

# Daily Prayer Emphasis

We are so glad you are embarking on these 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting. We invite you to take a moment each day, look up these verses and pray about the prayer emphasis. The verses walk through the New Testament book of Colossians, a book with deep teaching reminding believers that they have everything they need in Christ, and basic instruction on how to keep Christ first in our lives. *Tip: If you get stuck, a Study Bible can help explain the Bible passages and The Pray First Guide can be a helpful tool to your prayer time.*

## 1 Jan 4 LIFE CHANGE

The Apostle Paul, mentioned as one of the writers of Colossians, was radically saved and changed... Paul said that if God can save a man like him, God can save anybody.

- **Colossians 1:1**
- **Acts 9:1-31**

*Through prayer, invite God to continue to interrupt you and change you. Pray for eyes to see what he is doing and the wisdom to repent.*

## 2 Jan 5 OUR CITY

Colossae was a city in Asia Minor. Paul begins this letter just as many of the New Testament epistles began. By greeting them with grace and peace.

- **Colossians 1:2**
- **2 Peter 1:2**

*Pray for more grace and peace in our local cities and the greater Kansas City area, and that we would “grow in our knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.”*

## 3 Jan 6 GOSPEL GRATITUDE

Despite the persecution, we see gratitude for the good news that has transformed the lives of the Colossians.

- **Colossians 1:3-8**
- **Hebrews 13:15-16**

*Thank God for the gospel —the message of hope that is going out all over the world. Thank Jesus for living a sinless life in your place, dying for your sin, and rising victoriously over sin and death.*

## 5 Jan 8 CHRIST'S GREATNESS

There is no one like Christ Jesus. Without him everything would disintegrate into chaos.

- **Colossians 1:13-20**
- **Mark 4:35-41**

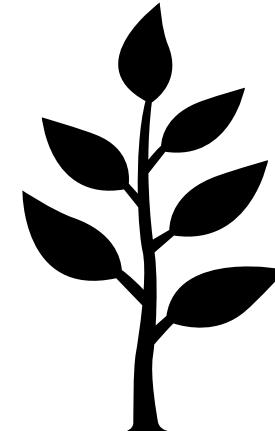
*In prayer, tell God that you believe what his Word says about Jesus, and trust him to sustain you.*

## 6 Jan 9 STANDING FIRM

Christ has reconciled us to God. Something no deed of our own could ever do.

- **Colossians 1:21-23**
- **Hebrews 2:1**

*Pray for the discernment of truth in the midst of competing messages from the world and against drifting away from Christ.*



## 7 Jan 10 THE CHURCH

God loves the church, and wants you to be part of it.

- **Colossians 1:24-2:5**
- **Romans 12:4-5**

*Pray that the people of Rock Brook would be encouraged & knit together. Pray that this year's programs & messages will help us become the who God has called the church to be.*

## 8 Jan 11 STRONG ROOTS

A fruitful tree must have strong roots or it will fall. A statue must be built on a strong foundation or it will crumble.

- **Colossians 2:6-7**
- **Ephesians 3:14-17**

*Thank God that he's committed to growing your roots and building you up in Christ.*

## 9 Jan 12 NEW LIFE

You were raised to new life when you trusted the mighty power of God.

- **Colossians 2:8-12**
- **Romans 6:3-5**

*Pray that others would believe and be baptized so they can experience new life in Jesus Name.*

10 Jan 13  
VICTORY

The Roman army would celebrate a great victory with a triumphal procession. That image captures the victory that was won through the cross over hostile spiritual powers.

- **Colossians 2:13-15**
- **Ephesians 6:10-18**

*Pray through the armor of God, putting on each characteristic. Remember who the battle is truly against.*

11 Jan 14  
CHRIST ALONE

The Colossians had already heard and received the true gospel. (Col 1:3-7). Paul's hope is that they will hold on to it instead of drinking down fake versions.

- **Colossians 2:16-23**
- **Ephesians 2:8-9**

*In prayer, remember the truth and substance of your faith, who is Christ. Trust God to finish the good work he's started in you. (Philippians 1:6)*

12 Jan 15  
HEAVENLY MINDED

Sometimes our blinders go on and we're left with only what's in our view. Only what we think, see & feel.

- **Colossians 3:1-4**
- **Philippians 4:8-9**

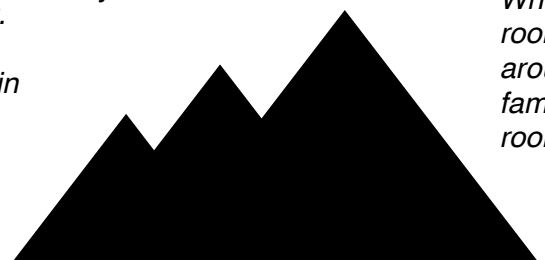
*As a citizen of heaven, pray that believers will be focused accordingly. Consider the Serenity Prayer to be a helpful tool as you discern what worldly things to be concerned about today.*

13 Jan 16  
HEAVENLY ACTIONS

We are not to just think on heavenly things; we are to act in heavenly ways. Here we see specific directions on what to do with earthly actions.

- **Colossians 3:5-11**
- **1 Thess. 5:23-24**

*In prayer, rely on the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to empower you to take off and put to death the sin your sin nature.*



14 Jan 17  
RELATIONSHIPS

Yesterday we saw what to take off. Today we see what to put on...

- **Colossians 3:12-15**
- **Romans 12:18**

*In prayer, ask God to reveal with whom you need to be more tenderhearted.*



15 Jan 18  
PRAISE

The Holy Spirit wants to help the message of Christ fill your life. Are you letting that happen?

- **Colossians 3:16-17**
- **Ephesians 5:18-20**

*Pray for opportunities to both give and receive God's wisdom. Take a moment and belt out a song to God's glory. Whether you're alone, in a room with others, or around a table with the family... really let it fill the room and fill your life!*

16 Jan 19  
MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Getting closer to home, we see how Christlikeness should spill over to those immediately around us.

- **Colossians 3:18-21**
- **Joshua 24:15**

*Pray for your family. Then, consider the characteristic listed in Colossians that you're instructed to start or stop to better reflect the gospel at home.*

17 Jan 20  
WORK

Today we see what reflecting the gospel looks like to a member of the workforce...

- **Colossians 3:22-4:1**
- **Galatians 6:4-5**

*Pray for your workplace and submit yourself to become more willing to work at whatever you do as though you were working for the Lord.*

18 Jan 21  
THE LOST

Prayer and fruitful evangelism are linked...

- **Colossians 4:2-6**
- **Ephesians 1:17**

*Pray that God would help you recognize opportunities to give unbelievers a gracious, right response.*

19 Jan 22  
THE FAMILY OF GOD

We were made to depend on God. We need His Word, and His people.

- **Colossians 4:7-17**
- **Hebrews 10:19-25**

*Paul lists about a dozen people instrumental to his life and the advancement of the gospel. As we begin gathering in small groups, pray for new groups and that our groups would develop strong bonds.*

20 Jan 23  
THE PERSECUTED

As this letter ends, we're reminded that Paul is in custody for sharing the gospel.

- **Colossians 4:18**
- **Hebrews 13:3**

*Pray that those who are oppressed for their faith will sense God's presence, share the gospel & forgive their persecutors. Also, pray for those who are doing the persecuting.*

21 Jan 24  
SUSTAINING GRACE

Don't forget who and what is with you!

- **Colossians 4:18**
- **2 Corinthians 12:9**

Prayerfully consider how you will continue to put God first this year and walk in his grace.