

## 1/9 FRIDAY

**Passage:** James 5:13-16

**People:** Health professionals

Doctors work to heal the body, psychologists work to heal the mind, and chaplains/pastors work to heal the spirit. While illness and suffering are a part of our world, God desires to bring wholeness and health to all His creation (including you). Start with confession of your own sins to experience the justice of God's forgiveness, and then pray for the clinicians (doctors, nurses, health professionals) who are bringing justice in the form of physical/mental healing in our communities. Intercede for their peace and protection.

## 1/10 SATURDAY

**Passage:** Matthew 7:7-12

**People:** Family members

Toddlers are famous for their persistence in asking questions and going after what they want (let's be honest, the toddler in all of us acts the same way sometimes). We serve a God who does not grow weary of us; in fact, our good Father desires to hear our prayers repeatedly. Pray for your family today with child-like faith. Ask, seek, and even knock on the door of Heaven for God's holy provision over your family and wingspan.

## Fasting Note:

Everyday we battle the distractions that fight for our attention and communication. God gives us prayer as communication with Him: to listen and speak candidly with our Father. We also have the discipline of fasting, which is the practice of denying ourselves food (or other common items) for a defined period of time, in order to elevate our reliance on God. This week, set aside some times where you will fast and remove distractions so that your attention, reliance, and communication with God can be direct & clear.

# WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING JAN. 4 - 10

Use this guide as a way to pray for God's justice with persistence during the Week of Prayer & Fasting. Do more than just think about the areas and things in your world that need God's justice, actually pray about them - with persistence!

- **God is just:** bringing justice to His people.
- **God is good:** acting on our behalf.
- **God is attentive:** always hearing the persistent prayers of those who come to Him with clean hands and a pure heart.
- **God is holy:** faithful to work on the parts of us that hold us back from experiencing freedom.

As God responds to our prayers, He is filled with compassion, grace, and power. Take a look inside and see how you can engage daily in prayer!



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## SUNDAY

**Passage: Luke 18:1-8****People: Spiritual mothers & fathers in your life**

It's okay to be persistent in your prayers to God! It's in your persistence that the spiritual atmosphere is changed, because God helps transform you and those around you. Lift up the spiritual mothers and fathers in your wingspan today. Pray for justice in their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being so the enemy of their soul will not prevail.

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## MONDAY

**Passage: 1 Peter 4:7-11****People: Police officers, firefighters, school officials/teachers, and those working in jail ministry**

As we begin this new year, be of sound mind and alert for the purpose of unrelenting prayer. As you serve your wingspan, pray for the civil servants in our community who work the front lines of justice and peace. Pray for God's favor on the gifts and talents of our police, fire, school, and jail workers so that they may be elevated to bring the grace of God to people and situations in desperate need.

**1/5 - Join us for Encounter Night at 6:00PM**

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## TUESDAY

**Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-6****People: Authority figures in your life & world**

When we pray "in the name of Jesus," we are appealing to an authority (Jesus) who has direct access to God the Father. In your prayers of intercession today, focus on the authority figures in your life. Listen for God's heart that He has for them, and pray that bosses, leaders, and government officials would not only be saved but also work for peace among all people.

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## WEDNESDAY

**Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22****People: Pastors & church leaders**

It's too easy to be critical of those around us when they don't do it our way. We feel we can criticize their character and motives. Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonian church, urges us to appreciate, hold in high esteem, and be at peace with our (spiritual) brothers and sisters. Today, turn your unceasing prayers towards pastors and church leaders as they lead congregations and communities away from evil and towards the life and love of our Savior Jesus Christ!

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## THURSDAY

**Passage: James 1:27****People: Social workers, elder care workers, adoption agencies**

The definitions of religion abound in our world, and are full of varied opinions. However, the Bible makes it clear that religion is rejecting worldly contamination (sin) and caring for the weak and lonely. As you purposefully pray today, focus in on your community members who are people of peace in their jobs. Lift up the social workers, adoption agencies, and elder care employees who regularly care for the vulnerable.

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SATURDAY**

