

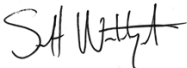
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PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

January 27, 2019 – Prayer Guide

Church Family,

Today is the end of our twenty-one-day prayer journey. It's been such an encouragement to see our church take it upon themselves to intentionally seek the Lord through prayer. My hope is that this would become a normal practice in your life. Consistently, intentionally, and desperately seeking the Lord on behalf of our church, city, and the world. Thank you!



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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:

“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”

- Acts 17:24, 25

- **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 remind us that our God needs nothing. Begin speaking with God today about this truth.

“Lord You need nothing. I acknowledge that You are nothing like me. Everything I have has come from somewhere else. I have created nothing within myself and I am in constant need. Because of this fact, You do not need me. You have no need of any human or anything in creation to sustain You.”

Look at these verses again and ask God to show you at least one other attribute they contain and acknowledge to Him whatever He has taught you about that attribute as well.

- **Set your focus on the Lord by meditating on a song.**
Read a portion of *Greater Grace* by Hope Creative.

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 John 1:1-5.**
 - *How do these attributes of God impact your life?*
 - *What does it mean that in Jesus is life and the light of man?*

As the Holy Spirit sheds light on your life, let that lead you to pray. For example, *“God, you have made everything through your son, Jesus. By doing that, we know that you have made us for Him as well. Meaning, I am made by and for Jesus only.”*

Read this verse and respond as God speaks to you:

*Examine me, O LORD, and try me;
Test my mind and my heart.
For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes,
And I have walked in Your truth.
- Psalm 26:2-3*

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 these verses:

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” - Philippians 4:6

▪ **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 protection over your time alone with the Lord, that you and your family would prioritize it above all else.
 2. *Ministry Needs: What is on your heart to pray for those you serve or influence?*
 - o Recommendation: Pray for those you know who are lost to come to know the Lord in 2019.
 3. *Hope Church: What is on your heart to pray for Hope Church?*
 - Recommendation: Hope Church Staff
 - Pray for God to continue raising up leaders from our congregation to join what God is doing here in Las Vegas.
 - Pray that the staff at Hope would be desperate and dependent upon God in 2019.
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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.

- **Pray through 1 Corinthians 10:13:**

“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”

No matter what you face today, tomorrow, or in the year ahead – God has provided a way for you to endure and escape. Cling to His promises for the year to come!