

AWAKEN

PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

January 26, 2019 – Prayer Guide

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We can't thank you enough for your sacrifice over these twenty-one days. We know taking time out of your busy schedule is no small thing, but we also passionately believe that prayer is crucial to seeing God move in and through our city. My prayer is that you have been able to see God move in your life as you have walked through this journey.



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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:

*“Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”
- Psalm 90:2*

- **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, this verse speaks of the eternal nature of our God. Begin talking to God telling Him you acknowledge the significance of His eternity.

“Being eternal not only means You have no end God. It also means You had no beginning.”

“From before anything was, You were” means that you were not only the first thing in existence, it means more than that. You have simply always been Lord. There has never been a time You did not exist.”

Read back through this verse again and let the words sink deep into Your heart and then express to God what you now think about this verse as you continue talking to Him.

- **Set your focus on the Lord by meditating on a song.** Read a portion of *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* by Thomas Eugene Fettke or use your phone or computer to listen to the whole song.
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SECTION 2: RESPONSE (suggested time: 5 minutes)

This section 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 Isaiah 9:6**
 - *What is your response to the names of God in this passage?*
 - *What are the significance of the names of God in this passage as it relates to you today?*

As the Holy Spirit sheds light on your life, let that lead you to pray. For example, *“Lord, you are my counselor, God, Father, and peace. I have everything I need in you alone. I rest in you today knowing who you are.”*

Read this verse and respond as God speaks to you:

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,” – Colossians 2:6

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:

*“If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.
- John 14:14*

▪ **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 that God would guard your heart today.

2. *Ministry Needs: What is on your heart to pray for those you serve or influence?*
 - Recommendation: Ask God to put someone on your heart to pray for today. After you have prayed, let them know you prayed for them.

3. *Hope Church: What is on your heart to pray for Hope Church?*
 - Recommendation: Awaken 2019
 - Pray for our church family, that God will continue to move as He already has over this past month.
 - Pray for our special Awaken services taking place tomorrow and Monday night.
 - Pray for an awakening to pour out from our church and into our city, the West, and the World.

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.

- **Pray for God to lead you in the path of righteousness today (Proverbs 4:18).**

We are constantly under attack no matter where we go. There are many temptations you will encounter today. Ask God to give you the heart to choose obedience instead of sin.