

ZIPAYS OF PRAYER

It has been said many times and many ways that no Christian, no family, and no church will ever be stronger than when we are on our knees in prayer. We rejoice that you are committed to praying together as a church for the next 21 days. These 21 days will culminate on Easter, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

What you have in your hand is merely a guide to help our church family focus our prayers on some specific areas for 21 days. During these 21 Days of Prayer the goal is for us to realize the presence of God in our lives and to petition Him to work and move in a special way in our lives and in our church.

So ready your hearts and minds as we begin the 21 Days of Prayer leading us to Easter.

DAY 1 Sunday, March 10 THE LORD'S PRAYER

How do I pray? That sounds like a simple question with a simple answer, but so many people struggle with that. Even the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." - Luke 11:1 NKJV

The Lord's Prayer is the model and guide Jesus gave us. Join us today as we pray.

9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. - Matthew 6:9-13

DAY 1 CHALLENGE

Let's connect to God relationally by worshiping His name, praying that His will be done on earth

as it is in Heaven, thanking Him for providing for us, asking Him to help us to forgive others and to be forgiven, asking Him to protect us from the enemy, let's recognize His kingdom, power and glory are forever.

DAY 2 Monday, March 11 Hearing from the Lord

So many times we give up on praying because we think that the Lord is not speaking or maybe we didn't get the answer we were hoping for. I think part of the problem is that we may not know the voice of the Lord as much as we think we do.

Learning His voice comes with spending more time with Jesus through prayer, reading His word and even through silence. We see that when Samuel was young and learning he did not recognize the voice of the Lord.

4 "that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" 5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.
6 Then the Lord called yet again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.)

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.' "So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

I Samuel 3:4-10

DAY 2 CHALLENGE

Jesus, speak to us over the next couple of weeks as we commit to praying and help us to hear Your voice as we sit quietly expecting You to speak.

DAY 3 Tuesday, March 12 Why Should I Pray?

Why should I pray? That's a tough question we must face and respond to as individuals. First, prayer connects us to God. His desire is to be in relationship with us. He is not some distant dictator waiting on us to mess up. He is holy, just and loving. Second, prayer gives us direction. It can be hard and confusing living in this world, but God can and will guide us if we will let Him.

5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

James 1-5

DAY 3 CHALLENGE

Jesus, today we ask for wisdom and guidance as we seek to honor you in all that we do.

DAY 4 Wednesday, March 13 Praying for the Lost

Today there are countless people that will die and go to hell because they do not have a relationship with Jesus. God's desire is that no one would perish and, as a Christ follower we should come along side Him to pray for those who are lost. We cannot draw anyone to Jesus by our own efforts, but only the Father can draw them to Him.

44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him..."

John 6:44

DAY 4 CHALLENGE

Abba Father, I want to pray for all those that are lost. I want to specifically pray for (list their names).

Will you intervene in their life and draw their heart to you? May the Holy Spirit show them their need for You. Please move in a mighty way.

Amen.

DAY 5 Thursday, March 14 Pray for Laborers

Yesterday we prayed for the lost and we will continue to do so. Today we will focus on praying for laborers. The Bible is clear. We are to pray for laborers too.

35"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." -Matthew 9:38

DAY 5 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we earnestly pray for laborers to go into Your harvest and share the gospel with those who are lost. We pray that the laborers are able to show people that You are truly the Good Shepherd who loves them deeply.

We pray for this in Jesus name, Amen.

DAY 6 Friday, March 15 Pray for Missionaries

Every believer is a missionary, but some are called to serve away from their family and friends. Today, we want to lift up all those who are serving to spread the gospel. Missionaries can face many difficulties while serving, not just the attacks from the enemy. LaBelle Haven is supporting missionaries around the world because of your generosity. You may know some of these, and if you do, call them out to the Lord by name.

58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." - I

Corinthians 15:58

DAY 6 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we are so thankful for what you did on the cross for everyone. We are also thankful for the missionaries who have left everything to serve You both nationally and internationally. Please protect them and their families as they serve. Bless them with good health, peace of mind, perseverance in difficult times, and courage as they face road blocks in ministry.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

DAY 7 Saturday, March 16 Pray for Repentance

It is important for us to lift each other up in prayer daily. The enemy has too many weapons which can cause conflict and wounds in the body of Christ. We must be vulnerable enough to confess our sins to one another and when we do, something truly miraculous happens.

16 "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
James 5:16

DAY 7 CHALLENGE

Jesus, search my heart for any sins or anything that is not pleasing to You. Forgive me of my sins and if I have bitterness towards anyone in the body please heal that area of my life. Bless the body of believers at LaBelle Haven today.

In Jesus name,

DAY 8 Sunday, March 17 Pray for Spiritual Awakening

It's evident that the world has become a dark place and, in some cases, the church has too. We are called to be a city on a hill, shinning brightly for Jesus. Is it possible that the body of Christ has fallen asleep and allowed the darkness to expand? If we truly want to see God move once again, then we must wake up. The body of Christ is going to wake up one heart at a time.

10 "finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14

Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light." - Ephesians 5:10-16

DAY 8 CHALLENGE

Jesus, keep me from anything that would cause my light to be hidden or diminished. Wake up my spirit. Change my heart to see people and things the way You do. Jesus, please send a spiritual awakening to our entire nation.

DAY 9 Monday, March 18 Pray for Our Leaders

God is the one who has appointed and allowed our leaders to be in a position of authority. It would be very beneficial if we lift them up in prayer.

1"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." - 1 Timothy 2:1-

DAY 9 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we pray for our leaders at the local, state, and national level. Bless them with wisdom and guide them to do the right thing for all people. Most importantly draw their hearts to Yours.

DAY 10 Tuesday, March 19 Pray for our LaBelle Kids Ministry

The enemy wants our children. Throughout history, Satan has tried to destroy the children. He wants to destroy the children, destroy the family, and then destroy the church. Our children are precious to Jesus which means the enemy wants them even more. Today we want to pray for our children and the LaBelle Kids Ministry.

16 "But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:16

DAY 10 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we pray for our children and all the children of the world. Please protect them from the enemy. Protect their minds, hearts, and bodies. Show our children who they really are and guide them closer to You. We also pray for the LaBelle Kids Ministry, the leaders, volunteers, and parents. Equip us to train our children in Your ways so they will not make the same mistakes we have. Bless our children and their families today.

DAY 11 Wednesday, March 20 Pray for our LaBelle Student Ministry

Our students are living in a different world than just a few years ago. They are faced with extreme pressure to conform to the ideas of this world. This is causing a massive amount of anxiety, stress, and confusion. Our students must learn the truth from God's word and hide it in their hearts so they will not fall when the enemy attacks. We want to take time to pray for our students and the LaBelle Student Ministry.

30 "Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall,
31 But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:30-31

DAY 11 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we pray for our students to be strong and courageous as they face attacks from the enemy. Give them a deeper desire for Your word, and hide it in their hearts so they will know the truth. Give them peace, clarity, and discernment as they face the enemy. Light a fire within them to share the gospel and win the world for you.

DAY 12 Thursday, March 21 Pray for Family

It is obvious that the family unit has been under attack since the beginning of time. Satan does not like things the way God created them to be. Today we will focus our prayers on family. Family is more than just those in our house, more than just blood, and more than those in our circle of friends. We, as believers, are a part of the larger family of God, and should do everything to protect our family from the tactics of the enemy. Repent, ask someone for forgiveness, and silence any negative talk within our family.

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:1-3

DAY 12 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we pray that you will protect our family from any physical, mental, and spiritual harm. Help us, as a family, to pursue peace with one another. Help us to recognize when Satan is causing division in our family, and show us how to stand against it. Bless our family so we may be a blessing to others.

In Jesus name,

DAY 13 Friday, March 22 Pray for our Pastor

Pastors have always faced challenges, but in recent years, that has been intensified. Today, we pray for courage, strength, wisdom, inspiration, and anointing for our Pastor.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:33

DAY 13 CHALLENGE

Jesus, today we intercede on behalf of our Pastor. We ask that you will guide him, give him wisdom, renew his strength, increase his focus on You, and lift him up when he is discouraged. Please bless and protect his family as he seeks to honor you. Give him inspiration as he prepares his sermons, and anoint his study time with You.

DAY 14 Saturday, March 23 Pray for Endurance

Today we will shift our prayer focus towards Easter as we approach Holy Week. Jesus is turning towards Jerusalem with a steadfastness we cannot comprehend. He knows the assignment given to Him and is preparing to accomplish His mission.

"Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,"

Luke 9:51

DAY 14 CHALLENGE

Jesus, You have given me an assignment. Please strengthen me to run the race you have set before me. Show me the work You have for me in order to build Your Kingdom. May I finish my race well.

DAY 15 Sunday, March 24 Pray for a True Heart

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. Jesus is making His way into Jerusalem and the crowd is preparing for His Triumphal Entry.

12 "The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna!

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'
The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion;

Behold, your King is coming,

Sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing.

Look, the world has gone after Him!"

John 12:12-19

DAY 15 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we are deeply thankful for Your plan to redeem us. Help us to ignore the voices that would try to weaken our faith. Train our ears to hear Your voice and give us courage to follow you all the days of our lives. May our hearts remain true until You come again.

In Jesus name,

DAY 16 Monday, March 25 Pray for Revelation

On His second day in Jerusalem before being crucified, Jesus is still trying to teach. We can see from the following scripture that the religious rulers still don't see Jesus for who He really is.

41 "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42** saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"

They said to Him, "The Son of David."

43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

44 'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '?

45 If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" **46** And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore."

Matthew 22:41-46

DAY 16 CHALLENGE

Jesus, please open our eyes to see You for who you really are. May we never deny your supremacy. You are Holy and Just. We praise You, for You are "King of Kings".

DAY 17 Tuesday, March 26 Pray for Faithfulness

Holy Tuesday, Jesus is still trying to teach those around Him even though the cross is getting closer. The disciples still don't understand what Jesus is trying to teach them and what is about to happen.

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 24:45-51

DAY 17 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we understand that Your ways are higher, and that Your words are wiser than our greatest attempt to understand You. Help us to be faithful to you even when we don't understand Your plan. May we be anticipating your return like never before.

DAY 18 Wednesday, March 27 Pray for a Pure Heart

Jesus may have rested on Wednesday knowing what is coming in just a couple of days. In Matthew 26, we are given a glimpse into the heart and thought process of those who want Jesus dead.

1 "Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, 2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. 5 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Matthew 26:1-5

DAY 18 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we stumble and fall many times, but You remain faithful and steadfast. We ask that You would search our hearts for anything that does not honor You, and forgive us. Draw our hearts to you, and set our eyes on Your face, so that, we will not stumble in times of trouble.

DAY 19 Thursday, March 28 Pray for Unity in The Body of Christ

Today is known as Maundy Thursday. Jesus had eaten with His disciples and washed their feet before giving them the following command.

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

John 13:34

DAY 19 CHALLENGE

Jesus, You have demonstrated how we are to love one another. Remind us of this every day. We pray for unity in the body here at Labelle Haven and in the global body, too. May we truly be known as Your disciples by our love.

DAY 20 Friday, March 29 Remember

Many don't understand why we call today Good Friday. We, as believers, know that today is the day that Jesus took on our sins as He was nailed to the cross. Mercy and forgiveness was extended to everyone. May we never forget what Jesus did for us on the cross.

10 "Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed." Psalms 85:10

DAY 20 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we cannot begin to understand what You endured on the cross. Help us never forget what You accomplished on the cross. Today we are thankful for the cross and the punishment that You bore for us.

DAY 21 Saturday, March 30 Pray for Rest

Holy Saturday is a day of great anticipation for us today, but the disciples still didn't understand what was happening. Worried and afraid, the disciples observed the Sabbath as they tried to comprehend what they had just witnessed. This is a great reminder that God has called us to observe the Sabbath no matter what is going on around us.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

DAY 21 CHALLENGE

Jesus, we are so grateful that You are our Sabbath, and we can rest in You. Help us to intentionally take time each week to honor and abide in You.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

SUNDAY IS COMING...