



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TAMPA

SEEK

LISTEN

OBEY

"The power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it!"

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The Purpose

This 21-day prayer guide is intended to help us connect with Jesus by creating the space to LISTEN to Him and learn how to SURRENDER to His will for our lives.

Forward in Faith

We have been on an exciting prayer-filled adventure that God started two years ago! God called First Pres to move Forward in Faith in our personal lives as well as a church family for greater Kingdom impact in our community and beyond. Since we started on this journey God kept showing up big with “signs and wonders” because of your prayers. For the next 21 days we invite you to say “yes” to God as he leads you into a more vibrant, transformational relationship with him.

Content

This 21-day Prayer Guide is divided into 3 sections:

Seek: Day 1-7

Listen: Day 8-14

Obey: Day 15-21

On the first day of each section, you will be able to access a GUIDED AUDIO PRAYER led by Kathy Conner by scanning the QR code at the beginning of each week. Each day will also include a suggested WORSHIP SONG to enhance your time with the Lord.

To access the worship song playlist for each week, scan the QR Code below.



The GUIDED AUDIO PRAYER and the WORSHIP SONG PLAYLIST can also be found on our website, firstprestamp.org by selecting “Resources” under the “Watch + Listen” tab on our homepage

WEEK ONE: SEEK

OCTOBER 10-16



Day 1: Use the QR code above to listen to an Audio Guided Prayer with Kathy Conner.

Day 2: To seek God means to pursue God, to seek his presence. Jeremiah 29:13 says; "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Invite God to speak into your heart over the next 21 days. Thank him for something he did to impact your life in the last year. Thank him in advance for how he plans to impact your life in the coming year.

- **Suggested worship song:** Holy Spirit by Francesca Battistelli

Day 3: Take some time to think about the future of First Pres. There are thousands of people within reach of our new church location who don't have a relationship with Jesus or a church home. Take some time to pray for the families we could one day care for and impact with the love of Jesus.

- **Verse:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7 "We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well."
- **Suggested worship song:** Let Me Tell You About My Jesus by Anne Wilson

Day 4: Close your eyes and think of the greatness of our God. Talk to him using some of the ways that scripture describes Him. Use this as an opportunity to thank Him for being your Father, Abba (a favorite term Jesus used which means daddy), God Almighty, Savior, Redeemer, Friend, Miracle-Worker, Promise-Keeper, Way-Maker, Light of the World, Good Shepherd, Bread of Life, Counselor, Prince of Peace....

- **Verse:** Psalm 9:10 "Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who seek you."
- **Suggested worship song:** Way Maker by Michael W. Smith

WEEK ONE: SEEK

Day 5: God's desire is to deeply connect with each of us, bringing Heaven down to earth. With a grateful heart, thank God for the paths He has carved out for you: leading you to First Pres, maybe even into a life-group, that our faithful Father provided friends and mentors to encourage you and your faith through this journey of life.

- **Verse:** Hebrews 10: 24-25 "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another."
- **Suggested worship song:** Whatever May Come by Jeremy Camp, Adrienne Camp

Day 6: God woke you up today because he has something for you. Ask God, "What is it? What do you want me to do? Who do you want me to care for?" Ask God to give you an awareness of where he is at work and how you might join him.

- **Verse:** Psalm 5:3 "In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."
- **Suggested worship song:** Available by Elevation Worship

Day 7: Pray specifically for the body of Christ at First Pres. Ask that people would be transformed in unimaginable ways by experiencing the transformative love of Jesus. Talk to him about the places in your own heart that need transformation.

- **Verse:** 2 Corinthians 3:18 "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."
- **Suggested worship song:** Less Like Me by Zach Williams

WEEK TWO: LISTEN

OCTOBER 17-23



Day 8: Use the QR code above to listen to an Audio Guided Prayer with Kathy Conner.

Day 9: As you prepare to spend time with Jesus open your hands in a receiving posture and invite Him to speak into your heart. Ask, "Lord, is there something you want me to hear and obey?"

- **Verse:** *Luke 11:28 Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Word of God Speak by Mercy Me*

Day 10: Pray for God's guidance and the ability to HEAR the voice of the Holy Spirit more clearly. Tell the Lord you do not want to miss His leading in any area of your life. Thank him that He knows exactly what you most need to hear and then sit quietly and listen. A word, a person's name, or a nudge to do something may come into your mind. Ask the Lord; "Is this what you are saying to me, Lord?"

- **Verse:** *John 10: 27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *I'm Listening by Chris McClarney*

Day 11: The Lord has been getting you ready to go on a bold adventure of faith. Ask Him what sacrifice looks like for you and for your family. Pray that you can move Forward in Faith in all God is calling you to do because God promises to equip us when we walk in His will.

- **Verse:** *Hebrews 13:21 "May he equip you with all you need for doing His will. May he produce in you through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin*

Day 12: From the moment that you woke up this morning God has been pouring his goodness into you. His goodness has followed you all the days of your life. Listen to the worship song below and allow it to help you express your own gratitude to God for his faithfulness in your life and in the life of First Pres. He wants to use you to be a messenger of His goodness to your family, your neighborhood, the Tampa community and beyond. Spend some time in prayer declaring out loud "I will trust you because you are good."

WEEK TWO: LISTEN

- **Verse:** *Psalm 107: 8-9 "Let them give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful deeds for mankind. For He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good things."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Goodness of God by Bethel Music*

Day 13: First Pres has been on an Abrahamic journey with God. In the same way that God called Abraham to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, Abraham obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land living in tents (like our interim worship locations) as did Isaac and Jacob who were heirs of the same promises. For Abraham was looking forward to the city with foundations whose architect and builder is God. (From Hebrews 11:8-10). God is building our church! God is the architect of our mission to the world! When you listen to Abraham's story you not only hear God's story for First Pres but also God's story for your life. Thank God that He always does what He says. Praise Him for His faithfulness to our church and to you!

- **Verse:** *2 Corinthians 1:20 "For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for His glory."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Promises by Maverick City Music*

Day 14: At First Pres we are about real relationships with God and each other. When that happens, we believe real transformation can take place. God created us for community and authenticity. We need safe spaces where we can listen and be listened to in a relaxed atmosphere of trust. If you are in a Life Group thank God for the members of your group by name. If you aren't in a Life Group, ask the Lord to give you the courage to take the first step toward deeper community.

- **Verse:** *Isaiah 61:3 "He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Graves Into Gardens by Elevation Worship*

WEEK THREE: OBEY

OCTOBER 24-30



Day 15: Use the QR code above to listen to an Audio Guided Prayer with Kathy Conner.

Day 16: Loving God means doing what he asks us to do. The Bible tells us to obey God joyfully. Does joy usually come to your mind when you hear the word obey? Pray not only for the willingness to obey God's word but also for the joy that comes from obeying God.

- **Verse:** *Psalm 119: 47 "I find pleasure in obeying your commands."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Surrendered by Chris Quilala*

Day 17: Ask God for a supernatural boldness to do the things he has called you to do. When he calls us, it always has the aroma of love. Is he calling you to forgive someone who hasn't asked for forgiveness? Is he calling you to pray for someone that is hard for you to love? Is he calling you to be the love of Jesus in someone's life that does not know him?

- **Verse:** *2 John 1:6 "And this is love; that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Thy Will by Hillary Scott*

Day 18: God's spirit gently nudges us or not so gently nudges us to make a bold step, take a risk, serve others, or commit. Why is it that we so often hold back? We think we lack the courage, the strength, the money, the influence, the wisdom we need. When we obey his call and live courageously it will amaze the world and point to Him. Reflect on the uniqueness God has carefully created in you and thank Him for it. Boldly say out loud, "Ok, God, I'm in! I'm going to trust you to use my strengths and my weaknesses!"

- **Verse:** *Acts 4:13 "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Jesus, I Give You My Heart by Matt Murphy*

WEEK THREE: OBEY

Day 19: Pray for a genuine hunger and thirst for God, for everything that matters to God and for the grace to seek His Kingdom first.

- **Verse:** *Matthew 6:33 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Lord, I Need You* by Matt Maher

Day 20: Pray that God would give you financial wisdom. Pray that you will be a good steward of the things He has entrusted to you and that He will guide you in your financial management for maximum Kingdom impact.

- **Verse:** *Matthew 25: 21 "The master was full of praise. "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Trust in You* by Lauren Daigle

Day 21: God doesn't bless us just so we can say we are blessed. God has blessed us so that we might be a blessing to others. God doesn't want something from us. He wants something for us. That is why giving back to God is about our heart. Blessings flow from God, but they should never stop with us. They come to us and then flow through us. Ask him to show you the wonder of generosity as you step out in faith to give sacrificially to the one who gave you everything, even his life.

- **Verse:** *Genesis 12: 2 "I will bless you and you will be a blessing to others."*
- **Suggested worship song:** *Make Room* by Community Music



*“For I know the plans I have for you,’
declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
a hope and a future.’”*

— Jeremiah 29:11

*“Be still in the presence of the
LORD and wait patiently for him to act;
those who trust in the LORD
will possess the land.”*

— *Psalm 37:7,9*

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