

**The January prayers have been written by Rev. Kyle Anderson.** The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of January that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month's prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of January.



## **DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	22.07	HANGE YOUR LIFE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE	<del>-</del> !	I Hosea 11:1-4 Gracious and loving God, like a patient parent you have never abandoned us though we often turn away. As we begin this new year today, may we be as steadfast in our faithfulness as you have been with your grace. Amen.	2 Philippians 1:1-11 As we journey, help us to remember those who have been your hands and feet in our lives over the past year that has now ended. With hearts of gratitude we give thanks for the brothers and sisters who journey with us. Amen	3 Matthew 7:7-8 Lord, give us the strength to knock. Wash us with your forgiveness and grace so that as might put down our doubts, fears, regrets, and shame; knock on the door; and enter into your kingdom. Amen.
4 Colossians 1:15-17 The Christmas season is nearing its end for another year. As we put away our decorations, may the Good News of the King of Kings who holds all things together remain with us this new year. Amen.	5 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Gracious God, on this twelfth day of Christmas we give thanks for the birth of your son once more. Like Paul who poured himself out in service to His Kingdom, may we do the same as Christmas ends and a new season begins. Amen.	Great creator, on this day of Epiphany, we celebrate how you have opened our eyes to the truth of your Kingdom and the eyes of countless others since the beginning of time. May we never cease looking for you! Amen.	7 Acts 9:10-19 Lord, like Ananias called to minister to Paul, we often feel uncertain about others of your children. Help us to see everyone through your eyes of grace, the same way you look at us. Amen.	8 Hebrews 11:1-16 We stand on the shoulders of so many faithful men and women who have come before us. God, help us to honor their memories by being encouragers of faith to the next generation. Amen.	9 Luke 15:3-6 Today we celebrate that you are our Good Shepherd, oh Lord. When we go astray you seek us out, find us, and then celebrate as we are returned to the fold. For this, we praise your name. Amen.	10 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Gracious God, I give thanks that no matter what mistakes I make and no matter how the world might seem against me, you are forever at my side. In this I find joy now and forever. Amen.
Lord, there is no way to fully comprehend you or the world that you have created. I thank you for sending us Christ Jesus, to reveal the depth of your grace and to guide us on a path of true faithfulness. Amen.	12 Philippians 4:10-13 Lord, you are our great Sustainer. There is no way of knowing what lies ahead of us this year. There will be moments of joy and plenty of moments of sorrow and want. But we give thanks that you are our strength through it all. Amen.	13 2 Corinthians 3:13-18  Veils of selfishness, pride, anger, doubt, and much more often obscure our vision of you, our God. Give us faith and strength to remove our veils, to see you fully, and claim your image within us.	Lord, you desire your children to care for one another as you care for us. May the story of Jacob and Esau inspire us to let go of past mistakes, offer forgiveness, and see one another as fellow children of God. Amen.	15 Matthew 25:31-46 God and Creator of us all, we often fail to see your image and likeness in the faces of our fellow brothers and sisters. Remind us today that as we serve one another, we are serving you. Amen.		Saving God, through our transgression and the transgressions of those who have come before us, we know that we have brought sin and death into the world. By your great mercy you have offered us salvation, for which we are eternally grateful. Amen.
18 Psalm 46:1-7, 10 What do we have to fear, for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Before our world existed and long after it is gone, you are present. May my hope, strength, and courage be in you alone. Amen.	Today we give you thanks, oh Lord, that you have welcomed us into your family. This grace is a gift that we have not earned, nor do we deserve, but a blessing that you offer to us freely. To you be the glory. Amen.	20 Luke 18:1-8 Great God, often we are afraid to call out to you for help. Whether it's fear, shame, uncertainties, or some other obstruction, may knowing you desire good for your children bring us confidence and peace. Amen.	21 Psalm 34:1-14 You are the source of wisdom, goodness, and life oh God. Forgive us when we seek these things from other sources. Remind us to turn to you and you alone this and every day. Amen.	Creator God, you brought light into the world. Now you have called us to be reflections of this light, igniting other hearts to know your grace, forgiveness, and love. May our words and actions illuminate your kingdom in the world today. Amen.	You have prepared a place for your faithful at your side, gracious God. As we wait for that day, help us to experience your Kingdom come here on Earth for we know better is a day in your presence than a thousand away from you. Amen.	Luke 22:39-46 Lord, even your son our Savior Jesus faced situations he didn't want to. Yet he chose to carry out your will. May this inspire and encourage us so that, as we face difficult circumstances, we might seek your will above all. Amen.
We give thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This was done freely so that we might experience salvation and abundant life now and for all eternity. This is why we worship, for no greater gift has or will ever be given. Amen.	As you have encouraged us, you call us to encourage one another oh Lord. As you have lifted us up out of sin and despair, may we seek to lift up our brothers and sisters this and every day. Amen.	27 Psalm 18:1-5 God, you are our rock, our refuge, and our foundation. May our lives be built upon your wisdom and your teachings. May no other that does not come from you have sway over us. Amen.	28 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 Even during suffering, you are still our God. Rescue us this day from people, experiences, and emotions that threaten to crush our spirits. In those places where our trials persist, grant us patience and confidence you are at our side. Amen.	29 Psalm 16:1-7 God of abundance, it is in you that I find joy. While happiness might come from friends, family, and experiences, true joy that will never fade is found in a life lived with and for you. Amen.	30 1 Peter 5:6-7 It is easy to think too highly of ourselves oh God. To believe we have all the answers and are worthy of the praise of others. May we depend solely upon you and, if exalted, may it be to your glory. Amen.	31 Luke 22:24-30 We argue about who is the greatest among us, but you sent us Jesus who taught it is better to serve than to be served. May we follow in his footsteps and be known as disciples of the Servant. Amen.