

January's 31 Days of Prayer and Fasting

W	1st	Praise and Adoration. We begin the year with a day of praising God and adoring Him! As we begin this month and this intentional time of prayer and fasting, we are excited and blessed to draw near to Him in prayer. "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalms 9:1 NIV
Th	2nd	Confession and Repentance. Confess to God any sin in our lives. Be specific! Leave no stone unturned, coming clean with God. Ask God to reveal any sins unnoticed in our lives. Repent....turn from our sins and turn back to God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NIV
FR	3rd	Wisdom. We need wisdom moving forward in our world today. As God's people reaching the lost in our community and around the world. Lord help us be wise. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5 NIV
SA	4th	SET YOUR ALARM for 4:31am and 4:31pm we will pray together for Boldness! Pray for the Lord's church to be bold and ready to share the gospel! "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:31 NIV
SU	5th	Pray for members of the body to be strong and faithful. May they continue to be strengthened and not waiver in their walk with the Lord. Holy Spirit help us run the race in such a way to win! "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV

M	6th	Pray the church body to be unified and ready to serve. May we love one another just as Jesus loved us. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12 NIV "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 NIV "I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 NIV
TU	7th	* Fast and pray for those who are lost and need Christ as their Lord. Three billion people in the world have no access to the gospel. NONE! No preacher! No coworker! No tv, no radio, no Bible, no internet, and they need to hear about Jesus! "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!" Romans 10:14-15 NIV
W	8th	Pray for Camp Northward today. Moving forward pray for camp's finances, facilities, and vision! Pray that moms and dads will be moved and hearts softened to send their children to camp. Pray for deans, co-deans, and faculty to teach the word of God. Pray that children will have a deeper understanding of who God is and come to know Christ if they do not already. "But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16 NIV
TH	9th	Today we lift up sister congregations and churches in our county. Violet Ridge, Knoxville Christian, Williamstown Christian, Fairview, Mount Olivet, Mount Pleasant, Lystra, Antioch, and Corinth. Ask specifically that the Lord will help all to be strong and grant unity to work together to accomplish the mission of Christ. "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives," Colossians 1:9 NIV

F	10th	SET YOUR ALARM for 10:02am and 10:02pm! Today we pray for workers and harvesters! Praying together at 10:02am and 10:02pm. Pray that SCOC will send a tithe of kingdom workers from our own! The fields are ripe unto harvest! Father we pray for workers! "He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2
SA	11th	Pray for future leaders of our congregation, asking God to help us raise up men who will lead for generations to come. Young men to mature in the faith to become missionaries, ministers, elders, and deacons. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 NIV
SU	12th	Pray for widows/widowers of our congregation.. May God lead us and give us the ability to minister to them, visit them, and serve their needs. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27 NIV
M	13th	Pray for orphans and adoptive families. May God lead us to support adoptive families with prayer, encouragement, and finances. If one couple in every other church in America would adopt a child there would be no need for the foster system! "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" James 2:15-16 NIV
TU	14th	* Pray and fast for our youth. Our young people are facing a very daunting future as our country becomes a post Christian nation. Fewer people know what the Bible says, know God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and do not worry about living lives according to His word. "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." 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV Lord we pray that our young people are great examples of the faith to all believers.

W	15th	Pray for our church leaders. As leaders of the church they are charged with providing oversight, spiritual leadership, and caring for God's people as a shepherd watches over the sheep. "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Acts 20:28 NIV
TH	16th	Pray for workers that God will help us to raise up people young and old to go into the fields that are ripe and ready for harvest. "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38 NIV
F	17th	Today we focus on praise and adoration as we remember our Lord conquering death! Our prayers will focus on His power and the hope we have in Him. "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:5 NIV Because He rose, we will rise!
SA	18th	Because Jesus rose we have a future. Let's spend the day praying for God to bless us with a vision for His future at Sherman. Different ministries we hope to use to reach people. Possible buildings and construction for education rooms and other ministries. Sunday school classes, mission trips, discipleship groups, small groups, outreach ministries. Doors of opportunity to open here in our backyard and around the world. "Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God]." Proverbs 29:18 AMP Father bless us with a vision, your vision.
SU	19th	Pray for our Sunday school ministry and it's teachers. As we continue to look to the future and we strive to grow, may God bless our teachers. Pray for our people to hunger and thirst for God's word, to desire it as much as anything else. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 NIV "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." Psalms 42:1 NIV

M	20th	Pray for our county and state leaders. School teachers, bus drivers, custodians, principals, school board members, magistrates, mayors, judge executive, the sheriff, deputies, the governor, and all who work at the state level. "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV Pray for our country's leaders. President, Vice president, the house of representatives, the senate, the supreme court justices, the military. "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers." Proverbs 11:14 NIV
TU	21st	Strength and courage. During these times of prayer and fasting, God is going to open doors, move hearts, and transform us. Let us pray to be strong and courageous as God commanded the Israelites while they transitioned from Moses leadership to Joshua's. Sometimes it isn't easy being leaders, tough decisions will need to be made and not everyone is going to be happy. God give us strength and courage to follow you and glorify you alone. "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:7 NIV
W	22nd	Those who are sick, suffering, and shut ins. "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." James 5:14-15
TH	23rd	World peace! The world has so much turmoil going on from wars to civil unrest and so much strife. We need world leaders to turn to God, repent, and lead with Godly wisdom. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NIV
F	24th	Today we pray for God's will to be done, not ours! His good, perfect, and pleasing will! John the baptist said, "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30 NIV Jesus prayed in the garden, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42 NIV

SA	25th	<p>Those who have drifted away from the body. Whether it was fear, doubt, or other reasons. Lift up those who have stopped running the race and have become entangled in sin. The enemy is trying to steal, kill and destroy. Let's stand in the gap and pray on their behalf. "We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment," Hebrews 2:1-2 NIV "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place." Revelation 2:4-5 NIV</p>
SU	26th	<p>Pray for those who are struggling with addictions. So many are being held captive by the strongholds of pornography, alcohol, food, drugs, greed, etc., etc. As well as other false gods that are being worshipped and idolized. "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NIV</p>
M	27th	<p>Pray for missionaries around the world. We support missionaries in the Netherlands (Caleb & Dawn Christman), Sri Lanka (Denise & Laminda Ubhayawansha), Philippines (Joven & Recil Borja), Haiti (Haiti Outreach Ministries), Master Provisions (Florence, KY), and Brett Seybold (Mt. Juliet TN). Pray for their families. Pray for their safety and success as they spread the good news of Jesus. "But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20 NIV</p>
TU	28th	<p>Praying for families. We lift families up to the Lord asking that He provide them with love, strength, and wisdom as they are attacked by our enemy and culture. The family unit is sacred and the best way to raise children. We pray God will help ours to stay strong! "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12 NIV "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." Romans 12:9-10 NIV</p>

W	29th	<p>Pray for some local missions that our own people are involved in. Pray for Care Net (Denise & Tiffany), Lester's Feet (Terry Peer), and prison ministries (Matt Ross, Larry Whiton, and others). "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47 NIV</p>
TH	30th	<p>Please pray for your enemies! This is a tough one for all of us but Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you. May God bless our enemies and we pray for their salvation. "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:44-45 NIV</p>
F	31st	<p>* On this last day we will fast and pray! Praising God for these days of drawing close to Him! Thanking Him for hearing our prayers and answering us. What a great and powerful God He is and yet He listens to each and everyone of us! "So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer." Ezra 8:23 NIV "We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2 NIV</p>