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PREPARING OUR HEARTS  
FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

## January 24, 2019 – Prayer Guide

Dear Hope Family,

It's been one incredible month! We are so blessed here at Hope to have a church family that understands the power that is in prayer. Prayer is tough work though; it isn't easy to pray for significant amounts of time without getting distracted or losing heart – trust me I know! But keep going strong, don't lose heart, pray for focus and press on in your time of prayer. God is moving, even right now, and will continue to after you're done here today. Thank you for your faithfulness through this short journey. It is not going unnoticed!



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### **SECTION 1: REVERENCE** (suggested time: 10 minutes)

This section is to focus on the character of God by praising and thanking Him. Begin by reading the following verses:

*“But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...”*

– Titus 3:4-6

- **Praise and thank God for who He is.** Select an attribute of God in these verses and enter into a time of praise and thanksgiving. For example, these verses tell us about the kindness of God. Begin talking to God by telling Him you acknowledge His dependable kindness.

*“Being kind is never easy for humans because our kindness to others can be based on our affection for or thoughts toward them. Your kindness though is never conditional. Even when we find ourselves in a difficult circumstance, I know You’re still kind.”*

Identify other attributes or words within these verses that speak to you, and turn it into prayer back to God. Allow the Bible to be the centerpiece of your communication with God.

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## **SECTION 2: RESPONSE** (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This section of prayer is about surrender. In response to who God is, this is an opportunity to yield yourself to Him.

- **Reflect on the attributes of God in 1 John 4:8.**
  - *How do these attributes impact your life personally?*
  - *How does God being “love” affect your relationship with others?*

As the Holy Spirit speaks to you, let that lead You to pray. For example, *“God, You are love. No one can truly love anyone apart from You. In fact, You have loved me so You can love others through me. I lay before You my time and schedule and ask You to interrupt where You will to spread Your love to those that need it.”*

Read this verse and respond as God speaks to you:

*“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.” – 2 Corinthians 7:10*

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### **SECTION 3: REQUESTS** (suggested time: 10 minutes)

This section is to lay requests before God. You may want to use a journal to make notes for each area provided. During this time, if the Lord directs you to pray about other needs, follow His leadership. Begin by reading this verse:

*“And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”  
- Matthew 21:22*

- **Seek the Lord about each of these specific areas:**

1. *Personal and/or Family Needs: What is on your heart to pray on a personal level?*
  - Recommendation: Pray for God to reveal to you an area of life that needs renewal.
2. *Ministry Needs: What is on your heart to pray for those you serve or influence?*
  - Recommendation: Pray for your neighborhood.
3. *Hope Church: What is on your heart to pray for Hope Church?*
  - Recommendation: Small Groups

Pray that the group would desire to multiply so that others would know Christ.

Pray that connection is not just a word we use, but a reality for everyone connected to Hope in any way.

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### **SECTION 4: READINESS** (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This final section is intended to remind you of the spiritual battle before you and, more importantly, your new identity in Christ in the midst of the battle.

- **Read and pray through Philippians 2:14-15:**

*“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,”*

Pray that God would fill you with a spirit of servanthood and humility so that you would be a light to those around you.