



DAYS **PRAYER & FASTING** DEVOTIONAL

THE PRIMER

In just a few hours we are going to start an extraordinary journey of prayer + fasting. A journey of dangerous prayers. A sacred time we set aside each year to tune our hearts to the rhythms of God's grace. A grace undeserved, but one that completely delivers. This is a time we repent, refocus, and reset our lives to Jesus. The beautiful thing about these days is remembering how it is all God's doing. He is at work, and we have been invited to join Him in furthering His kingdom. He is not looking for us to do more in 2017, He is looking for us to surrender more to Him. He is looking for us to give Him more of our hearts.

Will you join us in petitioning God with Dangerous Prayers?

So why do we pray + fast?

Prayer changes our perspective from the smallness of ourself, to the greatness of our God.

Fasting turns our attention from distractions and the things that hold us captive, to the One who delivers us.

In both we must create space to seek God for answers, for peace, and for direction.

Starting tomorrow we will offer a daily devotional with a Scripture reading, a reflection, and a prayer. Use these as a catalyst in your pursuit of Jesus. Use these days and devotionals as a tool to move you closer to Him. Don't just read it, but engage God in pray. He wants to hear from you. Practice being in His presence. Make space for Him, and know He is as close as a prayer. Know you are not alone in this journey, but we are all walking arms linked as a force for good in a world who desperately needs to hear the good news that is the gospel of Jesus. As we journey, we can all look to Jesus as our example. He demonstrated to us the most dangerous prayer when He said, "Not My will, but Yours be done."

READ REFLECT PRAY

PURSUE GOD // LOVE LIFE





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Focus- Self

Psalms 139.23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

REFLECT

David approached God with humility, asking the Lord to examine his heart. To uncover his anxious thoughts, and sinful ways, so that he might be lead in the way of everlasting. As we set out on this 21 Day journey, ask the Lord to do the same in you. To search your heart, and reveal anything that does not glorify His Name.

PRAY

Jesus, search my heart and have mercy on me, a sinner. Undeserving of, but completely covered by Your grace. I surrender my anxious ways and my life to You. I ask You to transform this heart of mine, so that in these days my life might be used for Your glory.

Spend some time praying for yourself.



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Focus- The Lost

Luke 19.8-10

"Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

REFLECT

At one time you were lost... but God...

Take a moment to thank God for rescuing you from the depths and the pit. Remembering that when you were lost in your wrath and sin, Jesus came for you.

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for coming for me. Thank You for seeking me out, and finding me... even in my sin. I praise You for pulling me out of the pit of death, and for giving me the breath of salvation.

Spend some time praying for those who are lost and without Christ.



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Focus- Orphans + Widows

Psalms 68.4-6

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

REFLECT

God's heart beats towards the orphan and the widow, and the closer you move towards Him, the more your heart will as well.

PRAY

Jesus, break my heart for the orphan and the widow. Just as Your heart is broken for for them, set my compassion to care for and look after them.

Spend some time praying for the orphan + widows in the world.



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Focus- The Nation

Psalm 33.12-15

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

REFLECT

God has blessed our nation... it is time we bless His Name.

PRAY

God, I know You are present in my life, and You are alive in this nation. I know You watch over us. You see our lives and You form our hearts. I desire the heart of this nation beat for You and You alone. And may it start with me.

Spend some time praying for our nation.



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Focus- City + State

Psalm 127.1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

REFLECT

The Lord is our builder and our protector. This city belongs to Him.

PRAY

Father, may I seek to build your House more than I desire to contribute to the city. Knowing that as I invite people to come and see what You have done, the city will expand as a result of Your House being built.

Spend some time praying for your city, and our state.



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Focus- President

Romans 13.1-2

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

REFLECT

All governments are under God's order and authority.

PRAY

God, I recognize all authority has been established by Your sovereignty. Help me find my place in submission to the authorities in my life as an act of obedience to You. Lord, I lift up President Obama and his family. I ask you grant them wisdom and discernment as they shift to a new chapter in their lives. I also lift up President-elect Trump and ask the transition to the Presidency be smooth. That his family would find peace in the new pace of life, and that the prayers of Your people would reach and be felt in the White House.

Spend some time praying for our outgoing President, and the incoming President.



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Senators / Representatives / Governor / Local Officials

1 Peter 2.13-14;16-17

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

REFLECT

Show proper respect, fear God, honor those in government.

PRAY

God, You alone have established those in position of authority. I submit myself to them because of the authority You have established them in, not the authority they hold over me. I pray they would seek Your guidance, Your wisdom, and Your face as they make decisions that will impact the lives of not only this nation, but the world.

Spend some time praying for all those in an elected or appointed position in our government.



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Fathers

Psalm 103.13-18

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

REFLECT

The Lord's compassion is the perfect example of a father's love.

PRAY

God, You carried me when I was unable to do anything for myself. As my Heavenly Father, You give me underserved compassion and grace. Pour out this same grace on fathers everywhere. Thank you for my earthly father. Beyond his faults and failures, Your sovereign love used him to give me life. A life I have been given to worship You, and make Your Name famous.

Spend some time praying for your father, and for those who have been a father to you.



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Mothers

Luke 1.46-49

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name."

REFLECT

God used Mary to bear the Christ because her heart was humble, and her posture was towards serving Him.

PRAY

God, thank you for mothers. For their natural bend to sacrifice, place others before themselves, and their humility in service. Thank you for my earthly mother. Along with my earthly father You used their DNA to create me. Pour out Your mercy on her, and help her to walk humbly in Your ways. You chose her to carry me, and for that I am grateful.

Spend some time praying for your mother, and for those who have been a mother to you.



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Sons

Psalms 127:3-5

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REFLECT

Sons are a gift from God. They belong more to Him, than they do to you.

PRAY

Father, help me to trust You more with my son, than I trust myself. I trust You with his deliverance, and salvation. I trust You with his health, safety, and well-being. I trust You with his future, and his life. Use me to lead him to trust in You too.

Spend some time praying for your sons, for the sons you hope to have, and those you see as sons.



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Father, help me to trust You more with my daughter, than I trust myself. I trust You with her deliverance, and salvation. I trust You with her health, safety, and well-being. I trust You with her future, and her life. Use me to lead her to trust in You too.

Spend some time praying for your daughters, for the daughters you hope to have, and those you see as daughters.



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Siblings

Romans 12.9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

REFLECT

Siblings are a gift from God.

PRAY

Jesus, help me to see Your face when offering grace to my sibling. Beyond rivalry, or favoritism is my obedience to You and Your call for me to be devoted in love. Help me to see them as You see them.

Spend some time praying for your brothers + sisters, and those you grew up with as brothers + sisters.



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Family + Friends

John 15.9-13

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

REFLECT

Jesus calls us to love.

PRAY

Jesus, help me to love my friends + family with the same love You give to me. In thought, in word, in action, and in deed. Even when it costs me more than I want it to, or think it should. Help me to give them grace.

Spend some time praying for your grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and for your friends.



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Missionaries

Romans 10.13-15

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

REFLECT

We have called on the Lord to save us, and have been invited to go and preach, so the world can hear, and believe, just as we have.

PRAY

Jesus, help me to speak Your gospel wherever I go. You have given me a voice to be used to declare Your glory and grace, and I don't want to take it for granted. For those far from home, or homes that are now far away, we pray that as the world cries out for a Savior, we respond with Your Name, Jesus. Help me to preach Your gospel, so that the world will hear, and believe.

Spend some time praying for those who have been called to carry the Name of Jesus to other places, spaces, and nations.



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Romans 12.4-6

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REFLECT

Jesus came to seek, and save the lost. His sacrifice was the ultimate display of His love for the world He created. As His Church we are called to show the world this radical grace through our unity, and our sacrificial love for one another.

PRAY

Jesus, open my eyes to the need for me to be active in the local church. Help me to know that whatever You have called me to, and whatever purpose I am carrying, it is for You and Your glory. As member of Your body, help me to show the world a united front for Your kingdom and Your fame.

Spend some time praying for the people of Destiny Church Republic. Pray for their hosts, teachers, pastors + leaders.



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Spend some time praying for the people of Destiny Church Marshfield. Pray for their hosts, teachers, pastors + leaders.



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1 Timothy 4.11-13

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity... devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

REFLECT

God is no respecter of age. He uses the willing and obedient.

PRAY

Lord, You have set yourself as God over all generations. Help me to teach and lead this generation in Your ways. In Your righteousness. And in Your mercy. Give me opportunities to pour into them what others have poured into me, and to be a champion for the cause You are sending them to accomplish.

Spend some time praying for our Destiny Young Adults. Pray for their hosts, teachers, pastors + leaders.



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Global Church

Matthew 16.16-18

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

REFLECT

God's church is not a building. It is the people of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY

Jesus, You are the hope of humanity. Help me to remember Your church is built, not on a person, or on a group of people, but on the proclamation that You are the Messiah. Help me to see I am called to be a outpost of grace, and declare Your endless, unrelenting, boundless love for all.

Spend some time praying for the global Church.



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Switch Students

1 Peter 2.9-10

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

REFLECT

God has created you with the future in mind. A future that includes telling the world how God called you out of the darkness, and into His light.

PRAY

Jesus, help me to speak these life-giving words into a generation of students who need to see + follow You. That I would believe I am chosen, royal, holy, and Your special possession, and from that position, one of acceptance, help me to declare to those who will inherit the baton of faith they too are accepted by You.

Spend some time praying for our SWITCH students, hosts, teachers, pastors + leaders.



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Kids City Kids

Psalms 34:8-11

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

REFLECT

From childhood we find fulfillment in seeking God's goodness.

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for children. For their innocence, their inquiring minds, and their love for life. Help us to raise children who look to You. Who take refuge in You, and who find that You are good. Help me to understand I am Your child, and to live a life focused on You. As I reflect Your image into future generations, I ask You shine brightly in and through me.

Spend some time praying for the Kids City kids, hosts, teachers, pastors + leaders.



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Future Campuses

Isaiah 54.2

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

REFLECT

The Lord has not called us to be fearful or hesitant, but to live vividly in our expectations and belief in what is possible with Him.

PRAY

Jesus, as I move forward in the space You have granted me to serve, my desire is to please You. As I am stretched to new understandings and new territories of life, have mercy on me and help me keep You as my focus, my portion, and my goal. Remind me that a fruit of my faithfulness will be Your deliverance of others. Not because of what I do, but because of what You have done in me.

Spend some time praying for the expansion of the tent that is DC. Pray for future hosts, teachers, pastors + leaders.