

I WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ROMANS 10:17

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” MARK 9:23

I WILL HOLD TIGHTLY TO THE CONFESSION OF MY FAITH.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful HEBREWS 10:23

GOD IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE THAN I ASK.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. EPHESIANS 3:20

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES I WILL TAKE UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH.

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. EPHESIANS 6:16

DAY 16, JANUARY 19

GENEROSITY Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

MY FIRST FINANCIAL PRIORITY IS TO HONOR THE LORD.

Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first-fruits of all your increase, So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. PROVERBS 3:9-10

I WILL BE A TRUSTWORTHY AND HONEST STEWARD OF MY FINANCES.

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" LUKE 16:10-11

I WILL GIVE MONEY AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP.

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." LUKE 6:38

I WILL GIVE TEN PERCENT OF MY TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME TO THE LOCAL CHURCH.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." MALACHI 3:10

GOD'S GENEROSITY WILL FLOW THROUGH ME.

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 PETER 4:10

I WILL INVEST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." MATTHEW 6:20-21

DAY 17, JANUARY 20

WORSHIP Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

**I WILL LOVE THE LORD MY GOD WITH ALL MY HEART,
SOUL, AND STRENGTH.**

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." DEUTERONOMY 6:5

I WILL WORSHIP THE LORD MY GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.

'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.' MATTHEW 4:10

GOD IS SPIRIT, AND I WILL WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth." JOHN 4:24

**I WILL WORSHIP GOD IN THE SPIRIT AND PUT NO
CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.**

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. PHILIPPIANS 3:3

I WILL BLESS THE LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! PSALMS 103:1

I WILL CLAP MY HANDS AND SHOUT A SONG OF JOY.

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. PSALMS 47:1-2

**EVERY KNEE WILL BOW AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.**

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

DAY 18, JANUARY 21

THE HOLY SPIRIT Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS ME INTO ALL TRUTH.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." JOHN 16:13

I AM LED BY THE SPIRIT.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. GALATIANS 5:18

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MY COMFORTER AND HELPER.

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I depart, I will send Him to you." **JOHN 16:7**

MY BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19**

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES ME POWER TO WITNESS.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **ACTS 1:8**

I WILL WALK IN THE SPIRIT AND NOT FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **GALATIANS 5:16-17**

THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR ME ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **ROMANS 8:26-27**

DAY 19, JANUARY 22

HEALING Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

JESUS CAN HEAL EVERY SICKNESS AND DISEASE.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **MATTHEW 9:35**

GOD FORGIVES ALL MY INIQUITIES AND HEALS ALL MY DISEASES.

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases. **PSALMS 103:3**

THE PRAYER OF FAITH WILL SAVE THE SICK, AND THE LORD WILL RAISE THEM UP.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **JAMES 5:15**

BY HIS STRIPES, WE ARE HEALED.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ISAIAH 53:5

JESUS TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND BORE OUR SICKNESS.

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

MATTHEW 8:16-17

IF TWO OR MORE AGREE IN PRAYER, IT WILL BE DONE.

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." **MATTHEW 18:19-20**

HE LAID HIS HANDS ON EVERY ONE OF THEM AND HEALED THEM.

When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. LUKE 4:40

DAY 20, JANUARY 23

IDENTITY Scriptures For Prayer & Confession

I AM A CHILD OF GOD.

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." JOHN 1:12

I AM A FRIEND OF GOD.

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you." JOHN 15:15

I AM CALLED AND CHOSEN BY GOD.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." JOHN 15:16

I CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ROMANS 8:35

I DO NOT HAVE A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, LOVE, AND A SOUND MIND.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

I AM GOD'S TEMPLE.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

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BEGIN AND END IN PRAISE

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2. **WAITING** Silent Soul Surrender (Ps. 46:10)
3. **CONFESSION** Temple Cleansing Time (Ps. 139:23)
4. **SCRIPTURE PRAYING** Word-Enriched Prayer (Jer. 23:29)
5. **WATCHING** Develop Holy Alertness (Col. 4:2)
6. **INTERCESSION** Remember the USA (1 Tim. 2:1,2)
7. **PETITION** Share Personal Needs (Matt. 7:7)
8. **THANKSGIVING** Confess My Blessings (1 Thess. 5:18)
9. **SINGING** Worship in Song (Ps. 100:2)
10. **MEDITATION** Ponder Spiritual Themes (Josh. 1:8)
11. **LISTENING** Receive Spiritual Instruction (Eccl. 5:2)
12. **PRAISE** Recognize God's Nature (Ps. 52:9)