

24 Hours of Prayer

January 1, 2022

This is the tenth New Year's Day we've ushered in together as a church through prayer! The importance of ringing the New Year in this way cannot be overstated for no practice is as pivotal to a church's vitality as the practice of prayer. Through prayer, we draw close to God, express our need for God, and are empowered by God to live by faith, hope, and love.

To help frame our time of intercession this year, we are praying through select portions of the Book of Psalms. Allowing the Bible's collection of prayers and praises to give perspective and expression to our prayer lives is incredibly helpful. After all, God answers prayers according to His will, and so let's fill our prayers with what He's revealed His will to be. If you have not yet made it a practice to pray God's Word back to Him, I hope that this approach will equip you to do so on a more regular basis.

- Pastor Andrew

1. Read & meditate upon Psalm 1

- Pray for your soul to find delight in God's Word.
- Pray for your life to be like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season and whose life does not wither.
- Ask God to lead you in the way of righteousness.

2. Read & meditate upon Psalm 13

- Confess any frustrations or disappointments you are experiencing in your relationship with God.
- Identify any anxious concerns you are carrying and cast them upon God who cares for you (1 Pt. 5:7).
- Pray for God to deliver you from particular sins and any schemes, known or unknown, that Satan has set for you.
- Profess verses 5 and 6

3. Read & meditate upon Psalm 29

- Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name by praising Him for His wonderful attributes (goodness, kindness, mercy, faithfulness, etc.)
- Praise the Lord for His varied blessings in our lives and church.



4. Read & meditate upon Psalm 67

- Pray for God's face to shine upon our church so His way may be known all throughout our city and among the nations.
- Ask God to draw more people into our church who will praise Him and shout for joy in response to His grace.
- Ask God to bless our church for the sake of our city.
- Ask God to raise up disciples who will take the gospel to unreached and under-reached people groups throughout the world.

5. Read & meditate upon Psalm 82

- Pray for those who are hurting and oppressed in our city.
- Pray for those who are hurting and oppressed among the nations.
- Ask God to rescue the poor and needy and to save them from the power of the wicked.
- Ask God to judge the earth for the all the nations belong to Him.

6. Read & meditate upon Psalm 133

- Pray for the unity of our church.
- Pray for the unity of churches all throughout our city.

7. Read & meditate upon Psalm 138

- Thank God for all that He has done, is doing, and will do in your life and in the life of our church.
- As you have time, ask God to help you recall specific evidences of grace in your life and our church, and take time to express gratitude for those specifically.
- Ask God to give you a grateful heart today and all the days of 2022.

