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Introduction

Welcome to Seven Days of Prayer 2020! The great missionary Hudson Taylor once said, “The church moves forward on its knees.” I say “Amen” to that, and in light of that truth we are holding the Seven Days of Prayer 2020, starting on the 20th of Jan (Monday) and culminating on the 26th (Sunday) with a special service at church (see below).

Why are we holding Seven Days of Prayer? Over the last two weeks it has become clear to me that this is what God wants us to do. Let me share with you some of the things that have been on my heart:

- We want more of God in our lives. We are hungry and thirsty for His presence.
- We depend on the Holy Spirit. We cannot accomplish anything for God’s Kingdom apart from the power of God’s Spirit. Christ said, “Apart from me, you can do nothing.”
- We want to see God work mighty things in our midst.
- We want to entrust to Him, and ask His blessings for, the new year and new decade.
- We want to ask God for the salvation of our loved ones and friends.
- We want to “stand in the gap” on behalf of our families, town and nation.

Together let us seek the Lord. I want to encourage you with these words from 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

This booklet has been produced to guide our prayer. Please make the most of it.

Intercede for Seven

During the seven days you can pray for any number of persons. But I would suggest that you focus on praying for seven people. Ask God to give you names of people – these may be family members, friends, coworkers, church members, etc. Write their names in the space provided in this booklet (p. 23). Focus on praying for their spiritual needs – for example, for salvation or deeper commitment to Christ.

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Why seven days of prayer and seven people to pray for? In Scripture seven means completeness, perfection or achievement. The Lord created all things in seven days. The Israelites marched around Jericho for seven days, and on the seventh day they made seven circuits and seven priests blew seven trumpets, and as a result they were able to conquer and occupy the city. There are more examples of this kind in Scripture, but suffice that for us to see the symbolism and significance of praying for seven days and praying for seven people. If you do have more than seven people to pray for, don't worry, that's fine.

Special Sunday Service

We will devote our service on the 26th to celebrating what the Lord has done throughout the seven days. We will give time during the service for testimonies of answered prayers. Then we will have a shared meal after the service.

Testimonies

Years ago I came across this quote on prayer which has stuck to my mind: "When we work, we work; but when we pray, God works." The Lord does amazing things in response to the prayers of His children. I encourage you to share stories of how God has worked through Seven Days of Prayer 2020. Testimonies can be sent to pictonbaptist@gmail.com. Your stories will be an encouragement to many in our church family.

Claiming God's Promises

Prayer is built on the foundation of God's promises, and there are thousands of them in Scripture that we can claim as we pray. It's so easy to focus on our problems, but when we claim God's promises, we increase our faith and remind ourselves that nothing is impossible with the Lord. The promises help us to take our eyes off our weaknesses and difficulties and set them on Jesus. For every weakness and every struggle we can find Bible promises to claim. I have included in this booklet plenty of God's promises grouped according to topics. Look for more promises in Scripture and write them down so you can claim them in the future.

Fasting

Discern if the Lord is wanting you to fast during the seven days. Fasting is to intentionally deny yourself some legitimate physical needs (e.g. food) so that you can focus your yourself on prayer and worship. See pages 20–22 below for more on fasting. I encourage those with health problems to consult their doctor before fasting.

Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how or what you should pray for in a person's life or in a particular situation. The Bible tells us that we do not know what to pray for and that the Holy Spirit is the one making intercession for us (see Romans 8:26–27).

Journaling

Keeping a prayer journal during the Seven Days of Prayer can be a good way to internalize the daily prayer theme, make concrete commitments to God, and recognize His blessings. Writing out our prayers and keeping a record of God's answers is a proven path to encouragement.

Reverence

Reverence is important in prayer. We are approaching the throne room of the King of the universe. Reverence is not fear that drives us away from the Lord. It's respect and love that draws us into His presence worshipfully.

Seven Days of Prayer “Outreach” Challenge

We are called to live a twofold life: a life of thought and action, of prayer and earnest work. We have received so much love from our Savior; let's not keep it for ourselves. Let's share His love with others.

I encourage you to ask God in prayer how you can reach out to others during and after the Seven Days of Prayer. Choose one or several activities, choose a day, and be the hands and feet of Jesus. As you work to organise everything, avoid letting these arrangements distract you from praying. Proceed as the Holy Spirit precedes.

I've put together a list of ways you can help others. Choose whatever suits the needs of people you are going to serve. Feel free to do something that is not listed.

- Cook a meal for someone who has been sick.
- Invite a neighbour or coworker to a social gathering.
- Give food to a homeless person.
- Donate clothing that you would want donated to you.
- “Adopt” an elderly person. With the person's agreement, visit them on a regular basis and help with chores, shopping, cooking, or garden work.
- Bake some bread and share a loaf with a neighbour.
- Help with neighbourhood projects.

- Offer to stay with a sick or disabled person so their caretakers can run an errand.
- Introduce yourself to a new neighbour by taking them a meal. Make them feel welcome in the neighbourhood.
- Buy groceries and deliver them to a needy family.
- Donate your old eyeglasses.
- Offer to give a Bible study.
- Visit people in nursing homes.
- Collect clothing for the needy.
- Donate your old laptop or other electronics.
- Send a card to a “shut-in.”
- Organise an evangelistic series.
- Give someone a book you think they’d like.
- Call your neighbours and ask how they’re doing.
- Invite someone to accept Jesus.
- Hold a cooking school.
- Take some food to someone who has lost a loved one.
- Visit someone in the hospital to encourage them or help them in some way.
- Read to an elderly person.
- Start a sewing/knitting/crocheting group to make clothes for those in need.
- Read the Bible aloud for someone who can’t see or read.
- Host a youth group at your home.
- Have a community clean-up day.
- Ask someone if they would like to join you in watching a DVD with a spiritual message. As you watch together, pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the person’s heart.
- Design your own project.

May the Lord be glorified and all of us edified as we seek Him this week.

In His service

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Day 1 – Monday 20 Jan

Our Greatest Need: God Himself

Reflect on Acts 17:24–28a.

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out to Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. For in Him we live and love and have our being.”

Let us begin Seven Days of Prayer 2020 by seeking the face of the Lord. We need God’s blessings, but first let us seek the Giver Himself. We need Him. We love Him.

Praise

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is, for His love, His wisdom, His holiness, etc.
- Praise God that He will teach you how to abide in Him.
- Praise God that He is more than willing to fill you with His Spirit.

Confession

- Ask God to show you what sins you need to confess to Him. Claim His forgiveness and victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness for not appreciating the gift of His presence as you should, and ask Him to give you a hunger and thirst for His fullness.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Requests

- Ask God to reveal more of His character so that you can know Him.
- Pray that your family and friends will feel their need for Jesus.
- Is there anything hindering the Holy Spirit from coming into your heart? Tell God about those things.
- Pray for your church leaders – that they will be filled with God’s presence, wisdom and power.
- Pray for the unity of our church in Spirit and in truth.

- Pray for a focus on renewal and revival in our church. Pay attention to the personal aspect of revival for you, your family, our church, and our community.
- Pray for every member of our church to feel a burden for sharing the gospel.
- Pray for greater emphasis on the Bible in the life of individual church members as well as corporately.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for how He is going to save souls for His Kingdom during these seven days.

Day 2 – Tuesday 21 Jan

Our Greatest Gift to God: Our Being

Reflect on Romans 12:1–2.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

What can we give to God? What do you give to God, who has everything? What does God want from us? The greatest gift you can give to God is yourself. The greatest gift you can give to God is to say, “Lord, I give you my life. I give you my talents. I give You my abilities. I give You my dreams. I give You my future. I give You my weaknesses. I offer myself to You. I am Yours.”

Praise

- Begin your prayer by praising God for who He is: He is faithful, omniscient, just, etc.
- Praise God that He has been waiting so long for you to give Him your whole heart.
- Thank God that He does not want just some of you but all of you with all of your talents and shortcomings.
- Praise God for the ways He is teaching you to abide in Him.

Confession

- Ask God to show you any sins you need to confess. Claim His forgiveness and victory over those sins.
- Ask God for forgiveness if you have not been surrendering your heart to Him.
- Ask God for forgiveness for times when you used your time, money and talents for selfish ends and not for His glory.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Requests

- Ask God to take away anything that hinders you from surrendering your time, money, strength, abilities, fears, hopes and will. Tell Him you want to belong wholly to Christ.

- Ask God to help you to pray like Jesus: “Not my will, but Your will be done” (Luke 22:42).
- Does anything hinder you from giving Him your whole heart and being? Tell Him about those things.
- Pray for your family members and friends who are not surrendered to Christ. Ask God to make them willing to surrender their whole being to Him.
- Pray for our church leaders to be fully surrendered to Christ.
- Pray for the children and young people of our church to find joy in surrendering their lives to Christ and following Him. If you can, pray for them by name.
- Pray for the members of our church to be wholly committed to Christ.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts for the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving

- Thank God that He will answer your prayers according to His will and in His time.
- Thank God that He is willing to take your sinful heart and make it pure and holy.
- Thank God that Jesus was willing to die for your salvation.
- Thank God for revealing Himself in a special way in your life during these seven days of prayer.

Day 3 – Wednesday 22 Jan

Christ in us

Reflect on Galatians 2:20.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

On our own, without God’s help, living the Christian life does not just seem impossible; it is impossible. Trying to live the Christian life by our own efforts is like a ship on dry land; it just doesn’t work. For the ship to get anywhere, it needs to be in the water. And to enjoy the Christian life, one needs to learn how to rest in God. Paul knows this: “For I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13). Christianity is CHRIST IN US. We are indwelt with a Person – His resurrection life through the Holy Spirit.

Praise

- Begin your time by praising God for who He is. Praise Him that He never changes, for His mercy, for His faithfulness, etc.
- Praise God that there is no better place to be than in the middle of His love, being wholly surrendered to Him.
- Praise God that He is calling you to abide in Him.

Confession

- Ask God to show you if there are any sins you need to confess. Claim His forgiveness and victory over those sins.
- Ask God to forgive you for times when you did not allow Him to dwell in your heart. Allow Him to dwell in your heart daily.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Requests

- Can those around you see that Christ lives in you? Ask God to come into your life and shine through you and that other people will see Him in you.
- Pray for family and friends who are not abiding in Christ. Pray that the fruit of the Spirit will be made manifest in their lives.
- Pray that God will give you faith to receive Christ’s righteousness as your own.

- Can you see traces of selfishness in your life? Surrender those to God and ask Him to make you selfless.
- Pray for a lowly and meek heart that Christ may abide in you.
- Pray for an increased sense of urgency and a realization by our church family that we are living in the end times and that our Lord Jesus can come at any moment.
- Pray that we will devote more of our time to eternal values through prayer and the study of God's Word, allowing Him to fully direct us according to His will and not our will. This will keep us close to God and allow the power of the Holy Spirit to reverse trends of worldliness that threaten God's church and our daily lives.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts for the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving

- Thank God that our "inner person" is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16).
- Thank God that He is willing to come and live in your heart.
- Thank God that He hears the prayers you have prayed during these seven days.

Day 4 – Thursday 23 Jan

Abiding in Christ

Reflect on John 15:4–5.

“Abide in me, as I also abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Praise

- Begin your time of prayer by praising God for who He is. For example, He is a Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6).
- Praise God that all you have to do is abide in Christ in order to have victory over sin, Satan, and the world.
- Praise God for the ways He is teaching you to abide in Him.

Confession

- Ask God to show you if you're holding back from surrendering anything to Him. Confess this to Him. Claim His victory over those sins.
- Ask God to forgive you for times when you tried to do things in your own strength.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Requests

- Pray that God will help you to better understand your need to abide in Him and give you the desire to do so. Pray that God will teach you how to abide in Him.
- Pray for our church to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for greater interest and participation by all church members in our mission and outreach here in Picton and Marlborough. Pray that people will see their need of Christ and call upon Him.
- Pray for clear focus on Christ and His work for us during His life on earth – His death on the cross, His resurrection, and His ongoing ministry for us through the Holy Spirit – and His soon second coming.
- Pray that we will devote more of our time to eternal values through prayer and the study of God's Word, allowing Him to fully direct us according to His will and not our will. This will help keep us close to God and allow the power of the Holy Spirit to reverse the trends of worldliness that threaten God's church and our daily lives.

- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts for the Holy Spirit.
- Prayer for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for the different ways Jesus has set us an example of how to abide in God.
- Thank God in advance for how He is going to work and answer your prayers.
- Thank God that He will teach you how to abide in Him.
- Thank Him for sending the Holy Spirit to work on all the prayer requests you have prayed.

Day 5 – Friday 24 Jan

More than Conquerors

Reflect on Romans 8:37.

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Fanny Crosby, composer of thousands of worship songs, was only six weeks old when a faulty treatment of an eye infection resulted in her lifelong blindness. By age eight, having fought and won over discouragement, she wrote this poem:

Oh, what a happy soul am I! Although I cannot see,
I am resolved that in this world contented I shall be.
How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't.
To weep and sigh because I'm blind, I cannot – I won't.

Crosby dedicated her blindness to God. In her testimonial song “Blessed Assurance” she seemed to forget that she was blind: she wrote, “Visions of rapture now burst on my sight” or “Watching and waiting, looking above.”

While many of us seek Christ for what we can get from Him, Fanny Crosby sought Christ for what she could become through Him – more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37).

Praise

- Begin your time by praising God for who He is. Praise Him for His faithfulness and that He is a refuge.
- Praise God that all you have to do is abide in Christ if you want to have victory over sin.
- Praise God that Jesus obtained the victory over sin at the cross.

Confession

- Ask God to show you the sins you need to confess. Claim His forgiveness and victory over those sins.
- Have there been times when you did not feel that you wanted to conquer sin? Ask God for forgiveness. Ask Him to put in your heart the desire to overcome sin.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Requests

- Pray that God will give you the desire to overcome sin.
- Pray for family members and friends who also need to gain victory over Satan, the flesh, and sin.
- Pray for those areas in your life where you still need to gain victory over the flesh. Ask Him to give you complete victory.
- Ask God to help you believe that He can give you complete victory over Satan and the flesh.
- Do you still cherish any idols in your life? Bring them before God and ask Him to help you forsake those things.
- Pray that God will make you humble so you can see your weaknesses and ask for power to overcome them.
- Pray that God will continue to lead His church and give its members victory over sin and darkness.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts for the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Thanksgiving

- Thank God that He is willing to give you all spiritual blessings.
- Thank God that He is the One “who works in you both to will and to act in order to fulfill His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).
- Thank God for Jesus’ sinless life and that He showed us how we can be overcomers.
- Thank God that He is answering the prayers you have prayed according to His will.

Day 6 – Saturday 25 Jan

The Joy of Obedience

Reflect on John 15:9–11.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus spells out the three basic elements of faith: obedience, love, and joy. Love is the centre; it holds obedience and joy together. When we disobey, it’s because we don’t fully understand why it’s unloving; we don’t realize that our sin interferes with our ability to love and to be loved. On the other hand, when we obey because we love, we experience great joy.

Praise

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is. He is all comfort, the Restorer, etc.
- Thank God for Jesus, who showed us what it means to have the joy of obedience.
- Thank God that there is joy and peace and blessing in obeying Christ.

Confession

- Ask God to show you any sins that you need to confess. Claim His forgiveness and victory over those sins.
- Pray for forgiveness for times when gloom marked your Christian walk.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Requests

- Are you happy to do what God asks you to do? Pray that God will give you the willingness to obey Him and joy to do whatever He asks.
- Pray that the children and youth in our church will discover the joy of obedience.
- Pray that the leaders of our church will gladly do whatever God is asking.
- Pray for God’s love to be perfected in His church.
- Pray for greater unity in our church, and for increased support for our ministry, especially local mission and outreach.

- Pray to the Lord to raise up godly leaders and workers for our church. Pray for “every member to be a minister.”
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts for the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving

- Thank God that through Christ you can say, “I delight to do Your will” (Psalm 40:8).
- Thank God that His true children, wherever they are in the world, are eagerly looking forward to the return of Christ.
- Thank God that He is raising up godly, humble and teachable leaders for the future.

Day 7 – Sunday 26 Jan

Christ Reflected in our Neighbourhood

Reflect on Acts 1:8.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

How can we reflect Christ in our neighbourhood? Our reading tells us that we must first receive the Holy Spirit – He is our power for witnessing. The Holy Spirit gives us the power and desire to be a blessing to all those around us, starting with our immediate family and then on to friends and neighbours. This was the secret for how the early church in Jerusalem grew and spread to the whole world.

Praise

- Begin your prayer time by praising God for who He is: He is kind, good, gentle, etc.
- Praise God that He chose to use you to reach out to souls that thirst for the water of life.

Confession

- Ask God to show you any sins you need to confess, and claim His forgiveness and victory over those sins.
- Pray for forgiveness for times when you were ashamed to share your faith with others. Ask God to give you courage and love through Christ abiding in us.
- Thank God that He forgives you according to 1 John 1:9.

Request

- Ask God to give you a burden for souls and a love for people.
- Ask God to put in your neighbours' hearts hunger and thirst for Him.
- Ask the Lord to fill you with His Holy Spirit and to teach you how to reach your neighbours through acts of love, by ministering to their needs, by winning their confidence, and by inviting them to follow Jesus.
- Pray that you experience the joy of sharing Christ.
- Pray for an attractive, Christ-like character that will draw people to Jesus.
- Pray that God will teach you how to point people to Jesus, not to yourself.

- Pray for renewed emphasis on worship and fellowship in our church. Pray against apathy and spiritual lethargy.
- Pray for an increased emphasis on local outreach, so that all members are participating in personal witnessing and proclaiming the Good News of Christ.
- Pray that our church leaders can be a good witness to their neighbours.
- Pray for any missionary you know – for boldness to witness for Him in every circumstance.
- Pray that the seven (or more) people on your list will see their need and open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for any personal needs you have.

Thanksgiving

- Thank God that He is working in the lives of your family, friends and neighbours.
- Thank God that He is blessing, purifying and using His church worldwide, including Picton Baptist Church!
- Thank God that He is working in the hearts of all the people you have been praying for.

Practical Guide to a Week of Prayer and Fasting

What is fasting?

The word fast in the Bible is from the Hebrew word *sum*, meaning “to cover” the mouth, or from the Greek word *neusteuo*, meaning “to abstain.” For spiritual purposes, it means to go without eating or drinking (Esther 4:16).

Why fast?

God wants us to fast. When the Bible speaks of fasting, it doesn't say “if you fast” but “when you fast” (see Matthew 7:16–17). Here are some of the reasons why I fast and encourage you to fast.

1. The Lord Jesus Himself fasted.

We have a record in the Gospels concerning our Lord, when He was starting His earthly ministry, fasting for forty days and forty nights (see Matthew 4:1–2).

2. Fasting is an act of humility and consecration.

The writer of Psalm 35:13 says, “I put on sackcloth and humbled myself with fasting.”

3. Fasting helps us become sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

The early church in Acts 13:2 was praying and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke to them, telling them about the appointment of Paul and Barnabas as missionaries to the Gentiles.

4. Fasting brings revival.

Read Daniel 9:2–3. Fasting helps us prevail in prayer and intercession. Throughout human history God has brought revival and delivered nations from destruction in response to prayer and fasting.

Preparing to Fast

“Fasting reduces the power of self so that the Holy Spirit can do a more intense work within us.” – Bill Bright

1. Be in faith.

Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. Expect God to answer. Maintain a thankful heart throughout and after the fast.

2. Commit to a type of fast.

I encourage everyone who is able to commit to fast in a meaningful and sacrificial way. Here are a few suggestions:

- Abstain from eating for one or more days. Drink plenty of water.
- Abstain from one meal a day or more for several days and drink lots of water.
- In addition to fasting from food, you might also abstain from things like TV, movies, social media (Facebook, etc), and various other things where you are denying your appetites and feeding your spirit.
- Important note: During those times you would normally eat, spend time meditating on God's Word, worshipping to music, and praying. The point of fasting is not merely to deny legitimate bodily needs, but to focus on feeding our spirit.
- If you are on medication or have any health problems, please speak with your doctor before fasting from food.

Pray about the kind of fast you will undertake and commit to it. Don't decide on a day-to-day basis. Commit before the fast and be determined. Ask God for grace.

3. Plan your calendar.

Limit your physical and social activities during this period. You need to conserve physical energy and devote more time to prayer and reading the Bible.

4. Prepare spiritually.

More than anything, we are believing God for a fresh encounter with Him. Be prepared to have the Holy Spirit put His finger on areas of life that need

to change. Repentance is the foundation of prayer and fasting. Be ready to repent and change and be transformed. Surrender everything and be wide open to Him.

5. Prepare physically.

Gradually prepare your body for the fast. Start eating smaller portions and meals before you begin your fast.

During the Fast

1. Where and when to pray

- Pray on your own each day, or pray with your spouse, using this daily devotional guide.
- Commit the times you would normally eat to prayer and Bible reading.
- Go to a home group or other church gathering during the week to pray and seek God in community.
- Finish the fast by joining us on the 26th for a special service.

2. Commit to change.

Whatever God tells you or puts His finger upon, apply it immediately. If you need to make restitution, immediately contact people you have broken relationship with. If there are habits that need to change, make the adjustment immediately. Talk with a friend about what God is speaking to you, and ask them to support you along the journey and possibly provide accountability.

“The record of the whole Bible indicates that prayer and fasting combined constitute the strongest weapon committed to God’s believers.” – Mary Ruth Swope

This year I am believing God for...

1. My Personal Faith Goals

2. People I'm reaching out to

3. My Church Family and Its Ministries

Some Promises to Claim in Prayer

Promises for the Holy Spirit

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” Luke 11:13

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you ... When He comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.” John 14:26; 16:8

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” John 14:12–14

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

Promises that God Answers Prayers

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” John 15:7

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:19

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” Matthew 21:22

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” John 14:13–14

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him.” 1 John 5:14–15

Promises about God’s Power

“Is anything too hard for the LORD?” Genesis 18:14

“The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14:14

“With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Mark 10:27

“The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24

“I know that You can do all things; no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.” Job 42:2

“With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Mark 10:27

“God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?” Numbers 23:19

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:28–31

Promises for God's Guidance

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” Deuteronomy 4:29

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8

“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8

“Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.” Psalm 25:12

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5–6

Promises for a Changed Heart

“I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.” Jeremiah 24:7

“The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love Him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.” Deuteronomy 30:6

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and

goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.” 2 Peter 1:3–4

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

Promises for Forgiveness

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2

Chronicles 7:14

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” Isaiah 1:18

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” Isaiah 43:25

Promises for Victory over Sin

“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.” 1 John 5:4

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.” Philippians 2:13

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.” Romans 16:20

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

Promises for Healing

“Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Psalm 103:2–5

“Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.” Jeremiah 17:14

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,” declares the LORD, “because you are called an outcast Zion for whom no one cares.” Jeremiah 30:17

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” James 5:14–15

Promises for Strength to Do God’s Will

“Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.”s Psalm 27:14

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

“I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.” Philippians 2:13

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

Promises about Being God’s Witnesses

“Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.” Isaiah 44:8

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

“In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15