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We believe that prayer is powerful. We believe that prayer draws us close to God, brings not only results but unity as we seek God together. We are taking 21 days to seek God first as we start the year. Here are the topics we will be praying for each day with verses, promises, and prayers that you can pray and stand on in faith. As you prepare your heart and mind for this special time, please take advantage of the resources that will help equip you
Prayer Info (reslife.org/prayfirst)

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We invite you to join us LIVE at live.reslife.org, Facebook, or Youtube, from wherever you are, as we take 7 minutes daily at 7 am AND 7 pm to pray together. Set your alarm and tune in as we unite to seek God and His will.

JANUARY 2 | FRESH ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD

God, You promised if we sought You that You would reveal Yourself to us. Jer 29:13 You promised to give Your Holy Spirit to those who asked. Luke 11:9-13 God said in the last days He would pour out His Spirit. Acts 2:17 God, as we seek You we ask that You would open eyes to see what You have for us in Your word and our lives. Ps 119:18 & 105 God, open our eyes to see You and to know You. Eph 1:17-19; 3:17-19. God let us fall in love with You and Your word.

JANUARY 3 | PRAYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Pray for salvation, forgiveness, healing, and transformation where needed with family. Pray that our families would be molded into His image. That there could be healing and forgiveness from the past so we can become a light that shines with the love of God within our families. Matt 6:12; 1 Tim 2:3-4; Matt 5:16

JANUARY 4 | FOR THE CHURCH

That God's church would be marked by His love, presence, and power and draw in the lost. That people would come to know Jesus and be transformed into His image. That we would show His love and grace to the hurting and broken. God let us be Your hands, reaching out in love to those in need. 2 Cor 5:20; 2 Cor 3:18; Matt 25:40. Let our Church be a living expression of Christ as the whole body works together, everyone doing their part built up in love. Eph 4:16. That God would build His church. Matt 16:18. Unity in the church, as we all submit to Christ as the Head. Ps 133:1; Eph 4:13; 1 Peter 3:8; ps 119:114 Pray that people's faith would grow strong and would not fail. Luke 22:32 The persecuted church.

JANUARY 5 | GIVE US EYES TO SEE AND HIS HEART FOR THE LOST

As we begin praying for the lost, ask that God would give us His heart for them.

Here is a fill in the blank with names of prayers from Pastor Jeanie. I pray for _____ who needs to know You; That the Lord of the harvest would send laborers to reach ____ with the gospel that is the power of God to salvation. Luke 10:2, Rom 1:16. That the light of Christ would shine on ____ whose mind has been blinded by the god of this age and would open their hearts to receive the love of God. 2 Cor. 4:4,6 That ____ be filled with a love of the truth and a revelation of Christ. 2 Thess 2:10, 3:5 Grant ____ repentance so that they may know the truth, come to their senses, and escape the snare of the devil who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Tim 2:25,26. You desire for all, including _____, to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth! Thank You for drawing them to You today. Thank You, Jesus, for coming that they might have life and have it more abundantly! 1 Tim. 2:4, John 3:16 & 10:10. Give _____ a heart to know what Christ did for them, that they may turn to You with their whole heart and know You as their Father. Jer. 24:7. It is Your will that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him has eternal life. Thank You for Your great love for _____. John 6:40. Open their eyes to behold wonderful things from Your Word. Ps 119:18. According to the authority You give us, I loose _____ from the lies and bondages that have kept them from seeing Christ's glorious light and the beauty and joys of a personal relationship with Jesus. I bind away from them all the distractions that would hinder them from hearing the Good News of Christ today, and I bind them to the love of God for them. May they taste and see how good You are and not be able to escape Your love and mercy. Matt 18:18, Ps. 34:8. Out of Your glorious riches grant ____ to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit working in them so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. I pray that _____ will become rooted and grounded in love and may have power together with all the saints to grasp the amazing extent of Your love for them, and be filled up to all the fullness of God. Eph 3:16-19

JANUARY 6 | HEALING

The Bible says that we serve the Lord God our healer. Jesus showed us the will of the Father as He went around healing the sick. He then told us to go and heal the sick. So we thank God that sickness is not from God and we bind sickness and disease. We command it to leave, in Jesus name. We speak healing in Jesus name. Matt 9:35, 10:8; Luke 10:9; James 5:15, Ps 107:19-21. Physical, emotional, all of the places that we have been injured, hurt, damaged, and jaded.

JANUARY 7 | OUR CITY

God called us to be the city on a hill that couldn't be hidden. Let our light shine in our city, God. We ask that You do a work here. Jesus told His disciples to start in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and go to the ends of the earth. We are to start here. God, we ask You to use us and have Your way in our city. Matt 5:14; Acts 1:8

JANUARY 8 | FINANCES

God cares about us, and He wants to be involved in our finances. Prov 3 tells us if we will acknowledge Him in all His ways that He will direct our paths. Then we are told to honor Him with our finances and that He will pour out a blessing. God, we submit our finances to You and ask You to use them and to bless them. We thank You that You are more than enough. That You said You would supply our needs according to Your riches. God we ask that You would have Your way in our finances, the finances of the church, and in the finances of fellow believers. Prov 3:5-10; Phil 4:19; Deut 28:8 & 11, Ps 1:3, Ps 34:10

JANUARY 9 | GOVERNMENT

We are told to pray for kings and rulers and we are told not to speak evil of them. 1 Tim 2:1-2; Ex 22:28; Acts 23:5. Let us pray for God to reveal Himself and draw towards Him the men and women in the leadership of our country. Pray for wisdom, for salvation, for unity. Pray for God to have His way in and through our leaders. James 1:5, 1 Tim 2:4

JANUARY 10 | MARRIAGES

Pray for your marriage and for others. Pray that as we have received God's forgiveness so we would grant His forgiveness. God, grant us freedom from the mistakes in the past, and healing from past hurts. Pray that passion would be reignited and grow more than ever before. Pray that our homes would become a source of shining light of the love of God that draws others toward Him. Eph 4:32; Ps 103:12; Matt 5:16; Rom 14:19

JANUARY 11 | NEIGHBORS, COWORKERS, AND CLASSMATES

Sometimes it's easier to pray for people on the other side of the world than the people we see everyday. Pray that those who are lost would come to know Him, and those that know God would be drawn closer to Him. That those who have been living half hearted would be drawn into an all-in relationship with God. Pray that we could be a light and an example to our neighbors, coworkers, and classmates. Matt 5:16; 1 Tim 2:1-4

JANUARY 12 | YOUTH & EDUCATION

God, we thank You for having great plans for our children and youth. We ask that You reveal Yourself to them and through them. You said that You would pour out Your spirit on all flesh and that our sons and daughters would prophesy. You said that You love them and call them to You. God, we ask that You would have Your way in our education system. May revival sweep across the land and through the schools. May students be filled with Your spirit and power. May Your love and power be on such display that lives are changed forever. 1 Tim 4:12 Jer 1:5 Eph 2:10; Acts 2:17

JANUARY 13 | BROKEN AND HURTING

God has a heart for the broken. He says that as we do to them we have done to Him. Let's pray for those in prison, homeless, widows, orphans, foster care, sex trafficked, addicted, broken hearted, and poor. Pray for healing and revival in the places of brokenness, in jails, in schools, in nursing homes....

JANUARY 14 | THAT GOD WOULD RAISE UP PEOPLE TO SERVE

And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2 "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" Isa 6:8. Pray that God would raise up people to love, to give, to boldly be salt in our family, church, job, city, country, and world.

JANUARY 15 | MEDIA, ARTS, & ENTERTAINMENT

The Media, Arts, and Entertainment are industries of influence. They are often left to the world to do with what they want. Let us make a stand in prayer that Godly men and women would come to prominent and influential roles. That those already in influential roles would turn their lives over to God. Let it spark a movement and God's light begin to shine in every area of our life, in every part of our world. Let Your power, love and grace be on display. May truth begin to ring out through the media, may we walk in unity instead of division. May hatred and divisiveness melt away from every side and let Your presence mark us and the media.

JANUARY 16 | ISRAEL

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." Ps 122:6-7; Gen 12:2, Gen 17:7, Jer 33:9

JANUARY 17 | UNITY

Breaking down barriers of race, finances, age, geography. Eph 2:13-16; Gal 3:28; 2 Cor 5:17-18; Rev 7:9 Acts 1:14

JANUARY 18 | PARENTS

God, You said that children are a blessing. We ask that Your blessing would be on every parent, that You give them wisdom to know what, how, and when as they are raising their children. Fill them with Your spirit that overflows with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Help us be the examples of You and of Your love to our children. Deut 4:40 ; Gen 18:19; Gal 5:22; Ps 127:1, Ps 127:3, Ps 128

JANUARY 19 | MISSIONARIES

Pray for missionaries, that God would protect and provide for them. That doors of opportunity would open for them to share the Gospel with the world. Heb 6:10, 2 Tim 4:17 & 18, Luke 10:2-7; Rom 10:15 We support missionaries at home, such as the Grand Rapids Dream Center and Cradles of Grace, and abroad such as Brother Abraham in India who has over 3,000 churches and orphanages and International Crisis Aid that feeds the hungry and rescues women and children trapped in sex trafficking.

JANUARY 20 | PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO WORK THROUGH US.

Pray that men and women would be **bold** for Christ, letting His love shine through them, drawing others toward Him. "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" Isa 6:8 God, in the places that I go, in the people that I see, use me. Show me who You want me to reach. Show me who You want me to help, show me how to be Your hands and feet. 2 Cor 5:20 In Acts 4 they prayed for boldness and were filled with the Holy Spirit Pray for the Holy Spirit to give us His gifts to meet the needs of others, and show His love in the opportunities.

JANUARY 21 | PRAYING SCRIPTURE

Matt 6:9-13, Col 1:9-12, Phil 1:9-11, Eph 3:16-21 , Luke 22:45 , Ps 119:18, James 1:5 Praying scripture is one of the most powerful ways that we can pray. When we stand on scriptures as we pray we can know that we are praying according to God's will and based on His promises for us. (1 John 5:14) May these scriptures help you as you pray today, and may they guide you when our 21 structured days come to a close.

JANUARY 22 | SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Today as we pray for the sanctity of Human life we want to pray for the protection of the unborn & the born. We want to pray for those in foster care, for birth families, adoptees, and adoptive families. We pray for those currently in the waiting season. We ask God to send angels to encamp around them, to protect them and deliver them. Matt 25:40; James 1:27; Ps 91:11; Ps 82:3; Ps 68:5; Matt 19:14

JANUARY 23 | NATIONAL REVIVAL

As we pray for God's will, He said that He would that everyone be saved. Let us pray for hearts all across our land to come to Him. Let us pray for believers whose lives don't reflect His to be drawn to Him. Let hearts all across our nation turn to God. God, we ask You to pour out Your spirit on all flesh. May we encounter You and be filled with Your spirit and power. May there be a move of God like no other in history as people begin to come to You and return to You by the millions. May we be filled with Your Spirit. Fill Your people with boldness to declare You. Confirm Your word with signs and wonders and let hearts be hungry and turn to You. Send laborers to all these hearts You have prepared. You said to ask for the Nations so God we ask for the nations; for a move of Your spirit and a turning of hearts to You. Acts 4:29-31; Acts 2:17; Ps 2:8; Chron 7:14, Zech 10:1

CELEBRATION

On January 30 we are going to celebrate what God has done and we continue to pray that God's will would be done. We will celebrate with a night of worship, testimonies, and fellowship. Come join us at the 5 pm service. "Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!" 1 Chr 16:8