



21 Days of Prayer

Aug. 17–Sept. 6

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At The Summit Church, we believe that prayer comes first, second, and third. Matthew Henry, an English Puritan from the seventeenth century, once said, *“You may as soon find a living man who does not breathe, as a living Christian who does not pray.”* Prayer isn’t just desirable for the follower of Jesus; it’s essential. That’s because prayer is a primary way that we celebrate, cultivate, and maintain an intimate relationship with our loving heavenly Father. And when you stop to consider the goodness of God poured out on us in Jesus, why wouldn’t we want to spend time with him in prayer?

For the next 21 days, we’re inviting you to join us in seeking God together in prayer. We’re asking you to commit to a daily focused time of prayer. Matthew 6:9–13, which contains arguably the most famous prayer in the Bible, will be our guide as we pray. Each day you will find a few prayer points, anchored in the Lord’s model prayer, on the Daily Revival in the Summit app. Alternatively, you can download and print the entire 21-day guide from the website. **We’ll pray phrase by phrase through the Lord’s Prayer each week. At the end of each seven-day cycle, take some time to write a paraphrase of the model prayer, putting it in your own words.**

But we want you to take it all a step further. We want you to pray with others and encourage each other to seek the face of God in prayer. We are sons and daughters of God by faith in Jesus, and that means we’re family. We’re in this together. Every pronoun in this model prayer is plural: **“Our** Father ... give **us** ... forgive **us** ... lead **us**.” So let’s do this together. Grab a partner, and keep each other accountable to daily prayer through the 21 days. Meet for lunch or early in the morning, and take a few minutes to pray together. Share prayer requests. Celebrate answers to prayer. Talk about what God is teaching you as you pray. Spend time praying with your spouse, your children, or your small group.

You can also join us in the Boiler Room (the room where people pray during every service) at your campus on the weekend. Drop by your campus and pray with others on Thursdays in the campus prayer room. And join us for the Night of Prayer and Worship on Sept. 3.

MATTHEW 6:5–14 (ESV)

The Lord's Prayer

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you ...”

Day 1

“Our Father in heaven”

To call God “Father” is to recognize that we are his children—chosen, adopted, and deeply loved. Jesus reminds us that we pray out of and for the purpose of growth in the relationship that we enjoy with him.

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

1. Thank God that you have a Father in heaven who has loved you with an everlasting love and drawn you to him with loving-kindness (Jeremiah 31:3).
2. Ask God to give you freedom in approaching him today, casting all your anxiety on him because you know he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).
3. Pray for the fatherless and the orphan, for those abandoned by earthly fathers. Pray that God would reveal himself to them and that they would find hope in the arms of their heavenly Father, who will never leave them or forsake them (Psalm 68:5).

Day 2

“Hallowed be your name”

Jesus suggests that when we come to pray, our greatest desires should be for the glory of God. His name reveals his glory, the great *I Am*. And he alone is worthy of all honor and glory and praise.

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

1. As you meditate on the majesty and greatness of God, articulate your praise. Use your words to magnify our glorious God (Psalm 34:3).

2. Ask God to captivate your heart by his glory and lead you to speak and act in ways that bring glory to his name (1 Corinthians 10:31).
3. Pray for your brothers and sisters at The Summit Church, asking God to use us to serve our community in ways that lift Jesus up and call others to see and honor him (Matthew 5:16).

Day 3

“Your kingdom come”

When we pray for the advance of his kingdom, there is no better place for that to begin than in our own hearts. Our affections and actions must all be submitted to the lordship of Jesus. We submit to his authority and order our lives for his glory.

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:9–10).

1. Bow before your King and humble yourself before him. Ask him to reveal any place where you are resisting him and refusing to obey his commands (Psalm 139:23–24).
2. Ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will and give you discernment about what he is asking you to do. Pray for greater sensitivity to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
3. Pray that God would lead you to live for his kingdom and not for your own, seeking to please him and not yourself (2 Corinthians 5:15).

Day 4

“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

God’s ways are perfect. Even in seasons of difficulty, we can trust him. Surrendering to his will should be not drudgery but joy, because nothing could be better for us than what he has purposed and planned.

“And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will’” (Matthew 26:39).

1. Thank God today that he has promised to work in every situation for our good and his glory, conforming us to the image of his Son (Romans 8:28–29).
2. Freely express your desires to God, ask him to change your circumstance, and then surrender yourself to his perfect plan.
3. Pray that God would lead you to contentment and joy, trusting that he is sufficient for every task and faithful in every season (Philippians 4:12–13).

Day 5

“Give us this day our daily bread”

In every way, we are dependent on our God. He is the one who sustains and keeps us. Every breath, every heartbeat, is a gift from our God, and so we rely on him to meet every physical need we have.

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:31–33).

1. Take a minute and make a list of God's past and present provision for you. Give him thanks as you recall his goodness.
2. Call out to God for any need you have. Be specific, and watch for his provision. Ask him to free you from fear and worry as you wait for him to respond (Matthew 7:7).
3. Pray for those you know around you who are in need of God's provision. Ask God to meet all their needs in ways that bring him great glory (Philippians 4:19).

Day 6

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"

It seems almost too good to be true: Forgiveness is ours in Jesus. We are washed, cleansed, and forgiven because of his great mercy. Confession is the great privilege of the child of God.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

1. Ask God to uncover your sin today and grant you a heart that is willing and ready to confess and repent (Psalm 139:23–24).
2. Pray that God would release you from all shame and guilt, trusting him to keep his word to forgive and cleanse us when we confess.
3. Pray that God would make us a people who confess quickly, receiving the grace and forgiveness that is ours because of the shed blood of Jesus (James 5:16).

Day 7

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

We are God’s people, the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). Our God is the one who is a reliable and trustworthy Shepherd. And he is the one who we trust to lead us in the way we should go.

“He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake” (Psalm 23:3).

1. Thank God that he is the good Shepherd whose Word is entirely trustworthy. Ask him to speak to you and lead you by his Word (Psalm 119:105).
2. Ask God to uncover any activities, habits, thought patterns, or relationships that might be leading you toward temptation (Psalm 119:37).
3. Pray for courage to take the steps necessary to avoid temptation. Ask the Spirit to lead you to make wise choices that help you grow in righteousness (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Day 8

“Our Father in heaven”

When Jesus gave this model for praying, every pronoun he used was plural. As we call out to “our Father,” we remember that we are a part of a larger family. We are connected to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19).

1. Thank God for leading you to the family of God at The Summit Church, for your brothers and sisters in Christ, for the community that surrounds you, and for the universal church.
2. Ask God to lead you by his Spirit to serve and love your brothers and sisters in Christ with humility, considering others more important than yourself (Philippians 2:3).

3. Pray for your brothers and sisters today, asking God to bless them and cause them to flourish and grow in Christ Jesus. Ask God to make you a blessing to his children (John 15:8).

Day 9

“Hallowed be your name”

What a glorious God. What a glorious name. How great a salvation is offered in his name, the name that is above every other name.

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

1. Rejoice in your salvation. Thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus and for bringing you to faith in his name (Ephesians 1:3–6).
2. Pray for those you know who have yet to place their faith in Jesus. Ask God to use you to testify to the salvation found only in Jesus (Acts 16:31).
3. Ask God to give you and every member of The Summit Church boldness and clarity as we share the gospel and call others to trust in Jesus’ name and be saved (Ephesians 6:19).

Day 10

“Your kingdom come”

As the people of God, the body of Christ, we long to see his kingdom come in us. Jesus is our King, and his Word is our standard. So we pray to that end, as a church, that we might be submitted to his authority, obedient to his commands.

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent” (Colossians 1:17–18).

1. Praise God today that Jesus is our King and the head of the church. Thank him for sustaining us and holding us together.
2. Pray that as the people of God we would be united in serving our King. Ask God to speak to us and lead us by his Word so that his kingdom is extended in RDU and around the world (John 17:21).
3. Ask God to protect and preserve our pastors and staff. Pray that they would be sensitive and obedient to the Word of God, seeking to advance his kingdom.

Day 11

“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

What joy that we get to participate in the work of God on the earth. As his people, we work and serve to see his purposes and his plans accomplished in RDU and around the world. But all the while, it is God who is at work in us and through us.

“For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

1. Praise God for the doors he has opened to us as a church, and for all the ways you have seen him work in and through The Summit Church.
2. Ask God to fill you, and your brothers and sisters at the Summit, with a greater desire to give ourselves away for the sake of his kingdom (Mark 8:35).
3. Pray that we would be a people committed to doing the will of God. Pray that God would lead you by his Spirit to do his will, no matter the cost (Philippians 3:7–8).

Day 12

“Give us this day our daily bread”

The one who sustains our bodies must also sustain our spirits. He began a good work in us, and he is the one who must carry it on to completion. We come to him seeking to hear his voice because he alone has the words of life.

“Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3).

1. Thank God for his Word, by which he nourishes your soul. Ask him to lead you to be diligent in spending time with him in the Word (Psalm 1:2).
2. Pray that as you read the Bible, God would speak clearly to you and strengthen you by his Word (Proverbs 2:6).
3. Ask God to use you to speak life into others, sharing the Word of God in ways that strengthen and encourage them (Colossians 3:16).

Day 13

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”

Because we have been forgiven, we forgive. The grace we have freely received, we freely give to others. We dare not withhold mercy when such great mercy has been extended to us.

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).

1. Pray that God would reveal any place where bitterness and unforgiveness have taken hold of you. Confess and repent (Hebrews 12:14–15).
2. Ask God to lead you by his Spirit to speak and act in ways that demonstrate mercy and forgiveness to those around you (Matthew 5:7).

3. Pray that we would be people who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

Day 14

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

God does not tempt us (James 1:13). But we have an Enemy who seeks to deceive and destroy us. We desperately need God to deliver us from the evil one and his attempts to devour us.

“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me” (Psalm 50:15).

1. Pray for those you know who have been held captive by the Enemy. Ask God to deliver them from Satan’s grasp and from the domain of darkness (Colossians 1:13).
2. Ask God to make clear to you the way of escape whenever you experience temptations of various kinds. Ask for strength to stand firm (1 Corinthians 10:13).
3. Pray for your pastors and staff at The Summit Church. Ask God to keep them from sin and empower them to resist the devil (Ephesians 6:11).

Day 15

“Our Father in heaven”

We are sons and daughters of the perfect Father, one who is gracious and generous, always committed to doing good; one who, even in withholding or disciplining us, is always committed to working for our own good and his glory.

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7:11)

1. Recall the generosity of God in your life and give thanks to him. Remember his many blessings and faithfulness to you and others. Express your delight in your good Father today.
2. Pray that God would reveal any place where you have believed the lies of the Enemy and questioned the character of your heavenly Father. Ask God to give you a heart that trusts his heart for you (Isaiah 41:10).
3. Ask God to move in your life and in the lives of others around you. Ask him to supply needs, to show favor and kindness. Be specific as you pray, and trust his heart (Matthew 6:6–8).

Day 16

“Hallowed be your name”

There is coming a day when all will see and acknowledge the greatness of our God. One day, every knee will bow. Our great longing is that all would see and know his greatness and majesty today.

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:10–11).

1. Ask God to fill you with joy and hope today, as you eagerly await the coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13).
2. Pray that God would use the ministries of The Summit Church and the preaching of the Word to faithfully call others to bow down and surrender to Jesus now (2 Corinthians 5:20).
3. Ask God to bless and prosper the work of church planters and missionaries around the world, leading many to find salvation in Jesus’ name (Acts 1:8).

Day 17

“Your kingdom come”

Our God is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is sovereign over all. He alone determines the course of every nation, and every authority exists by his will and for his glory.

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will” (Proverbs 21:1).

1. Praise God that he is sovereignly working in the world today, even among those who do not acknowledge him. Praise him that no king can resist him (Psalm 33:10–11).
2. Ask God to free us from fear and anxiety in the face of great turmoil and upheaval in the world around us. Ask God to lead you by his Spirit to trust him in all things (Proverbs 3:5–6).
3. Pray that God would be at work in local, national, and global leaders, leading them by his Spirit so that we might live peaceful, quiet, and godly lives (1 Timothy 2:2).

Day 18

“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

How remarkable it is that God has redeemed us and then invites us into his redemptive work in the world. We belong to him, and our lives are for his purposes and not for our own. We get to play a small part in seeing his will done on the earth.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

1. Thank God that he has reconciled you and me and has given us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

2. Ask God to make it clear to you how he has created and gifted you for service. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead you to the “good works” God has prepared for you.
3. Pray that God would raise up more laborers for the harvest. Pray that many from our church family would surrender their lives for full-time ministry and missions (Matthew 9:38).

Day 19

“Give us this day our daily bread”

We are the people of God. Called by God. Saved by his grace. Sustained by his Spirit. Nourished by his Word. He has promised to supply all we need for the work to which he has called us.

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

1. Thank God for how he has poured out grace upon grace in your own life and in the life of The Summit Church. Recall and rejoice in his faithful provisions in your own life.
2. Ask God to continue his generosity toward us so that we might be generous toward others (2 Corinthians 9:10–11).
3. Pray that God would show you how you can use your “abundance” to supply the needs of others. Ask God to show you where you can provide “daily bread” for someone else (2 Corinthians 8:13–15).

Day 20

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”

We have been restored to God, and we want to always seek restoration with each other. We are exhorted to forgive others, and we are also instructed to seek forgiveness when we are the offenders.

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23–24).

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring to your mind any broken relationship and reveal where a brother or sister may have been offended or hurt by you.
2. Ask God to give you courage to seek out forgiveness, acknowledging your wrong without offering excuses or seeking to justify your actions.
3. Pray that, at The Summit Church, God would make us a people who confess and forgive, not harboring bitterness or withholding mercy (Ephesians 4:32).

Day 21

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

We cannot afford to forget that Satan seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. We are ever and always engaged in a spiritual battle. And the Word of God calls us to be alert and ready for battle.

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

1. Ask God to use his Word to uncover any lies of the Enemy that you have believed, and pray that you would be alert to the schemes of the Enemy (Jeremiah 17:9).

2. Pray that God would fill you with his Spirit and speak to you by his Word, arming you with the truth you need to do battle with the Enemy (Ephesians 6:17).
3. Pray for your family and friends, along with your brothers and sisters at the Summit, asking God to help them guard themselves against the schemes of Satan (Ephesians 6:18).