

January 1st

A Prayer for God's Presence

By Josh Wilson

Psalm 27:4

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Lord more than anything in this whole world I long for your presence.
I want to walk every day of this year with you, seeking your face.
Help me to see your beauty, to hear your voice, and to never stray from you.

Walk with me daily like you did with Adam and Eve
Sit and chat with me like you did with Abraham
Befriend me like you did Moses
Speak to me at night like you did Samuel
Whisper to me like you did with Elijah
And lead me like you did with Jesus

Holy Spirit, help me to keep in step with you, to follow your shadow, to ride your coat tails...
Allow me to experience a more intimate relationship with you.
Sensitize me to your presence.
Protect me from sin and help me not to grieve you.

When I am afraid help me to remember your Word:
Isaiah 41:10
So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

In Jesus Name
Amen

January 2nd

**A Prayer of Knowing our Identity in Christ
By Stuart Miller**

Father, thank you for sending your Son Jesus so that we might rest in his identity. Lord, we pray that you would help each of us to become fully alive to our true identity in You. Give us clear eyes and humble hearts to recognize the way you see us. Father, it is our prayer that you would make clear all the lies that this world tells us about what we are and need to be. Teach us to hear your voice and not believe the enemy's destructive lies about who we are.

I praise you for my uniqueness and that I am made in Your image. (Genesis 1:27). Help us understand the truth about how you see us. Thank you for the hope in the future that you have for us. We thank you that you have told us in your Word that we are Your children. (John 1:12) that we have been justified (Romans 5:1) that we are your friend (John 15:15) and that we belong to you. (1 Cor. 6:20). We rest in your assurance that we have been anointed, and sealed by You. (2 Cor. 1:21-22). We praise your name that you have given us a promise of being blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3). You instruct us that we have been chosen before the Creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, 11) that we are holy and blameless. (Ephesians 1:4). Father, thank you for the assurance that we are holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4), forgiven. (Ephesians 1:8) and adopted as your child (Ephesians 1:5). Father, confirm in our hearts that we will rest assured of the promise you have for our lives and that we will be with you for eternity. Father, all of these promises we claim in your precious Son's name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

January 3rd
Returning to The Lord
By Jayne Brekelbaum

God, hear our prayer as we cry out to You. Have Mercy on our (Your) wayward children. “ Shake what can be shaken (in their busy, self-centered lives) SO THAT, that which cannot be shaken will remain (Your Holy Spirit).” Hebrews 12:24-25

I pray that You will change their hearts and minds. Stir and convict them of sin. May they experience a dissatisfaction for the things of the world , causing them to turn back to You , Spirit of the living God breath on them. May they wake up spiritually. May they be humbled under Your mighty hand and Come Home to You! I lift them up to You . Do a mighty work in their lives. Bless them with Your presence. All to Your Praise and Glory! Amen

January 4th
A Prayer for God’s Supernatural Presence
By Jim Hall

Holy God, stretch out your hand to heal. Shake us with manifestations of your power and fill us with you Holy Spirit so that we may speak your Word boldly. Cause your Kingdom to advance forcefully in NWA and to the ends of the earth. Your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Acts 4:28-31, Matt. 6:10, Matt. 11:12)

January 5th
A Prayer for Wholeheartedness by Stephanie Lane

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Father, we come before you as a people who have seen your miraculous deeds and have experienced your great wonders all over the earth. Remind us of the ways your love has moved powerfully on our behalf. You are the only one worthy of the attention of our whole hearts. You are the only one able to redeem a broken people. You are the only one worthy of all of the strength and devotion in praise. We approach your throne with confidence, knowing that those who seek you will find you faithful. Lord, we ask that you would passionately pursue the hearts of our children. You created each one to bear your image. Would you breathe your identity into their lives? Your Word promises that if we boldly share our testimonies of your greatness, that the next generation — even those not yet born — will set their hope anew on God! (Psalm 78:5-8)

Let this be true of the body of believers at New Heights Bentonville. Lord, find us faithful as we wholeheartedly commit to this calling to not keep your truth hidden from our children. Lord, please graciously reveal to us your wisdom on how to make disciples of the next generation. Would you show us the ways you want the Church to intentionally engage the hearts of children? Remind us again of the value your Son put on children. Thank you for his example and sacrifice that made a way for all who believe to be able to enter into a relationship with you. Renew in us a child-like faith to wait with expectancy, trusting that you will keep every promise you made. Let our worship honor you! Let us reflect your love tangibly to those you've entrusted to our care. Amen

January 6th
A prayer for Wisdom
By Tim Ferguson

Lord, it is with complete humility that I come before your majesty. Your ways are above my ways and your weakness far greater than my strength. Your word tells me that if I lack wisdom I should ask for it. I confess to you that I lack the wisdom I need to completely follow you this up-

coming year, so my Father, I ask you to grant me wisdom that is from above. The wisdom that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Let my every decision be made with your guidance, for I give you my life completely. Let all that I stand for, all that I do, all that I say, all that I have and all that I am be to your greater glory.

In Christ' name, amen.

January 7th

Let My Life Be Glorifying to God

By Amy Ferguson

O' Lord, may my thoughts be your thoughts and my words be your words. Whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is holy, whatever is right, whatever is lovely, whatever is excellent, think about such things. Help me to set my eyes on you, taking captive every thought to the obedience of Jesus Christ, that I might see others through your eyes. Setting behind me all the baggage, the preconceived ideas and prejudices I carry that I might live in freedom; unfettered and able and willing to extend the loving hands of Christ to those you have placed in my path. That I would not be so busy, caught up in the world rushing by around me, missing the divine appointments you have set before me. Let your Holy Spirit equip me and give me words of grace and truth for every encounter I have. Help me to lovingly portray you as you have revealed yourself to me. Let my speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, knowing how to answer each question. May my days not be so full of other things so that I have to take time for you, but may my life be so full of you that I am speaking of and meditating on you when I walk along the road, when I lie down, when I get up, when I am in my home, and when I am in the work place. Lord, be so present in my life that others see you when they look at me. My life is not about building a legacy; it's about reflecting your glory. In Jesus Name, Amen

January 8th
Christ All Around Me
By St. Patrick

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation
of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

January 9th
Praying for The Prodigal
By Mitzi Miller

Father, I thank you that I can come to you with all of my worries and burdens. Today I want to lift up the prodigal in my family who has walked away from faith in you. As you say in Isaiah 55:9, "Your ways are higher than my ways and Your thoughts are higher than my thoughts". I know you have a plan and that there is purpose in the pain. Help me to get out of the way so your perfect will can be accomplished. Thank you for being the mighty warrior who is fighting for my child. Thank you for being the good shepherd who leaves the 99 to go after the 1. Thank you Holy Spirit for causing the blinders to fall from eyes who have shunned You. And for your savage mercy that convicts and restores. I trust You. I leave this at your feet. Your will, Your way, Your timing. Amen.



January 10

This I Must Remember

By Barrett Robinson

Thank you, oh Lord! Thank you for pursuing me. Thank you for walking with me. Thank you for leading me. Thank you for protecting me. Most importantly, thank you for who you are. THIS I MUST REMEMBER. Oh Lord, life on Earth is not easy. It is full of strife, full of temptations, full of hostility, full of SIN. It can easily seem as if this world is spinning out of control, ready to throw me off at any moment, and come crashing down upon me at any time. This can lead to worry, anxiety, or even panic. But Your Love is Greater, Your Power is Mightier, Your Faithfulness is Eternal. You are in Control! This I MUST REMEMBER. Oh Lord, I pray your Spirit would press into me, I pray Your Spirit would penetrate my soul, I pray your Spirit would sear Your Truths into my heart. Allowing me to carry Your Truths with me in times of doubt, in times of darkness, in times of despair, in times of plenty, in times of joy, and in the ordinary times between. Your Truths are trustworthy, Your Truths are steadfast, Your Truths are timeless. This I MUST REMEMBER. Oh Lord, you have promised you are a refuge for me to seek asylum, an oasis for me to be refreshed, place to recharge. You have promised to never leave me nor forsake me. You have promised that I shall not want, you have promised to make me lie down in green pastures, you have promised to lead me by still waters, you have promised to restore my soul. THIS I MUST REMEMBER. Oh Lord, help me remember who you are. You are God! Help me remember who I am. I am Your child, I am Your heir, I am made in Your image, I am made for things far greater than this life. Help me remember this life is just temporary, a foreshadowing of what is to come. Help me remember to fix my eyes upon all that You are and embrace your mission for my life. THIS I MUST REMEMBER!



January 11

Prayer for next generation

By Abbey Wood

Lord I pray for the next generation. I ask for your hand to be on them. They are being pulled in so many different directions and being told so many different “truths”. Father I pray for them to find you in the middle of all of it and to see that you are the only truth. You are the true north. Lord I ask for your children to see you and to know you deeply. Protect them from the enemy. Protect them from false teachers and the things of this world that draw them away from you. I pray for divine appointments in these children’s lives. I ask for workers to bring your gospel to these children. I pray for revival among the next generation.

January 12th

Prayer for awareness

By Adam Halford

Lord God, you are so good to me. You have been faithful in every way. Please forgive me in moments of doubt and frustration when I have difficulty seeing your goodness. I pray that you would grant me the vision to see the needs of others. Help me to be aware of those who need you and who need to hear from you. Speak through me Lord so that I can be an encouragement to them, that I can speak your truth to them, and that you can be glorified. Father, please give me a compassionate heart for others. I pray for awareness to the plight of others. Please help me to not focus on myself. Help me to die to myself daily so that I can reflect you to everyone whom I encounter.
Amen

January 13th

Prayer for Community

By Bethany Halford

Dear Lord, please grant every single person in our church tangible community. I pray that those seeking community would speak up, that those in healthy community would spread that gift out over our body in a contagious way, that those that

feel unseen would be sought out by me, and that those who might be avoiding it will stop listening to the lies of the enemy. Don't let one person be forgotten by another. Speak to each of us, Lord, names of those that are slipping through the cracks and desperate to feel like they are a vital part of the church. I am so thankful for those who have poured into to me (name a few people here,) and I pray that you give me the drive to pour into the church and pour into others. Tell me how I can serve our church and the amazing people that make it up. Guide us to pursue others, so that they feel loved. If there are things in my life that are busy obstacles to me investing in community, I pray that you give me the discipline to weed out those obstacles. Thank you for New Heights Bentonville and each person that makes up our church. I pray all of this in your holy name. Amen.

January 14th
Make me an Instrument
By St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

January 15th
A Prayer for Simplicity and Depth
By Garrett Wiley

Lord, in a world of excess may we take time to say "no" to some things so we might more often say "yes" to You. As we forgo certain pleasures of this world may we seek a deeper and more intimate fel-

lowship with You. We humbly ask that You would turn our groaning into thanksgiving, our doubt into trust, our distractions into dedication, and our fear into faith. God, we depend on the Holy Spirit of Your Son to give us strength and discernment. We do this not for our own glory or recognition, but for Yours. Amen.

January 16th

Ashton Heights Kids knowing Jesus

By Mark Hale

Lord, we ask for a movement amongst the children and families that live next door to Ruth Barker Middle School. Lord, you know these children, and you have dreams and plans for these children to come to encounter and know you as the Loving father that you are. Lord, would you come and break the cycle of generational sin in their lives. Would you bring them to knowledge of who you are and what you have done for them due to your vast and loving heart. Lord use us, your people, as instruments of Kingdom bringing to their lives, through community, friendship, sacrifice, and commitment. May we not be a people that are easily offended because we know the source of all true comfort: You! That we may be dependent upon the Spirit that you have placed inside of us as a source of wisdom and true spiritual fruit as a witness to those who do not know you. You are all of our goodness. Jesus, put your hand of protection on these children and would you pour out your Spirit in this way so that those who have been stuck in darkness will be able to see your great light.

January 17th

A Prayer of Spiritual Battle

By Jim Hall

In the strong name of Jesus Christ, I stand against the world, the flesh, and the devil. I resist every force that would seek to distract me from my center in God. I reject the distorted concepts and ideas that make sin plausible and desirable. I oppose every attempt to keep me from knowing full fellowship with God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I speak directly

to the thoughts, emotions, and desires of my heart and command you to find your satisfaction in the infinite variety of God's love, rather than the bland diet of sin. I call upon the good, the true and the-beautiful to rise up within me and the evil to subside. I ask for an increase of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. By the authority of Almighty God, I tear down Satan's strongholds in my life, in the lives of those I love, and in the society in which I live. I take into myself the weapons of truth, righteousness, peace, salvation, the Word of God and prayer. I ask for an increase of faith, hope and love so that, by the power of God, I can be a light set on a hill causing truth and justice to flourish. Lord, I pray these things for your sake and for my sake, because you loved me and gave yourself for me.

January 18th

Prayer of thankfulness

By Abbey Wood

Father, thank you for who you are. I praise you for your unchanging character. Lord you are so good, merciful, kind, and faithful. Thank you for all of the ways you have worked in my life and the ways that you will continue working. I praise you for bringing me out of the depths and adopting me as your child. Thank you for every person you have placed in my life and those I am yet to meet. Thank you for everything you have provided for me. I pray for a posture of continual thankfulness knowing that nothing is from my own doing and everything is from you. Thank you Father for new life. Amen

January 19th

Let Your Kingdom Come

By Sean Womack

Lord let your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let your kingdom come in my life. Let your kingdom come in my heart. Let your kingdom come in my relationships. Let your kingdom come in my work, in my rest and in my play. Let your kingdom come in my hopes and dreams and desires. Let your kingdom come in my body, in my soul—my

mind, my will, my emotions—and let your kingdom come in my spirit. Let my days and my nights, my waking and my sleeping, my coming and going, every single aspect of my life be filled with your kingdom. In Jesus name, let it be so!

January 20th

That We Might Abandon Our Other Gods

By Jesse Lane

Oh God, we desire to worship you alone. In your first commandment to the Israelites, you said: “You must not have any other god but me.”

Later when He was asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” How are we doing? How am I doing? Reveal to us where our hearts are divided.

Let us abandon our love and worship of money, comfort, status, and success. Instead, let us worship you alone. We want to love you with all our heart and soul and mind so that there is no room for loving other gods. Forgive us. Forgive me, for trusting another thing to save me. I repent. We repent. Let our all-in worship result in all-in love for others. Even though it will mean uncomfortable moments and awkward conversations. Though it will surely cost us something, let us love you more than all that we might lose.

Let the fruit of our worship be that your promises are fulfilled before our eyes. Break chains of addiction, light up dark and hidden places where sin remains. Set captives free from fear. Bring sight to our blind neighbors, co-workers, family and friends who don’t yet see your beauty and power.

Let us abandon all other gods and love you, and others, with all we are. Amen.

January 21st
Oh Lord Your Beautiful
By Keith Green

Oh Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I see
For when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me
Oh Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clean
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear
I want to take Your Word and shine it all
around
But first help me just to live it, Lord
And when I'm doing well,
help me to never seek a crown
For my reward is giving glory to You.