



21 DAYS OF
PRAYER

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FASTING

JAN 18 - FEB 7



Week 3

Praying for our World

Welcome to our final week of the prayer and fasting experience! Walking with God is such a beautiful experience. In Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." The more we seek God, the more we find Him all around us, in both the ordinary and extraordinary. The more we ask, the more we will receive: His grace, His love and His mercy. And as we continue to knock, God will surely open the door for victory in our lives. Whatever you are trusting God for during this prayer and fasting journey, be encouraged to know that God is at work all around us, all the time. Continue to ask the Lord to open the eyes of your heart to see His glorious power manifested in your life and the lives of those around you. "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. 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." Ephesians 1:17-19.

We've spent close to a year mostly indoors and sometimes it is hard to keep up with what is going on in the world outside our homes. If I have learned anything the last two weeks of prayer, it is this: God is at work and He is doing great things all around us. And He continues to invite us to partner with Him to accomplish His purpose for our lives, our church and the world.

This week we will focus on praying for our church, our city and the world. As you pray, keep your ears open to what the Lord is saying about our church; listen out for ways He might be calling you to step out in faith this year as an agent of His love in the world around you.

We would love to hear what God has been doing in your life as you have been praying. If you would like to share a testimony, email david@pathwayfremont.org. We want to celebrate with you and continue to trust God together.

Day 15

PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Philippians 1:1—2

We will start this week with praying for our church. We thank God for keeping us connected this past year despite the challenge of being physically distant. Pray that God would keep up united in Christ, that we would be of the same mind and spirit as we pursue God together. Pray that we will be a continue to be a community marked by God's love, known for our compassion and tenderness towards others. Pray that Pathway will be a refuge for people who need hope and a beacon for people who are searching for light. Pray that Christ would be found in our homes, our workplaces and our worship space.

Spend some time praying through our mission and values.

Mission: To be a multiplying community of Christ-followers.

Our Values

- **Discipleship**—pray that we would learn and teach others what it means how to follow Jesus and His teachings.
- **Multiplication**—pray for growth at every level in our church; that God would multiply our numbers, our ministries, our resources, and our impact in the community.
- **Prayer**—ask God to ignite a passion for prayer in our lives and our church; that we would be a church that continually seeks the Lord in all things.
- **Community**—pray that we will continue to build a safe and authentic community at Pathway that is a witness to God's love to those around us.
- **Leadership Development**—pray that God would use the ministries at Pathway to raise more leaders for the Kingdom, that we will have many people being trained and equipped for ministry through the Ignite Leadership program.
- **Diversity**—pray that our church would reflect the diversity in our community and within the Kingdom of God. Pray that we will grow in our expressions of love and worship through different shared experiences.

MY PRAYER

What vision or dream has God placed in your heart for our church? Pray that He would bring it to fulfillment and show you how He wants to use you at Pathway.

DAY 18

PRAYING FOR YOUR CITY

And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare. Jeremiah 29:7

As Christians, it can be easy to complain about the things that are wrong with the world around us. We can look at the city we live in and focus on the corruption of its leaders, or the godlessness of its people. When the Israelites were in exile in Babylon, God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah about their welfare in their new land. Though they were in captivity, God did not want them to wallow in their losses and grief. Neither did He want them to sabotage the progress of the city He had sent them to. Instead, He asked them to work for its peace and prosperity because their own peace and prosperity depended on it. Likewise, there will be things we are only able to enjoy in our personal lives depending on what is going on in the places that we live. Rather than tear down our cities and nation with our words, God wants us to work towards their peace. More than that, He wants us to be agents of His peace and love where we live.

Spend time praying for the city you live in.

- Pray for city leaders—pray that godliness would be found in the places of leadership and governance. Pray for the mayor and other city officials, that they would know Christ and lead with wisdom.
- Pray for churches—pray that the churches in the city will be united in love. Pray for church leaders around the city to preach the word of God boldly and correctly. Pray that our churches would be lead by the Holy Spirit to be agents of love and transformation in the city.
- Pray for the vulnerable—pray for those who are homeless, sick or vulnerable in other ways. Pray for comfort for those who are grieving, for provision for those in need and for a community for those who are lonely. Pray that God would give you wisdom to know how to minister to those you come across.
- Pray for hospitals and medical professionals as they continue to battle the pandemic. Pray for wisdom, protection and strength.

MY PRAYER

DAY 20

ONE BODY

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21-22

The Bible says that though we are many, we are one body in Christ and each member belongs to all the others (Romans 12:5). And Jesus said that the way that the world would believe in him was for the believers to be united in God. Though the global church is different in many ways, we are united by our love for God. And this unity is what reveals God to the world around us.

Today we are praying for the body of Christ around the world. Here are some points to pray about:

- Unity—pray for the fulfillment of the words of Jesus: that the church would be united and rooted in the gospel of Jesus all around the world. Pray against a spirit of division and competition and ask God instead for a spirit of brotherhood.
- Endurance—Pray for the persecuted church, that God would encourage the believers and give them endurance in their faith. Pray that they would stand firm in their hope and be bold in their witness to those who oppress them.
- Hope—as the pandemic continues to impact millions of people around the world, pray that the Church will be a source of hope, comfort and love to those in need.
- Light of the World —Pray against compromise in the church. Pray that the church of Christ would be like a city on a hill, shining the light of God into the darkness of the world.

Prayer Exercise: Look through global news today and pray for the church in countries experiencing conflict, war and persecution. Thank God for the places where the Church is growing and pray for those where the Church is experiencing challenges. Pray for the church in countries that are closed to the gospel.

MY PRAYER

DAY 21

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Psalm 150: 1– 2

You've made it through 21 days of prayer and fasting! Today we will spend time in praise and worship as we reflect on who God is and what He has done for us. Look through the list of things that you've been praying about and trusting God for: have you seen any transformation either in yourself or around you? Even where there might not be visible answers yet, our prayers to God are never in vain. God's power continues to work in and through us to fulfill His will for our lives. Not only does He answer our prayers but the scripture says that He is able to do **immeasurably** more than we ask or imagine! (Ephesians 3:20—21) Our biggest, wildest prayers and desires are nothing compared to what God is able to do. And because our God is bigger than anything we can imagine, He deserves all our praise and worship, He deserves all glory throughout all generations. God is worthy of our praise not because of what He does for us but simply for Who He is—a mighty and powerful God who has called us His children!

Spend the day in thanksgiving, praising God for answered prayer. Thank Him for what He has accomplished in your life through this season of prayer. Praise Him for what He will continue to accomplish through the power He has placed in us.

Prayer

Thank you God for all that you have done in and through me through this season of prayer. I praise you for your greatness and your power; I thank you for your grace and mercy and your great love for me. Thank you for the answers I have received and for those that I am yet to see. Thank you for strength and grace. I believe that you are able to accomplish what you have started in me. Help me to remain faithful in my walk with you. And let my life be lived out in endless praise to you. Amen.

MY PRAYER

I thank you for:

I continue to trust you for:
