



# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

LEEWARD COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Renewed by His Presence*

A 21-day Prayer Guide • 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting  
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# *Renewed by His Presence*

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## **Theme Passage: Isaiah 58:6-12 (NIV)**

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor  
wanderer with shelter—  
when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away  
from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will  
quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the  
Lord will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and  
He will say: Here am I.

If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger  
and malicious talk,  
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the  
needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become  
like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-  
scorched land

and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

**Theme Song:** "More" -- Red Rocks Worship

## **A Call to Renewal**

Isaiah 58 calls us to a kind of fasting that goes beyond what we give up — a fast that transforms how we live. It is an invitation from God to experience true renewal: to let His presence restore our hearts, renew our relationships, and flow through us to bring healing to the world around us.

As we begin this 21-day journey of prayer and fasting, we are seeking the renewal that only comes from God's Spirit. We believe that in His presence the broken will be restored, the weary will find strength, and the church will rise and shine with His light once again.

Our prayer is that each of us — individually and together — will become like that 'well-watered garden' described in verse 11, flourishing with life and bearing fruit for the glory of God.

## How to Use This Devotional

- **Set Your Intentions** — Decide how you will fast. Let your fast be about making more space for God.
- **Create a Daily Rhythm** — Set aside time each day to read, pray, and listen to God.
- **Worship with Intention** — Take time to sing or meditate on the suggested song.
- **Reflect and Record** — Use the space provided or in the margins for your own devotional thoughts.
- **Pray with Purpose** — Use the prayer pointers to guide your personal and church prayers.
- **Journey Together** — Fasting and prayer are more powerful in community.

Here's a link to a Spotify playlist with all the songs suggested for each day of the 21 days of prayer and fasting:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0SSY2n1D5QYeyvc6tpiELh?si=3c2d7ecf4beb42b4>



## **Kick-Off Event**

**Sun, Jan 4 — Kick-off to the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**

**Theme:** A Call to Renewal (Isaiah 58:6-12)

**Song:** “More” -- Red Rocks Worship

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Something extraordinary happens when God's people humble themselves, fast, and pray. History testifies to it--from the walls of Jericho to the streets of Nineveh, from the revivals of the past to the movements of God happening today. When we set aside our distractions and pursue God with all our hearts, He moves. He breaks chains. He restores what was lost. He breathes life into dry bones. As we enter these 21 days of prayer and fasting, we believe we are standing on the threshold of personal and corporate renewal that will transform our lives, our families, and our community.

Isaiah 58 paints a powerful picture of the kind of fasting that moves God's heart--not merely abstaining from food, but loosing chains of injustice, setting the oppressed free, and becoming a source of healing and restoration to a broken world. This is our invitation: to let God do a deep work in us so that His light can break forth through us. We are not just giving up something for 21 days; we are positioning ourselves to receive something--a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit, a renewed vision for our lives, and a deeper intimacy with the One who satisfies our deepest longings.

Imagine what God could do in just 21 days. Imagine hearts that have grown cold rekindled with passion for Jesus. Imagine marriages restored, prodigals returning home, and addictions broken. Imagine

our church becoming a well-watered garden in the midst of a dry and thirsty land--a place where the weary find rest, the broken find healing, and the lost find hope. Imagine our city being impacted as we move beyond the walls of our building to become repairers of broken walls and restorers of streets with dwellings. This is not wishful thinking--this is the promise of God to those who seek Him wholeheartedly.

These 21 days are not about performance or perfection; they are about presence. God is inviting us to draw near, and He promises that as we do, He will draw near to us. Whether you're coming with great faith or barely holding on to a thread of hope, you are welcome here. Whether your fast looks like giving up meals, media, or making more margin for God in other ways, what matters most is that you show up with an open heart. Let this be a season where we learn again what it means to be truly satisfied--not by what fills our plates or our schedules, but by the One who fills our souls.

Together, let us step into these 21 days with anticipation and expectation. Let us believe that the God who parted seas and raised the dead is still in the business of doing immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. Let us become a people whose lives overflow with His presence, whose light breaks forth like the dawn, and whose testimony declares that our God is faithful. The best is yet to come, and it begins now--as we position ourselves to be renewed by His presence.

## **A Prayer to Begin**

Lord, as we begin these 21 days of prayer and fasting, draw us near to You. Renew our hearts, refresh our minds, and restore our strength.

Make us people whose lives overflow with Your presence. Let Your light break forth through us, and let Your healing appear quickly. May our church be like a well-watered garden — fruitful, faithful, and full of Your life. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **My Personal Notes**

Each day there will be space available, or you may use the margin space for you to journal. You may wish to write a prayer. You might want to write about what God is saying to you or insights you have on the Scripture passage. You might want to write a poem or list other meaningful songs, books, or other resources that might help you in your spiritual journey. Feel free to use the space in the way that is most meaningful to you.

Here, you may wish to use the space below to write your own prayer about your hopes for what you want the Lord to do in your own life during this coming 21 days of prayer and fasting.

# WEEK 1 — Personal Renewal: Restoring My Heart to God

## Day 1 — Monday, January 5

**Theme:** A Call to Renewal

**Scripture:** Joel 2:12-13

"'Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

**Song:** "Lord, I Need You" — Matt Maher

### **Devotional Reflections:**

As a child, I always looked forward to when the big, fat Sears Christmas catalogue would come in the mail in the weeks before Christmas. I can remember poring over page after magical page of toys and other wonders. My sisters and I would fold down the corners of the pages, circle favorite items, dreaming and wishing and hoping for what we might find under the tree on Christmas morning, until that poor catalogue was practically falling apart.

As our Scripture passage today reminds us, God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love. His arms are loaded down with blessings to pour out over your life. He longs to set you free, to give you abundant life and to fill your life with good things, both you *and* your family. He is a generous Father who loves to give good gifts to His children (Matthew 7:11).

So, what do you want God to do in your life during this 21 days of prayer and fasting? Take a few moments and really think about it. Write it down in a prayer to God in the notes section. Be specific. Look at the prayer pointers below, if that will help you. Don't be shy. Don't be stingy. Don't be afraid to dream big, fat, hairy, audacious spiritual dreams with God.

Whether you are in a place of spiritual desperation, or a place of spiritual goal setting and spiritual prosperity, know that you have a loving heavenly Father who loves you and wants to bring you to a place of spiritual growth and blessing. So, open your heart and life up to Him during this 21 days and see what He will do with a humble heart that is yielded to Him.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God to reveal areas in your life where chains need to be broken and freedom restored.
- Pray for a fresh hunger for God's presence and a willingness to set aside distractions.
- Surrender any burdens or yokes you've been carrying and invite God's healing touch.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for our church to be a place where people find freedom, healing, and restoration.
- Ask God to show our community how to minister to the oppressed and marginalized.
- Intercede for those in our city who are bound by addiction, poverty, or injustice.

## Day 2 — Tuesday, January 6

**Theme:** Renewal of the Heart

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:10

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

**Song:** "Refiner's Fire" — Brian Doerksen

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Drift. We've all seen it, even if we may not have experienced it firsthand. One moment we're driving down life's highway, just trying to get to our destination, eyes getting heavy, and the next, we're stuck in a ditch on the side of the road in desperate need of a tow truck, wondering what just happened. And even if you've been lucky enough not to find yourself in the ditch, I'm almost certain you can all agree that at one time or another, you've arrived at your destination and don't really remember how you got there. Did the hum of the tires hypnotize you? Did you fall asleep at the wheel? Were you so deep in thought that you went into autopilot? What happened?

And did you realize that we can experience spiritual drift as well? One moment we're on a spiritual mountaintop, feeling like we've never been closer to God, and believing we'll never go back to the way it was before. The next thing we know, our devotional life is bone dry, maybe even non-existent, our Bible is collecting dust on the shelf, and we're asking ourselves how we managed to get ourselves into a spiritual desert. I've been there, and I'm willing to bet you have too. Maybe you're there right now.

So, how do you get back on track? Where is the spiritual tow truck when you need it? What can you do to get out of the ditch, so to speak? Well, what areas of your life do you need to submit to the Lordship of Christ? Do you need to repent of habitual or hidden sin? Do you need accountability? Do you find yourself trapped in bondage in some area of your life and don't know how to get out, and feel too ashamed to ask someone for help?

He is ready and waiting for you to come to Him. So, what are you waiting for? Let's start this 21 day's off right, on our knees in repentance, getting right with God.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God to create in you a clean heart and renew a right spirit within you.
- Confess any areas of sin, bitterness, or unforgiveness that need cleansing.
- Pray for a heart that is fully devoted to God and sensitive to His voice.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for spiritual revival to sweep through our church, starting with individual hearts.
- Ask God to purify our motives and align our hearts with His purposes.
- Intercede for church leaders to walk in integrity and purity of heart.

## Day 3 — Wednesday, January 7

**Theme:** Renewal of the Mind

**Scripture:** Romans 12:2

“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.”

**Song:** "Be Thou My Vision" — Hymn

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Have you ever found yourself caught in a pattern of sin that you just couldn’t seem to get out of? Author Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth states that, “every area of bondage in our lives can be traced back to a lie.”<sup>1</sup>

But there IS hope! We can break free from this sin bondage! Jesus said, “If you hold to me teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). So, how can we renew our minds?

Here are three steps to help you work toward breaking free from the bondage of a chronic sin pattern.

1. Identify the area(s) of spiritual bondage or sinful behavior. Some of these areas are probably already pretty clear to you, and you’re already frustrated by your inability to overcome them. But there may be other areas that are not so obvious. Ask God to show you areas where you are not walking in freedom.

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<sup>1</sup> Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, *Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free* (Chicago, Moody Publishers, 2001).

2. Identify the lie(s) at the root of that bondage or sin pattern. Rob Reimer writes, “To renew your mind, you have to know when you are standing on the false platform of a lie. You cannot overcome that which you will not admit. Here are the three key questions to ask yourself so you can quickly identify when you are standing on the shaky platform of a lie:
  - What do I think?
  - What do I feel?
  - How do I act?”<sup>2</sup>
3. Replace the lie(s) with the Truth. Satan’s lies are powerful, but we have something even more powerful—Truth! God’s truth will overcome Satan’s lies and deception and set us free!

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Pray for transformation as you renew your mind through God's Word.
- Ask God to replace negative thought patterns with truth and hope.
- Surrender your plans and ambitions, asking God to reveal His good and perfect will.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Pray for our church to be transformed by sound biblical teaching and truth.
- Ask God to guard our community against deception and worldly influences.
- Intercede for wisdom and discernment in all church decisions and directions.

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Rob Reimer, *Spiritual Authority* (Franklin, TN, Carpenter's Son Publishing, 2020).

## Day 4 — Thu, Jan 8

**Theme:** Renewal of Vision

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 2:2-3

“Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”

**Song:** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" — Paul Baloche

### **Devotional Reflections:**

A few months ago, I realized I was struggling to read texts with smaller print. I was finding myself taking pictures of things on my phone so that I could zoom in to read it. So I made an appointment to go and see my eye doctor.

Interestingly, after the exam, he told me that my distance vision had improved, but my reading vision had gotten worse. But for better or for worse, it meant that I needed new glasses if I wanted to see properly.

I think our spiritual lives are like that too. Whether we are closer to God than ever before, or whether we are struggling in a spiritual decline, we need fresh vision from God, a new pair of spiritual lenses, so to speak, to help us move forward with Him.

If you are moving into a new era of spiritual life and growth, maybe you need fresh vision to give you courage and faith to get out of your comfort zone and step out into uncharted waters to do what God is calling you to do. It can be scary, but think about it: Peter never would have walked on water if hadn't gotten out of the boat! Yes, he started

to sink, but Jesus was right there to save him, and together they traversed the waves! What a story he had to tell! And what a story you will have to tell too, when, with your fresh lenses of faith, you place your hand into Jesus' hand, and go where you never dreamed possible!

If you are in a season of struggle and decline and feeling far from God, those fresh lenses of vision may help you to see more clearly that the Father is right there waiting for your return, and like the father in the story of the prodigal son, He will come running to wrap you up in His arms, clothe you in His righteousness, place sandals on your feet and His own signet ring on your finger, as soon as you take a step in His direction!

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God to open your spiritual eyes to see His plans and purposes for your life.
- Pray for clarity about your calling and the courage to pursue it faithfully.
- Ask for renewed passion for the things that matter to God.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for our church to receive fresh vision and direction from the Lord.
- Ask God to unite us around His mission and help us run with the vision He gives.
- Intercede for boldness to pursue God-sized dreams and kingdom advancement.

## Day 5 — Fri, Jan 9

**Theme:** Renewal of Strength

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:31

“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.”

**Song:** "Everlasting God" — Chris Tomlin

### **Devotional Reflections:**

The holidays are a busy time, particularly for clergy. There are many extra holiday events, parties, special services, and outreaches. Our churches are inundated with visitors and guests, not to mention all the CEOs (Christmas and Easter Only attenders) to meet and greet. Hopefully, there have been salvations to follow up during the season. Mind you, I'm not complaining—at all! This is the life we signed up for. And, as with most people, our calendar has its ups and downs, seasons of busy-ness and seasons of quietness. What with all the activities of the holiday season, plus a couple family birthdays, and an anniversary thrown in as well, life gets pretty busy around the Ong household.

With that, we often go into January anticipating a little much-needed down time in the church calendar. But every so often, something happens to interrupt our rhythm, and we don't get that lull in the schedule to recoup, refresh, rebuild, restore, and renew. You can't plan or anticipate emergencies. And so, we just have to keep running.

But how thankful I am that God promises that when we wait on Him, He will renew our strength, enabling us to soar on eagles' wings, to

run and not get weary, to walk and not faint! It is in times like this that I need my moments with Him more than ever. I love the picture of soaring on eagles' wings. Did you know that eagles don't really have to beat their wings to fly? They only flap their wings for takeoff, acceleration, and sometimes for maneuvering. Instead, they rely on thermals and updrafts, using their large, broad wings to soar and glide on rising air currents. It's not work for them. In fact, the way they fly conserves energy. Isn't it just like our wise and loving heavenly Father to give us this picture of His grace carrying us like an eagle on the wind when we are tired and weary? His promise is to let Him carry us as He renews our strength.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God to renew your strength when you feel weary or worn down.
- Pray for endurance to wait on the Lord and not grow faint in your faith.
- Thank God that He is your everlasting source of power and resilience.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for those in our church who are tired, burned out, or discouraged.
- Ask God to be our source of strength as we serve Him and others.
- Intercede for supernatural stamina for ministry leaders and volunteers.

## Day 6 — Sat, Jan 10

**Theme:** Renewal through Repentance

**Scripture:** Acts 3:19-20

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, [20](#) and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.”

**Song:** "Lord, I'm Coming Home" — Hymn

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Have you been wanting to hear from God? Someone once said, “God isn’t going to keep speaking to you if you’re not going to do what He’s already told you to do.” God is always speaking, but are we listening?

God speaks to us through His Word. James 4:17 reminds us, “Anyone, then, knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, for him it is sin.” Has God been speaking to you through His Word? Are you obeying?

God also speaks to us through His people. It may be a pastor, Home Group Leader, Adult Bible Class Teacher, or friend, but God can use people to speak truth into our lives. Proverbs 27:6 tells us, “Faithful are the wounds of a friend.” Sometimes our friends and Christian leaders may need to confront us with Truth in love, but we need to remember that this is one way God speaks to us.

Sometimes God speaks to us through circumstances, through dreams and visions, through the gentle, inner voice of the Holy Spirit, through nature, through the arts and creativity, and sometimes, even in an audible voice.

But He is always speaking. If you aren't hearing from Him, the problem may lie with you. Are you listening? Are you tuned in to hearing His voice? Are you too busy to pay attention? Are you not being obedient to what God has already spoken to you?

Set aside some time today for self-examination. Is there known sin in your life? Is there an area of your life where you are walking in disobedience to God? Is God asking you to do something that you haven't done? Has He asked you to stop doing something that you're still doing? Does He want you to talk to someone about Him, a friend, a neighbor, a colleague a classmate, and you've been avoiding it because you think it will be awkward?

If the Holy Spirit is convicting you of something, now is the time to confess, repent, and make it right with God. To repent simply means to make a u-turn and get back on track headed in the right direction. Today's Scripture passage promises times of refreshing from the Lord when we repent and turn to Him. He is gracious and kind and ready to welcome you with open arms, so don't wait any longer!

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Confess specific sins and turn away from anything that separates you from God.
- Ask God for times of refreshing that come from genuine repentance.
- Pray for a tender heart that quickly responds to conviction from the Holy Spirit.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall upon our church family.

- Ask God to create a culture where confession and accountability are valued.
- Intercede for prodigals to return home and experience restoration.

**My Personal Notes:**

## Day 7 — Sun, Jan 11

**Theme:** Rest and Renewal

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

[29](#) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

[30](#) For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**Song:** "It Is Well with My Soul" — Hymn

### **Devotional Reflections:**

What a paradox! How does one take on a yoke and find rest? The yoke is a symbol of hard labor. The picture here is to join with Christ as a team of oxen: we are on one side of the yoke, and He is on the other. This doesn't mean that there is no work involved, but that His yoke is not a heavy burden, but is in fact, the path to relief. No longer are we trying to be self-sufficient and carry the load of sin and self-righteousness alone. Trying to find our way to God through our own efforts is indeed a source of exhaustion. Manmade religion imposes heavy legalistic traditions, rules, and laws that serve to weigh us down and ultimately overwhelm us.

But when we submit to Christ's "easy" yoke of obedience, humility, and gentleness, He is a strong and faithful partner who carries the weight and lightens our burden, providing spiritual rest and purpose. By accepting His lighter burden, we are freed from the heavier, self-imposed load of trying to be self-sufficient. It is a partnership with Him, and we are no longer left to struggle alone. By partnering with Jesus, we are freed from the crushing burden of our own sin and self-

will, replacing it with the purpose of a life lived in His grace. There is a release from the anxiety of self-salvation and a peace that can only come from being intimately linked with Jesus and His grace.

Have you allowed the burdens of life to overwhelm you? Do you need to lay them down at the foot of the cross? Jesus never intended for us to carry that load alone. Take a few moments to take inventory of your worries and cares, and bring them to Jesus, allowing Him to carry them for you.

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Come to Jesus with all your burdens and find rest for your soul.
- Ask God to help you release anxiety and trust Him with every concern.
- Pray for deep, spiritual rest that comes from abiding in Christ.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Pray for our church to be a place of rest and refuge for the weary.
- Ask God to help us prioritize Sabbath rest and healthy rhythms.
- Intercede for those struggling with anxiety, stress, or burnout.

### My Personal Notes:

## WEEK 2 — Relational Renewal: Restoring Love and Unity

### Day 8 — Mon, Jan 12

**Theme:** Family Renewal

**Scripture:** Joshua 24:15

“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

**Song:** "The Blessing" — Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes

#### **Devotional Reflections:**

From the very beginning of Creation, God put people into families, when God made Eve and gave her to Adam to be his helpmate. The family is the most basic building block of society. Throughout Scripture, entire families followed God, led by the patriarch of the household.

Today’s Scripture passage is an Old Testament example of this, as Joshua exhorted the people to make a decision whether they would follow the One True God, or not. He emphatically told the people, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

In the New Testament, we see an example of this in Acts 16:30-32, when Paul and Silas led the Philippian jailer and his family to the Lord after their singing and worship brought about an incredible

earthquake that threw open all the prison doors and unfastened all the prisoners' chains. When they prevented him from killing himself when he thought that certainly all the prisoners had escaped and he would be punished with his life, he was ready to turn his life over to God. He asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." The passage goes on to tell us that they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house, and he and all his family were baptized.

If you are a father or mother, a head of the household, you hold a place of spiritual authority. As such, you can pray and claim salvation for your family. This authority is exercised within the framework of God's law and is aimed at guiding the family toward salvation, which is ultimately a matter between each individual and God. But as parents, you have a God-given authority to guide your children, a responsibility to be spiritual leaders in the home, teaching your children about God, praying with them, and helping them to establish a relationship with Christ. Parents should model their personal faith through their actions, living out their faith consistently in daily life, creating a spiritual environment and values passed down from one generation to the next. Parents are accountable to God for their divinely delegated authority over their children and for their role as spiritual leaders in the home.

Maybe you are new to the faith, or maybe you have not done a good job thus far at guiding your children as a spiritual leader in the home. It's not too late. You can ask God to forgive you for where you have failed and ask Him to help you to start from today onward to become the spiritual leader and authority He desires you to be, modeling the "fear of the Lord" before your family.

Maybe you are the only believer in your home, and you're not a parent, but a child. As the only believer, you hold a place of spiritual authority as well. It's different than that of a parent, but nevertheless, it is a place of spiritual authority. You can pray for your unsaved family members, you can model your faith through your attitudes, words, and actions in front of your family members, and particularly by honoring your father and mother, and by being loving, kind, and respectful of siblings and other family members. Scripture talks about unsaved family members coming to Christ through the example of those who believe. Never stop praying for your family! Hold on to the words of the Scriptures we read today in Joshua and Acts that talk about entire families and households following Christ together. Pray those Scriptures over your family members. Our God is mighty to save!

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Pray for God's blessing and protection over your household.
- Ask God to help you and your family choose to serve the Lord daily.
- Pray for healing in any broken family relationships or patterns.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for families in our church to be strong, healthy, and God-honoring.
- Ask God to strengthen marriages and protect children from harm.
- Intercede for single parents and blended families facing unique challenges.

## Day 9 — Tue, Jan 13

**Theme:** Marriage Renewal

**Scripture:** Ephesians 5:25-33

“[25](#) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her [26](#) to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, [27](#) and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. [28](#) In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

[29](#) After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— [30](#) for we are members of his body. [31](#) “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. [32](#) This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

[33](#) However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

**Song:** "The Love of God" — Hymn

### **Devotional Reflections:**

In this passage, Paul paints a stunning picture of marriage that goes far beyond a social contract or romantic partnership. He calls husbands to love their wives "just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her," and he calls wives to honor and respect their husbands. Both callings reflect the beautiful mystery of Christ and His church. As we reflect on our marriages, this passage reminds us that renewal doesn't come from finding the perfect spouse, but from both partners choosing daily to love sacrificially and honor faithfully.

The beauty of marriage renewal lies in recognizing that every day offers both husband and wife a fresh opportunity to honor their covenant. Just as Christ continually cleanses, nourishes, and cherishes His church, both spouses are called to tend to their marriage with intentional care. When routines grow stale or challenges wear us down, we can return to this foundational truth: marriage is meant to be a living testimony of Christ's love. For both partners, this means choosing forgiveness over grudges, service over selfishness, humility over pride, and commitment over convenience.

Paul's words about becoming "one flesh" speak to the profound unity marriage creates. Renewal happens when both husband and wife remember that caring for each other is caring for themselves—your spouse's flourishing is your flourishing, their pain is your pain. This mystery of two becoming one calls both partners to move beyond scorekeeping and toward genuine partnership. Whether your marriage is thriving or struggling, the invitation remains the same: to reflect the love of Christ who never gives up, never stops pursuing, and always makes all things new.

As you and your spouse recommit to your marriage today, ask God to renew both of your hearts with the capacity to love sacrificially, to see each other through eyes of grace, and to build your home on the unshakeable foundation of Christ's love. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead can breathe new life into weary hearts and tired relationships. Let this passage be your blueprint for a marriage that not only endures, but radiates the transforming love of the gospel to a watching world.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Pray for God to renew love, respect, and intimacy in your marriage.

- Ask God to help you love your spouse sacrificially as Christ loves the church.
- Pray for healing from past hurts and grace for present challenges.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for marriages in our church to reflect Christ's love for His bride.
- Ask God to protect marriages from division, temptation, and discouragement.
- Intercede for couples considering marriage and those struggling in their unions.

### **My Personal Notes:**

## Day 10 — Wed, Jan 14

**Theme:** Renewal in Parenting

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:6-7

[6](#) These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.  
[7](#) Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

**Song:** "Goodness of God" — Bethel Music

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Deuteronomy 6 is a key passage on Christian parenting. It frames our spiritual lives as a continuous and integrated part of daily life, not as a separate activity. Our faith is not just for Sundays, and we need to make sure our children understand that by weaving our faith into the ordinary moments of every day.

We should be able to talk to our children about God when we get up in the morning, and thank God for the new day. We can give thanks for our breakfast that we eat, and for the clothes we wear. We can talk about God as we walk to school, or listen to Christian music as we ride in the car to school and work. We can talk about what God thinks about what is happening in our world as we watch the news, or talk about our days at work and school. We can pray for each other over a homework assignment or test, a problem with a bully or an argument with a friend. We can talk about how to please God when tempted to cheat on an exam or on homework, or even on how we treat other people, whether friends or those who might even seem like enemies. Our conversations should include God from the time we wake up in

the morning to the moment we fall into bed at night, and everything in between.

God wants us to be consistent and diligent, to use natural teaching moments in our days, and to realize that this is a part of our primary role as parents to train our children in their spiritual lives.

This doesn't mean we always have to get everything perfect. In fact, sometimes the most powerful thing you can do as a parent is to model repentance and saying "I'm sorry" when you've done something wrong or made a mistake. The important thing is that you are trying. Your children will see the effort you put forward.

Commit yourself today to model spiritual training to your children throughout your days. Ask God to help you to find ways to bring Him into your conversations. At first it might feel really awkward. But it will get better! I promise! Just keep pressing in.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God for wisdom, patience, and grace in raising your children.
- Pray for opportunities to naturally teach your children about God's faithfulness.
- Ask God to protect your children and draw them close to Him.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for parents in our church to be faithful disciplers of the next generation.
- Ask God to raise up strong, godly children and youth in our community.

- Intercede for children's and youth ministries to impact young lives powerfully.

**My Personal Notes:**

## Day 11 — Thu, Jan 15

**Theme:** Renewal in Relationships

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:12-14

[12](#) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

[13](#) Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

[14](#) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**Song:** "Bind Us Together" — Bob Gillman

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Sometimes, particularly during the busyness of the holidays, we can take for granted the people closest to us and allow those relationships to slide. In our feelings of being overwhelmed and exhausted, our expectations go up, and we forget to express our appreciation for all the things they do to help us keep up with all the stresses of life. We can become demanding and impatient, grouchy, and hypersensitive, difficult to be around.

Paul reminds us in Colossians to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These qualities should be like a uniform we wear, so commonly expressed and expected in our daily lives, that when we are seen without any of them, it's almost unrecognizable, shocking. This is the character that God wants us to develop and live out in our relationships with one another—not just

with strangers, where we tend to behave with our best foot forward, but also with those who know us best, behind closed doors.

Are there any relationships you need to renew with this new year and new season? Are there grievances you need to put aside? People you need to forgive? Or people you need to ask for forgiveness? In Matthew 5:23-24 Jesus said, “If you are offering your gift at the altar [in prayer] and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

Make time today to make a phone call, write a letter, have a conversation, and get some things settled and made right. It’s a great way to start the new year, and a great way to enter into the 21 days of prayer.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God to clothe you with compassion, kindness, and patience in all relationships.
- Pray for forgiveness and reconciliation in any strained relationships.
- Ask for love to be the bond that holds your relationships together.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for unity, peace, and genuine love to characterize our church family.
- Ask God to heal divisions and restore broken relationships within the body.
- Intercede for conflicts to be resolved in ways that honor Christ.

## Day 12 — Fri, Jan 16

**Theme:** Renewal at Work

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:23-24

[23](#) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

[24](#) since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**Song:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" — Hymn

### **Devotional Reflections:**

There is a well-known story about 3 brick layers. I've heard many versions of the story, but here is one of them, written by Jeremy Bennett, this one based on the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral after a fire burned through London in 1666.

An architect was visiting the project site and loved to interact with those doing the work and approached three bricklayers. He asked them each individually, "what are you doing?"

The first bricklayer replied, "I'm a bricklayer. I'm working hard to lay bricks to earn money so I can feed my family." The man seemed tired and wasn't as far along with his work as the others.

The second bricklayer says, "I'm a builder. I'm building the finest, strongest wall. This wall will be a foundation for this building and will protect everyone who is inside."

The third bricklayer replied with energy and a light in his eye, "I'm building a cathedral for the glory of God, where people can gather together, pray and celebrate the Almighty."

While all three bricklayers were doing the same work, each did so with a different motivation and understanding of their purpose, and it made all the difference.

A similar story is told of President John F. Kennedy meeting a janitor sweeping floors at NASA in 1962, who, when asked what he did, reportedly replied, "I'm helping to put a man on the moon."

The apostle Paul reminds us that whatever we do, we should do it wholeheartedly, as though we are doing it for Christ. This, ultimately, is the motivation that enables us to everything we do, whether great or small, with excellence. Whether we are sweeping floors, laying bricks, cleaning toilets, or whatever task we may find placed before us, we are to do it for Christ, and all for the glory of God.

Examine yourself and your work life:

- Are your attitudes toward your work pleasing to Christ? Are you working wholeheartedly, as unto the Lord?
- Are you working with godly character and integrity in a way that pleases the Lord in all your dealings?
- Is your motivation desiring to glorify God through your life in your work? Can your colleagues, clients, and employers see Christ in you?
- Is God asking you to share your faith with someone in the workplace? Have you been living your life in front of them in such a way that they are open to hear about Christ from you?

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Pray for a renewed perspective on your work as service to the Lord.
- Ask God for excellence, integrity, and a good testimony in your workplace.
- Pray for opportunities to be salt and light among your coworkers.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Pray for church members in their various workplaces and vocations.
- Ask God to give favor and open doors for kingdom influence at work.
- Intercede for those unemployed or facing workplace challenges.

### My Personal Notes:

## Day 13 — Sat, Jan 17

**Theme:** Renewal at School

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4:12

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

**Song:** "Who You Say I Am" — Hillsong Worship

### **Devotional Reflections:**

Our schools across America are in crisis. The biggest problems in schools today are complex, but prominent issues include the attendance crisis, significant teacher shortages and staffing challenges, and pervasive student mental health concerns. These problems are exacerbated by funding issues, learning loss from the pandemic, and a lack of school safety, creating a challenging environment for both students and educators.

Educators are pressured to do far more than teach the subjects they are trained and paid to teach. For many, they put their safety and their very lives on the line every day as violence in school increases dramatically. When once upon a time, parents supported the teacher, and if a child got in trouble at school, they got in trouble at home too, now, the parents often come to school and attack the teacher who is trying to discipline the child. American educators are some of the poorest paid in the world, and they still draw from their own resources to supplement classroom supplies for their students.

Students will probably never be able to make up for the loss of learning they suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic, and their

mental health struggles with anxiety and loneliness are at epidemic levels. Academic pressure, peer pressure and social media pressure, bullying, fear of failure, high expectations, overbooked schedules, family demands, lack of resources, and heavy workloads all contribute to the pressures young people face today.

How can we overcome this crisis in our schools? Our only hope is in Christ! Throughout history, schools and students have played significant roles in revivals that changed the world. Let's pray that the wind of God's Spirit will move among both our educators and our students, bringing the fire of revival into their hearts and lives. He can bring about lasting transformation that can sweep our nation and bring about a breakthrough that might otherwise seem impossible. As we pray, we must remember that when faced with the hopelessness of how difficult it is for man to be saved, Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Pray for students to excel academically and grow in godly character.
- Ask God to protect young people from negative peer pressure and temptation.
- Pray for teachers and educators to be instruments of God's love and truth.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for students in our church to be lights on their campuses.
- Ask God to raise up Christian teachers, counselors, and administrators.

- Intercede for safe, healthy, and spiritually vibrant school environments.

**My Personal Notes:**

## Day 14 — Sun, Jan 18

**Theme:** Renewal in Friendships

**Scripture:** Proverbs 27:17

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

**Song:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" — Hymn

### **Devotional Reflections:**

In 2023, the Surgeon General declared loneliness a public health crisis, highlighting its potential damage to society. We see it every day in big and small ways, as we become more and more inward focused, self-centered, and less polite, as we neither think nor care about how our actions affect those around us. It shows in our aggressive driving and increased incidents of road rage. It shows in the shocking number of videos about so-called “karens” and other entitled people we see all over social media. It shows when people selfishly take advantage of others, abuse the system, or stab people in the back to get ahead. It shows in the increase of snatch and grab crimes of opportunity, as people feel entitled to take what doesn’t belong to them, because they feel they have a right to it. Loneliness is linked to depression, anxiety, heart disease, substance abuse, and domestic violence, all of which are on the rise.

God didn’t create us to live in isolation. One of the first things He said about His creation of man was, “It is not good that man should be alone” (Genesis 2:18). God Himself lives in community within the Trinity, and He designed us to live in community as well. We need each other.

I love the proverb we read above. Not only do friends sharpen each other, like iron sharpens iron, but also when we sharpen each other, the sparks can fly! A good friend can speak honestly and openly, because they love you, and they have proven their friendship through thousands of words and actions, making you open and receptive, trusting that what they say and do is because they love you and have your best interests at heart, even when their words may have a bite to them.

Friendships provide a sounding board, a listening ear, an accountability partner, a prayer teammate, a voice of wise counsel, a companion for fun and a helper for times of need. It is a relationship that provides companionship, affection and emotional support, built on trust, honesty, and mutual respect.

I can think of no better place to find and build friendships than within the church, and, more specifically, within the home group structure. Home groups provide a place of deeper fellowship and connectivity than most church relationships, as you are meeting people at least weekly in each other's homes. Thank God for your friends. If you are in need of deeper true friendships, consider joining a home group. It's ok to "try out" a few home groups until you find one that's a good fit. I would encourage you to go for at least 3-4 weeks to one, though, to get to know the people, and to see how it operates. Sometimes, just one visit might catch them on the odd week, where they are doing something out of the ordinary, or for whatever reason, they're just having a bad week. Remember, there is no perfect church, and there is no perfect home group. Just as there is no perfect friend (other than Jesus, of course!). There will be good times and bad times. Remember how I mentioned that when iron sharpens iron, the sparks fly? Sometimes, in friendships the sparks fly too. But we learn to love

unconditionally, to forgive, to move on, to grow together and grow past the challenges. This is the blessing and the beauty of friendship.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Thank God for the gift of true friendship and pray for deeper connections.
- Ask God to bring godly friends into your life who sharpen and encourage you.
- Pray for wisdom in being a faithful, loving friend to others.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for authentic community and meaningful friendships within our church.
- Ask God to connect people with accountability partners and prayer partners.
- Intercede for isolated or lonely individuals to find belonging.

### **My Personal Notes:**

## **WEEK 3 — Community & Kingdom Renewal: Restoring God's Light to the World**

### **Day 15 — Mon, Jan 19**

**Theme:** Renewal in Ministry

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:6

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**Song:** "Set a Fire" — Will Reagan

#### **Devotional Reflections:**

What gifts has God given you? I'm sure you've heard the expression, "Use it or lose it." God gives each of us gifts to use for the building up of His body, the Church. He wants each of us to contribute to its function, and it takes all of us, working together, doing our part, in order for the body to function at full capacity.

Sadly, there are far too many people in the body of Christ who sit back and take a consumer attitude, wanting to be fed, pleased, entertained, and who are the first to complain when it isn't up to the standard that they expect. Yet they aren't offering the gifts God has given them to contribute their part to the body.

Statistically, it is said that only 20% of people do 80% of the work. Imagine if your physical body operated like that! You'd be well on your way to a complete breakdown!

So, what has God placed in your hands? Do you play a musical instrument? Can you sew? Do you fix cars? Are you a handy man? Do you love to pray? Do you have a gift for sharing the gospel? Do you have bookkeeping skills? Landscaping? Are you a whiz on computers or with graphic design? Did you know that you can use any of these gifts and more within the body of Christ to glorify God and to bless the Church?

Perhaps you need to set a new resolution for this new year, and that is to get involved by using your gifts, skills, talents, and experience to bless the body of Christ, the Church, to glorify God, and to help others. If you're not sure how your particular gifts or skillsets can be used, talk to a ministry leader or pastor, and I'm very sure that they can find a way to put you to work.

When we all do our part, no one has to work too hard. No one struggles to do things outside of his or her gifts or abilities. And everyone is blessed—both the recipient and the giver! Jesus reminded us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and I know I have found that to be true. You simply cannot outgive God!

Maybe you are already serving, using your gifts and talents for the Lord, but you feel stuck and stale in your ministry. Are you working to develop, to “fan into flame” the gifts God has given you? He wants us to steward the gifts He gives us well. We should study and learn and develop each gift as much as we possibly can to be the best we can possibly be. Allow the Lord to challenge you to grow and develop the gifts and talents He has placed in your care, and steward them well, to the glory of God! Is there a new area of ministry in which He wants you to serve? Does He want you to start something new? Is He challenging you to do more than you have already been doing? Allow

God to take you out of your comfort zone into uncharted waters. You will never regret it!

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Ask God to fan into flame the spiritual gifts He has given you.
- Pray for renewed passion and effectiveness in your areas of ministry.
- Ask for courage and boldness to step out in faith where God leads.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for all ministry leaders and volunteers in our church to be refreshed.
- Ask God to raise up new laborers to serve in various ministry areas.
- Intercede for specific ministries that need breakthrough or growth.

### **My Personal Notes:**

## Day 16 — Tue, Jan 20

**Theme:** Renewal in Our Church

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:15-16

[15](#) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

[16](#) From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Song:** "Build Your Church" — Elevation Worship

### **Devotional Reflections:**

I remember exactly where I was when I first heard the news about the revival at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. You see, I had just been there two days earlier, and just the day before, while at the College of Prayer in Atlanta, Georgia, I had been praying for God to move in Kentucky, where my family lives. Asbury University holds a special place in my heart, because that's where my son now goes to school. But at the time, my sister, her son, my nephew, and his wife, all worked there on the university campus. They got to see what happened firsthand. My nephew helped manage the crowds of tens of thousands that descended on that tiny college town, longing to have an encounter with the living God, picking up trash, passing out water bottles, directing traffic, and other practical jobs that nobody thinks about in the middle of a powerful move of God.

Having grown up in the church, I've heard stories of revival all my life. I've heard about tent meetings that couldn't contain all the people who got saved. I've heard about towns so overwhelmed by the gospel

that crime rates became almost non-existent. I've heard about people whose lives were so transformed by the gospel that they were unrecognizable from their former selves. Drunks, drug addicts, murderers, gamblers, gang members, prostitutes, thieves, and more, all powerfully changed by the blood of Christ.

But I'm not satisfied with someone else's stories. It's not enough to hear what somebody else experienced. I want to encounter God in a fresh and living way for myself. I want that encounter for Leeward, for my home group, for the children in LCC Kids, for the youth, for our kupuna, and for you too. I'm hungry. I'm thirsty. I want more of God in my life, and I want that for you too. Let's agree together, asking God to bring a fresh wind of His Spirit over our church, filling us with more of Himself than we have ever experienced before!

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Pray for spiritual growth and maturity throughout our church body.
- Ask God to help every member use their gifts to build up the body of Christ.
- Pray for love, unity, and mutual encouragement to abound.

### **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for our church to grow in love, truth, and unity.
- Ask God to equip and empower every member for works of service.
- Intercede for numerical and spiritual growth in our congregation.

## Day 17 — Wed, Jan 21

**Theme:** Renewal in the Community

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:7

7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

**Song:** "God of This City" — Chris Tomlin

### **Devotional Reflections:**

When God spoke these words through Jeremiah to the exiles in Babylon, He gave them a counterintuitive command: invest in the very place where they felt displaced. Don't just endure—actively seek the welfare of this foreign city. Today, while Pearl City is our home rather than our exile, the principle remains powerfully relevant. God calls us to seek the peace and prosperity of our community, to pray for it, and to work toward its flourishing. When our neighborhoods thrive, when our schools strengthen, when our families find healing—we all prosper together.

Renewal in Pearl City begins when we stop viewing our community as simply the backdrop for our personal lives and start seeing it as our mission field. This means praying faithfully for our local leaders, supporting our schools and teachers, reaching out to isolated neighbors, and addressing needs we see around us. It means asking God to show us where He's already at work in Pearl City—in acts of kindness, in reconciled relationships, in transformed lives—and joining Him there. The Hebrew word for "peace" in this passage is *shalom*, which encompasses wholeness, restoration, and right

relationships. That's the vision God invites us to pursue: a Pearl City marked by wholeness.

What might it look like for Leeward Community Church to lead the way in seeking Pearl City's shalom? It starts with intercession—persistent, faithful prayer for our community's transformation. It continues through practical service—meeting needs, building bridges, and demonstrating Christ's love in tangible ways. And it deepens through invitation—welcoming our neighbors into the life-changing community we've found in Christ. As we commit ourselves to Pearl City's renewal, we'll discover the truth of God's promise: when our community prospers, we prosper too. For in seeking the welfare of others, we find our own lives enriched, our faith strengthened, and God's kingdom advancing right here in our corner of Oahu.

But what does this look like for you personally, in your everyday life? Perhaps it starts with learning the names of the families on your street and praying for them by name each week. Maybe it's volunteering at your child's school, coaching a youth sports team, or simply showing up consistently at the local park where families gather. For some, it might mean using your professional skills to mentor young people, advocating for better resources in our community, or organizing a neighborhood cleanup day. As a family, you might adopt a "prayer walk" routine through your neighborhood, asking God to bless each home you pass. The opportunities are as varied as our gifts and circumstances, but the call is the same: take one tangible step this week to seek Pearl City's peace. When you do, you're not just being a good neighbor—you're participating in God's redemptive work right where He's planted you.

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Pray for the peace and prosperity of your city and community.
- Ask God to show you practical ways to serve and bless your neighbors.
- Pray for God's light to shine through your life into your community.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Pray for our church to be a blessing and beacon of hope in our community.
- Ask God to open doors for outreach, service, and community partnerships.
- Intercede for local leaders, schools, businesses, and community organizations.

### My Personal Notes:

## Day 18 — Thu, Jan 22

**Theme:** Renewal in the Nation

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14

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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

**Song:** "Heal Our Land" — Kari Jobe

### **Devotional Reflections:**

I try not to talk about politics very much, because politics can be polarizing. Politics tend to divide people. You either voted for this person or that person. You are for this policy or against it. I don't know if we have ever been so divided as a nation since the Civil War. The lines are clear, and once someone knows where you stand, it can make or break your friendship. And I hate that.

The fact of the matter is, our battle is not against flesh and blood. We are not fighting against any political personality or power or party. As Christians, Scripture tells us that "we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age" (Ephesians 6:12, GNT). So, as believers, we need to get our act together and get our heads on straight and remember who it is we're fighting! We are not fighting each other! We are fighting a spiritual battle against a spiritual enemy. And right now, he is winning the battle with his strategy of divide and conquer by causing us to forget who the real enemy is!

So, how can we begin to see spiritual renewal in America? I believe we do have a very real battle to fight, and that battle is on our knees. 2 Chronicles 7:14 provides us with the 4-fold strategy:

1. Humble ourselves
2. Pray
3. Seek God's face
4. Turn from our wicked ways

Then, God offers His response. If we do these things, then He will:

1. Hear from heaven
2. Forgive our sins
3. Heal our land

Wow! This is something we can all do, every believer, Republican or Democrat, regardless of our political stance. We can stand united, hands held across the aisle in prayer, crying out in repentance on behalf of our nation, seeking God's face, and looking to Him as our only hope. Let's join hearts together in prayer for our nation today, and see what God can do when His people stop fighting and start praying.

## **Prayer Pointers**

### **Personal Renewal**

- Humble yourself and pray for forgiveness and healing for our nation.
- Ask God to turn the hearts of people back to Him across our country.
- Pray for wisdom and righteousness among national leaders and officials.

## **Church & Community Renewal**

- Pray for spiritual awakening and revival to sweep across our nation.
- Ask God to heal divisions and bring unity, justice, and peace.
- Intercede for government leaders at all levels to seek God's wisdom.

## **My Personal Notes:**

## Day 19 — Fri, Jan 23

**Theme:** Renewal of Hope

**Scripture:** Lamentations 3:22-24

[22](#) Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

[23](#) They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

[24](#) I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

**Song:** "Living Hope" — Phil Wickham

### **Devotional Reflections:**

I love this reminder that God's mercies are new every morning. As I opened my Bible to read this Scripture passage, I found a note I had written beside it that read, "No matter what has happened in the past—even as recently as last night—God's mercy is new today. God can do the impossible today. Things can change today. Hope can fill your heart today, as you're waiting on the Lord."

I need fresh mercy and fresh hope for today. Yesterday's mercy and yesterday's hope are worn thin and used up. But God gives me a fresh supply every morning.

Just like the people of Israel were able to depend on God for daily manna for forty years, as they wandered in the wilderness, I can depend on God for my daily portion of mercy and hope. He faithfully provides, never failing, not even once. It is because of His incredible faithfulness that I can wait for Him, when I don't see the answer to my prayer. I can trust that He is working behind the scenes, even when I don't see it. I can know that His timing is perfect, and He makes all

things beautiful in His time, even when I want it NOW. I can cling to His promises that He works all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

When the Lord is my portion, He is always more than enough for me!

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Thank God that His mercies are new every morning and His faithfulness is great.
- Ask God to renew your hope in Him, even in difficult circumstances.
- Pray for eyes to see God's goodness and presence in your daily life.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Pray for those in our church who are struggling with discouragement or despair.
- Ask God to be our portion and our living hope in every season.
- Intercede for those facing health crises, financial hardship, or grief.

### My Personal Notes:

## Day 20 — Sat, Jan 24

**Theme:** Renewal of Purpose

**Scripture:** Philippians 3:13-14

[13](#) Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

[14](#) I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**Song:** "I Will Follow" — Chris Tomlin

### **Devotional Reflections:**

The Apostle Paul understood something crucial about the Christian life: it requires both the courage to let go and the determination to press forward. Writing from prison, Paul wasn't dwelling on his impressive religious credentials or his past failures as a persecutor of the church. Instead, he chose a singular focus—pursuing the purpose for which Christ had taken hold of him. This passage invites us into the same kind of renewal: a fresh commitment to forget what lies behind and strain toward what lies ahead. Purpose isn't found by constantly looking in the rearview mirror; it's discovered by fixing our eyes on the goal God has set before us.

What does it mean to "forget" what is behind? Paul isn't suggesting we develop amnesia about our past, but rather that we refuse to let yesterday define today's possibilities. Perhaps you're carrying the weight of past failures, haunted by mistakes that make you question whether God can still use you. Or maybe you're clinging to yesterday's victories, living on the spiritual momentum of experiences that have

long since faded. Both orientations—shame over the past and nostalgia for it—can keep us from the renewed purpose God offers today. Forgetting what is behind means releasing both our regrets and our laurels, trusting that God's best for us is still ahead.

The phrase "straining toward" captures the intensity of Paul's pursuit. This isn't a casual stroll toward an uncertain destination—it's the focused effort of a runner leaning into the finish line. Renewed purpose requires intentionality. It means evaluating our priorities, eliminating distractions, and making deliberate choices that align with God's call on our lives. What is the "prize" Paul speaks of? It's not merely heaven when we die, but the joy of becoming all that God created us to be, the fulfillment of completing the work He's prepared for us, and the incomparable privilege of hearing "Well done, good and faithful servant." This prize is worth every ounce of effort, every sacrifice, every moment of straining forward.

Today might be the day for your own renewal of purpose. Take time to honestly assess: What from your past are you still carrying that needs to be released? What is God calling you toward that requires renewed focus and commitment? Perhaps He's inviting you to return to a calling you've abandoned, to embrace a new season of ministry, or to pursue personal growth you've been avoiding. Whatever it is, remember Paul's example: one thing I do. Not ten things, not a scattered collection of good intentions—one focused, intentional pursuit of God's purpose for your life. Press on today with fresh determination, knowing that the One who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it.

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Ask God to help you forget what is behind and press on toward His calling.
- Pray for clarity about your God-given purpose and next steps.
- Ask for determination to pursue the prize of knowing Christ above all else.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Pray for our church to stay focused on our God-given mission and vision.
- Ask God to align our priorities with His purposes and kingdom agenda.
- Intercede for strategic clarity and unified direction for the year ahead.

### My Personal Notes:

## Day 21 — Sun, Jan 25

**Theme:** Radiant Renewal (Wrap-Up)

**Scripture:** Isaiah 60:1-3

[1](#) “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

[2](#) See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

[3](#) Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Song:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" — Graham Kendrick

### **Devotional Reflections:**

For twenty-one days, you've sought the Lord through prayer and fasting. You've denied yourself, pressed into His presence, and waited expectantly for Him to move. And now, as this season concludes, God's word to you is not "well done, now rest"—it's "Arise, shine!" The renewal you've been seeking isn't meant to be a private, internal experience alone. It's meant to radiate outward. When the glory of the Lord rises upon His people, it creates a brightness that cannot be hidden, a light that draws others out of darkness. The transformation that has been happening in the secret place of prayer is now ready to shine in the public spaces of your life.

Notice that Isaiah doesn't say "Try harder to shine" or "Muster up your own light." The command is simply to arise and shine because your light *has come*—it's already here. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you. This is the beautiful paradox of radiant renewal: we don't generate the light; we reflect it. During these twenty-one days, you've positioned yourself to receive God's glory, to be filled with His presence, to be transformed by His Word. Now that light within you is

ready to break forth. The renewal isn't just for your benefit—it's so that others living in darkness might see and be drawn to the true Light.

As you emerge from this season of fasting and focused prayer, you may be tempted to think, "What now? How do I maintain this momentum?" The answer is found in this passage: keep arising, keep shining. Don't return to spiritual sleepiness or hide the radiance God has placed within you. Let the changes He's worked in your heart become visible in your relationships, your work, your attitudes, and your actions. Let the intimacy you've cultivated with Him in these twenty-one days overflow into bold witness, renewed compassion, and joyful service. The world around you is covered in darkness and thick darkness—but you carry the light of Christ, and that light is meant to shine.

This isn't the end of your renewal; it's the beginning of living renewed. The disciplines you've practiced—prayer, fasting, seeking God's face—aren't just for special seasons; they're rhythms that keep us radiant. But now, step out in confidence. Arise from any discouragement or weariness. Shine in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family. Let the glory that has risen upon you become a beacon that draws others to Jesus. The twenty-one days of preparation are complete. Now comes the joy of walking in radiant renewal, reflecting the glory of the One who has transformed you from the inside out.

Take a few moments today to reflect and journal on what God has done in your life over the past 21 days. What has He spoken to you? How has He changed you? How have you been challenged? In what ways have you experienced renewal? Thank God for all He has done, and invite Him to continue to work in your life as you remain open and yielded to Him.

## Prayer Pointers

### Personal Renewal

- Thank God for all He has done in your heart during these 21 days.
- Pray for the light of Christ to shine brightly through your life.
- Ask God to continue the work of renewal He has started in you.

### Church & Community Renewal

- Celebrate what God has done in our church during this season of prayer and fasting.
- Pray for our church to arise and shine with God's glory in our community.
- Ask God to make us a radiant testimony of His transforming power and love.

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