

# ENGAGE 2019 - PRAYER GUIDE

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Thank you for joining us in studying Scripture and praying about the ENGAGE movement at Paragon Church. We are excited to see what God does next as we move to connect in our communities. This prayer guide is designed to be used for 14 days during the beginning of 2019. Here is how to use it.

Beginning Monday, January 7...

### Read:

Read the Scriptures aloud. If time allows, read the passage surrounding the given verses to better understand the context of the verses given.

### Pray:

Communicate and engage with God. Have a conversation with Him. Speak and listen.

### Fast:

During the 14 days of prayer, we ask you to fast from something that you regularly "hunger" for and point that hunger towards God. Some suggestions: meat, bread, desserts, breakfast (go from 8:00pm to noon the next day - a 16 hour a day fast), lunch, your phone for a set period every day, social media, etc.

## DAY ONE - Monday, January 7

**Read:** John 3:30

**Pray:** Our goal as an individual AND as a church is to MAKE MUCH OF JESUS. He must become greater and I must become less. Ask God to give Paragon this attitude as we head into 2019. Ask Him to show you how you can become less.

## DAY TWO - Tuesday, January 8

**Read:** Matthew 6:6-8

**Pray:** Prayer is personal, intimate communication with God. He longs for you to spend time with Him and for you to be BRUTALLY HONEST with Him. Ask God to teach you how to pray more faithfully, intimately, and honestly. Our challenge from yesterday is for Him to become greater and us to become less (John 3:30)... will you take 3 minutes and 30 seconds in silence to just listen to God.

## DAY THREE - Wednesday, January 9

**Read:** Luke 5:17-26

**Pray:** Pray that we can see God to great things... pray that Paragon Church and the individuals can play an active part in God doing great things. Pray that God would lead us to see friends in need and be moved to compassion to bring them to Him. Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear. Pray that we ENGAGE with those around us.

## DAY FOUR - Thursday, January 10

**Read:** Hebrews 11:1 (and the rest of the chapter if you get a chance)

**Pray:** If you read through the rest of Hebrews 11, you read story after story of people that did crazy things based on their confidence in the unseen. Faith leads to ACTION. What is God asking you do? Ask Him.

## DAY FIVE - Friday, January 11

**Read:** Matthew 6:9

**Pray:** God is good. Praise Him today for His greatness and holiness. Thank God for choosing you to represent Him in this world. We are Christ's Ambassadors! We have been given a HUGE responsibility - commit to Him today to ENGAGE. To use your time, talents, and treasure to ENGAGE and represent Him well.

## DAY SIX - Saturday, January 12

**Read:** Joshua 3:5 & Psalm 51:10

**Pray:** Ask God to clearly show you the areas of your life where you are not ENGAGING with Him and others. Ask Him for forgiveness and transformation. Pray for Him to work in the hearts of those who attend Paragon - that He would show us our brokenness and the brokenness of those around us... to give us His vision to better ENGAGE.

## **DAY SEVEN - Sunday, January 13**

**Read:** Psalm 119:104-106

**Pray:** Thank God for preserving His Word so that we could be CONNECTED with Him and others through it. Ask Him for the courage to follow the path that He has outlined for your life. Ask for opportunities to SHARE YOUR STORY.

## **DAY EIGHT - Monday, January 14**

**Read:** Romans 15:4-5

**Pray:** Commit to read the Bible daily if you are not already doing it. There are lots of Bibles that come with reading plans, apps you can download, or online studies you can ENGAGE with. Thank God that we have access to His Word and pray for those who don't - Thank God for the HOPE, STRENGTH, and ENCOURAGEMENT it brings.

## **DAY NINE - Tuesday, January 15**

**Read:** 1 John 5:14-15

**Pray:** Acknowledge God's amazing power. Ask God to give you an APPETITE for the lost, to OPEN YOUR EYES to the things around you, to give you power TO DO YOUR PART, and to give you opportunity to TELL YOUR STORY.

## **DAY TEN - Wednesday, January 16**

**Read:** 1 John 4:10-12

**Pray:** Did you see the text? It says the best way for people who are far from God to see Him is to see His followers love one another. Who do we need to show love to today? Pray that God opens up opportunities for you to ENGAGE with other believers - to ENGAGE in the church.

## **DAY ELEVEN - Thursday, January 17 (Third Thursday)**

**Read:** Mark 10:42-45

**Pray:** According to today's passage, why did Jesus come to earth? He didn't come to be served as a king (even though He is the King of Kings). He came to serve. Today, ask God to help you ENGAGE with others through LOVE and SERVICE. Ask Him for a clear vision and direction of how you can ENGAGE in SERVING others at Paragon.

## **DAY TWELVE - Friday, January 18**

**Read:** 1 John 1:1-2

**Pray:** "We have seen it with our eyes... now we testify" is the condensed paraphrasing of the CSB. Testify: "to make known" - Ask Him to help you TELL YOUR STORY to others. How can you best DECLARE the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world of broken people? How can you best ENGAGE in this culture with a message of HOPE?

## **DAY THIRTEEN - Saturday, January 19**

**Read:** 1 Peter 1:6-9

**Pray:** Pray that you have the power to put self-interest aside and FULLY ENGAGE in serving Him and others with the result being "inexpressible and glorious joy." Ask Him to help Paragon experience this kind of JOY as we MAKE MUCH OF JESUS.

## **DAY FOURTEEN - Sunday, January 20**

**Read:** Ephesians 2:4-5

**Pray:** Praise God for showing you mercy and giving you life. Pray that those far from God would see and understand God's mercy and be given life in Christ as a result of Paragon's willingness to ENGAGE.

*Thank you for praying with us as we continue to ENGAGE in worship, in culture, in community, in giving and in serving.*

