

## TFH 2018 24/7 PRAYER CHALLENGE GUIDE

### SUNDAY JANUARY 14 - SUNDAY JANUARY 20

*So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. Daniel 9:3a (NLT)*

Thanks for committing to be a part of this life changing challenge. Only eternity will reveal the full significance of this 24/7 challenge. Here are a few thoughts to prepare our hearts for this challenge:

- **THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER**

*Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." —Mark 10:27*

We need to pray because we need God. A lot of times we think we can do everything on our own, but we can't. God wants us to share with Him our desires and dreams. He wants to hear about where we need help and where we have succeeded. God wants to be there to help us. Psalm 37:4 says, "*Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*" When we ask for His help, He wants to be there for us.

- **PRAY BOLDLY**

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:16*

When we don't understand the purpose and the value of prayer, our natural tendency is to be lazy, praying things such as "God, bless my friends, and bless my family. Amen." However, when you pray simple prayers, God answers in simple ways you may not notice. Pray in such a way that when God answers your prayer, you know without question what He said! Don't just pray "God bless our food" kind of praying! Pray boldly that God will work in great ways! Bold prayer is the mountain-moving means by which we connect with the will of almighty God.

- ✓ Each day envision yourself approaching Jesus with your prayers. He is our Savior who welcomes you into His presence and receives your requests.

- **PRAY USING SCRIPTURE**

In the Christian life, there is a beautiful and healthy balance between the Word of God and prayer. In prayer, we speak to God. In Bible study, God speaks to us. We are to store up God's Word in our hearts in order that we might know His will. He has blessed His Word not only when it is preached and proclaimed, but also when it is prayed. The most effective prayer is one filled with God's Word.

- ✓ Open God's Word each day and read the suggested scriptures, you can even pray them out loud.

**Each day you will find the prayer topics to help you pray strategically for the Mission and Vision of TFH. Use this guide to pray during your assigned time frame as a catalyst for your hour of prayer. Relax, our goal is not necessarily that you pray for 60 minutes, for some that would be a huge stretch, but for others it's an everyday discipline. Be you but be all in. It's really about the length of prayer but the passion of prayer.**

## SUNDAY – PRAYING THE PRAYER THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

In Matthew 6:9-13 and in Luke 11:2-4 we read of Jesus teaching his disciples how they should pray. This popular Scripture is known as **The Lord's Prayer**. Below you can read through and memorize the Lord's Prayer as it was the example Jesus used when asked how we should pray. Remember though that it is a teaching tool not a magical saying that can influence God differently than any other prayer from our hearts.

**Read the prayer out loud and meditate on it** - *"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

In Heaven, God's will is done perfectly. The problem on Earth is God's will is not always done. That's why we're to pray, *"Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven"*. We are saying, *"God, I want to submit to you. I want to do what you want me to do."*

### **Pray for the World:**

- ✓ Pray that God will use His people to help others *"to know Christ and to make Him known."*
  - ✓ Pray that revived Christ followers would respond with Jesus' love, grace, compassion and wisdom to social struggles
  - ✓ Pray for the persecuted church.
  - ✓ Finally, pray for the advance of the Gospel everywhere, toward Matthew 24:14.
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## MONDAY – PRAYING TO LOVE GOD GREATER

Deuteronomy 6:5 says, *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might.* In the New Testament, Jesus repeats this command and even points it out as the most important commandment of all (as well as loving your neighbor as yourself).

So, how do you express love for God? By telling God, "I love You"? Singing praises to Him? These are good things, but they only scratch the surface.

We show God we love Him through obedience because actions definitely speak louder than words. I believe our level of obedience grows as we get to know and experience His love, goodness and faithfulness in our lives. Our desire to follow and obey the Lord's commandments increases as we increase our love of God.

*Father God, I come into your presence so aware of my human frailty and yet overwhelmed by your love for me. I thank you that there is no human experience that I might walk through where your love cannot reach me. If I climb the highest mountain you are there and yet if I find myself in the darkest valley of my life, you are there. Teach me today to love you more. Help me to rest in that love that asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. In Jesus name, Amen*

*Dear God,*

*We thank you that you indeed are powerful and loving, that out of your glorious riches you strengthen us through your Spirit in our inner being. We ask you for the fresh filling of your Holy Spirit, we ask for your power and love to fill us. We thank you that as believers we know that Christ dwells richly within our hearts through faith. We pray that you would strengthen our roots and establish our lives firmly in your love.*

*When the world shouts hate, help us to love. When the past won't let go, help us to love. When the enemy taunts with lies and surrounds with darkness, help us to love. When a relationship feels broken or we're betrayed or rejected, help us to love.*

*Help us to love, and to keep on loving. By the power of your Spirit.*

*Even when it seems impossible. Even when it doesn't make sense.*

*May our lives be filled with your goodness and power, today and every day, as we walk in your Spirit of love.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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## TUESDAY – PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

*Lord, today I lift up to you my church – The Fathers House. I give you thanks for this church and what it means to me.*

*Lord, I ask you to bless us with the desire to do more for the world around us and for one another. I ask that we reach out to the community, to impact it for your Kingdom. I ask that you bless us with the resources to fulfill your mission for our church.*

*Lord, I also ask that you give us a strong sense of your Holy Spirit. I ask that you fill our hearts with all that you are and direct us in ways that we are always living in your will. Lord, I ask that when people enter our church they feel you all around them. I ask that we remain hospitable to each other and to outsiders, and I ask for your grace and forgiveness when we slip up.*

*And Lord, I ask for the blessing of wisdom on our pastors and church leaders. I ask that you guide the messages that come out of our leader's mouths. I ask that the words uttered among the covenant partners be ones that honor you and encourage each other.*

*Lord, my church is one of the most important things in my life, because it brings me closer to you. I ask for your blessings on it, and I lift it up to you. Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to be a part of this church, and a part of you.*

- ✓ Pray that our Church, Leadership and Pastoral Staff becomes more surrendered and poured out to Christ, so they can have spiritual breakthroughs by seeking the fear of God and the mind of Christ and the Spirit's leading (1 Cor. 2:16; Gal. 2:20-21).
  - ✓ Pray for discernment in exposing any plans of the enemy against our Church or attacking our pastors and staff. Ask Christ to protect us as we wage spiritual warfare against the enemy on behalf of our Church (Eph. 6:11-12, 16; Col. 2:6-8; 1 Pet. 3:12).
  - ✓ Pray against gossip, negative criticism, false expectations, unhealthy burdens, strife and weariness that will seek to invade our church family (Psalm 91:5-6, 11; Luke 10:19; Eph. 4: 17, 32-5:1).
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## WEDNESDAY: PRAYING FOR THE LOST

*Our Father, Our heart's desire and prayer is for the salvation of our loved ones, our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, our friends and neighbors, those we know and all those in our sphere or influence.*

*They are dead in trespasses and sins, walking according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, without hope, hell-bound, facing eternity without Him who died for them.*

*Bring them to Yourself, Lord! Convict them of sin, and unrighteousness, and of judgment and grant them saving faith. Grant them sight. Give them light.*

*I pray dear Lord, support me with Your power as I witness to others. Too often I have missed opportunities to speak for You. Forgive me where I have failed. Help me see opportunities for witnessing, and give me the courage to speak up.*

*Increase my concern for lost souls and my desire to witness; strengthen me according to my great need. Lord, I often don't know what to say, but You know. I am weak and afraid, but You are strong. Make Your love my love; Your words my words; and Your strength my strength. Help me speak the right word at the right time, and with all Your children on earth help me to go forth to new victories for You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

- ✓ *Pray that God would remove Satan's blinding influence* . Unbelievers have been blinded by Satan and will only ever be able to see and appreciate the gospel if God works within them. So pray that God would give them sight—spiritual sight. “In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (2 Corinthians 4:4).
  - ✓ *Pray for boldness in generating and taking opportunities to speak the gospel*. Even Paul longed for this boldness and for the confidence that he was speaking the right and best words. Pray that God would give you the boldness and, that when you take the opportunities, that he would then guide your words. “[Pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel...” (Ephesians 6:19).
  - ✓ *Pray for other believers to encounter them*. God almost always uses a succession of people to share the gospel with people before they are saved. Pray, then, that God would lead other Christians into the lives of the unbelievers you love, that they too would provide an example of Christian living and that they too would speak the gospel. “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6).
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## THURSDAY – PRAYING FOR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

*Father, I'm praying for marriages and families here at The Fathers House and all those in my immediate and extended family who are married.*

*Protect our marriages. May each husband be strong in his faith, yielded to the Lord, loving, kind, and considerate. May they all be men of prayer and students of the Word—in every way the leaders and examples they are meant to be. May they love their wives as they love their own bodies, and may their wives respect and love them. (Matthew 8:5–10; Romans 12:1; John 13:34; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:7; Psalm 119:15; Ephesians 5:33)*

*May each wife be her husband's help and support, the one who makes him complete. Help them all be submissive, strong, God-fearing, generous, and wise. May their husbands have confidence in them, and may their husbands and children call them blessed. (Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:22; Proverbs 31:25, 30b, 20, 26, 27, 28)*

*May husbands and wives be protected from the evil one, who wants to destroy marriages and disrupt families. Help them to live in the shelter of Your presence, protected under the refuge of Your wings. (John 17:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; John 10:10; Psalm 91:1–4, 14–16)*

*Keep their marriages and families free from the influence of the world.*

*In Jesus' name, amen.*

- ✓ Ask God for wayward hearts and minds to turn to Him and His ways while He may be found. That divorce would begin a sharp decline.
  - ✓ Pray for elected officials to stand strong in honor of God and not give in to fear of man in issues of marriage legislation.
  - ✓ Pray for a tremendous increase of healthy marriages for examples and support. Seek that Christian counseling resources would be easily affordable and available.
  - ✓ Ask the Lord to bring godly Christian couples to the forefront as a witness to our nation and to the church.
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## FRIDAY: PRAY FOR HEALING AN HEALTH

*Father, I come boldly before Your throne to obtain grace to help in time of need. I have confidence in Your Word, and I take hold of Your promises to heal me. According to Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24, I resist sickness and disease. I speak with my mouth and believe in my heart that I am healed of all sickness and disease.*

*Your Word says that Jesus bore all my sickness and diseases, and He carried my sorrows, so I receive healing now. I know and declare that Jesus is my Healer. I give You all the praise for providing everything I need to walk in wholeness.*

*Thank You for satisfying me with long life. Father, I am thankful that You are no respecter of persons. What You do for one, You will do for all who ask and believe by faith.*

*Satan, I declare to you in the Name of Jesus that you have no authority over me. According to Matthew 18:18, I bind you from operating against me in any way. My life is hidden in Christ. You have no power to bring any part of the curse upon me. I take my stand as one who is redeemed from the curse. So you must flee now! I take my place in God and I resist you.*

*And I pray for others who are in need of prayer. Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and I thank you for the miracles you still perform today. Today I claim those promises over \_\_\_\_\_ . I believe in the healing power of faith and prayer and I ask you to begin your mighty work in them today. Please reach down and surround my friend with supernatural peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that all things are possible for you. Protect them from Satan's lies and discouragement and let their miraculous healing begin.*

*Now Father, I worship You. I give You reverence. I confess with my mouth that Your Word will not return to You void. I praise You for Your protection and for Your goodness upon my life. I thank You that Satan is unable to penetrate that. Thank You for bringing total healing to me. Your Word says whatever I ask in the Name of Jesus will be done for me. So I declare this is done. My healing is complete. Amen.*

- ✓ Scripture References: Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 3:13; Matthew 18:18; Psalms 91 and 103; Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 1:12; Isaiah 55:11; Acts 10:34; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Exodus 15:26; James 4:7; John 14:13
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## **SATURDAY: PRAYING GOD'S PROVISION**

*Dear God, We thank you that no situation is too far out of your control to provide. For you are Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides. We thank you that you own it all, and hold everything in your hands. We thank you that you know our needs before we even ask, before we even come to you. You're aware of all that concerns us, and you have a plan. You hold the provision, you have the solution. You alone can move mountains to make a way for your children. We ask for your answer, in your timing, in your plan, to be given for every need that weighs our hearts down. Forgive us for doubting you, for worrying, and for trying so hard to work everything out on our own. Help us to trust you more, help us in our unbelief. We choose to recognize and to believe that you are Able to accomplish far more, to do far greater, than we even thought possible. We thank you in advance for your miracles, for paving out pathways, for your provision for those who love you. Thank you for the abundance of blessing and goodness you have already stored up. We trust you this day, and every day, and are so grateful for your Power and joy that fills our lives. Thank you for teaching us to be content in all circumstances, we love you Lord, we're leaning on you,*

*In Jesus' Name,*

- ✓ What is your greatest need today? Bring it to God in prayer and record that need on a "prayer page" with today's date. Leave space next to your request to record the date and the way in which God provided for your need.