Lifecentre
Church

Twenty-One Days of Prayer

January 2027

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Days of Prayer (& Fasting)
January 3rd-24th, 2027

For twenty-one days, from Sunday, January 3 to Saturday, January 23, 2027, all of Lifecentre will pray through the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–16) together.

Jesus began His most famous sermon by describing the people God calls blessed: the poor in spirit, the grieving, the gentle, the hungry, the merciful, the pure, the peacemakers and the persecuted. As we start a new year, we ask Him to form that same kingdom character in us, in our church and for our city.

How To Use This Guide

Each day follows the same simple rhythm. Set aside 10 minutes, ideally at the same time each day.

1. **Read** the day's Scripture slowly, out loud if you can.
2. **Reflect** on the short devotional and ask, "Lord, what are You saying to me?"
3. **Pray** through the three focus points: for yourself, for Lifecentre, and for city/world.
4. **Practice** the day's small action so prayer turns into obedience.

The Shape of the Twenty-one Days

Week 1 (Jan 3–9): The Upside-Down Kingdom
Poor in spirit, those who mourn, the gentle.

Week 2 (Jan 10–16): A Heart Made New
Hunger for righteousness, mercy, purity, peace.

Week 3 (Jan 17–23): Blessed to Be Sent
Peacemaking, persecution, joy, salt and light.

Praying Together

Individual: Write down what you pray and how God answers.
Groups: Each Campus has weekly Groups where you can pray.
Lifecentre Prayer: Friday, January 22nd from 7-9pm

Week 1: The Upside-Down Kingdom (January 3–9)

This week we come to Jesus empty-handed. The kingdom begins not with our strength but with our need. We participate. Holy Spirit produces.

Sunday, January 3: Come Up the Mountain

Read
Matthew 4:23–5:2; Psalm 24:3–4

Reflect
Crowds followed Jesus because He healed and taught. Then "seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain," sat down and began to teach. Before we ask God for anything this year, we come and sit at His feet to listen.

Pray
Ask God to give you a hungry, teachable heart for these 21 days.
Pray that everyone, from child to adult, would meet with Jesus during these 21 Days.
Pray for the "multitudes" around us who are searching for healing and hope.

Practice
Choose your daily prayer time & place.

Monday, January 4: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Read
Matthew 5:3; Isaiah 57:15

Reflect
To be poor in spirit is to know we bring nothing to God but our need. The high and holy God lives "with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit." Spiritual poverty is not a weakness to hide; it is the doorway into the kingdom.

Pray
Confess the areas where you have relied on your own strength, plans or reputation.
Pray Lifecentre would be marked by humble dependence on God.
Pray for people who feel self-sufficient and see no need for God.

Practice
Begin and end today with the simple prayer, "Lord, I need You."

Tuesday, January 5: Strength in Weakness

Read
Luke 18:9–14; 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

Reflect
The Pharisee listed his achievements; the tax collector simply said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Only one went home right with God. Paul learned the same lesson: God's power is made perfect in weakness.

Pray:
Bring God a weakness you usually hide and ask Him to show His strength there.
Pray for our pastors, staff and leaders to lead from humility and rest in God's grace.
Pray for the poor, the overlooked and those society calls "weak."

Practice
Thank God for one limitation that keeps you leaning on Him.

Wednesday, January 6: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Read
Matthew 5:4; Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 61:1–3

Reflect
Jesus does not rush us past grief. He promises comfort in it. "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart." Jesus came to give "a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning."

Pray
Bring God any loss, disappointment or sorrow you carry into this new year.
Pray for families in our church who are grieving, sick or walking through hard seasons.
Pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones, homes, health or security.

Practice
Send a note or make a call to someone you know is grieving.

Thursday, January 7: Mourning for What Breaks God's Heart

Read
Nehemiah 1:3–11; Luke 19:41–42; 2 Corinthians 7:10

Reflect
Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem lay in ruins and "sat down and wept, and mourned certain days." Jesus wept over His city. Godly sorrow over sin, ours and the world's, is not despair; it leads to repentance and new life.

Pray:
Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any sin to confess and turn from.
Pray that we would weep over what breaks God's heart, and not grow numb to it.
Name specific brokenness in our city (addiction, violence, loneliness, injustice) and intercede like Nehemiah.

Practice
Pray Nehemiah's prayer (Nehemiah 1:5–11) over our city, putting its name in place of Jerusalem.

Friday, January 8: Blessed Are the Gentle

Read
Matthew 5:5; Psalm 37:7–11; Matthew 11:28–30

Reflect
Meekness is not weakness; it is strength under God's control. Jesus called Himself "gentle and humble in heart." The meek stop grasping and fretting, and trust God to give what is good.

Pray
Surrender an area where you have been striving, controlling or quick to anger.
Pray for a culture of gentleness in how we speak to and about one another.
Pray for leaders in government, business and community to use power with humility.

Practice
Let someone else go first today, in conversation, in traffic or in line.

Saturday, January 9: The Mind of Christ

Read
Philippians 2:3–11; Numbers 12:3

Reflect
Moses was called "very humble, more than all the men who were on the surface of the earth." Jesus, though He was God, "emptied himself" and became a servant. The way up in God's kingdom is down.

Pray
Ask God to replace selfish ambition with a servant's heart.
Pray for our volunteers and serving teams; ask God to raise up more servants this year.
Pray for those who serve unseen: carers, cleaners, nurses and first responders.

Practice
Do one act of hidden service today and tell no one.

Week 2: A Heart Made New (January 10–16)

This week we ask God to change our appetites and our hearts, so that what we want, how we treat people and what we see is shaped by Him.

Sunday, January 10: Blessed Are the Hungry

Read
Matthew 5:6; Psalm 42:1–2; John 6:35

Reflect
Hunger is not mild interest; it is desperate desire. "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants after you, God." Jesus promises that those who truly hunger for Him and His ways will be satisfied.

Pray
Ask God to stir a fresh hunger for His presence and His Word.
Pray for a spiritual hunger across our church, so that worship, prayer and the Word are our delight, not a duty.
Pray for people trying to fill their emptiness with things that never satisfy.

Practice
If you are fasting, each time you feel hungry today, pray John 6:35.

Monday, January 11: Hungry for Justice

Read
Micah 6:8; Amos 5:24; Isaiah 58:6–11

Reflect
The righteousness Jesus describes is personal and public. God wants "justice [to] roll on like rivers." Isaiah says the fast God chooses is to "loose the bonds of wickedness" and share bread with the hungry.

Pray
Ask God where He wants you to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly" this year.
Pray for our outreach and compassion ministries, and for open doors to serve the vulnerable.
Pray for the hungry, the homeless, the trafficked and the oppressed, and for those working to help them.

Practice
Give food, time or an offering to a local food bank or Lifecentre Care this week.

Tuesday, January 12: Blessed Are the Merciful

Read
Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:35–36; Matthew 18:21–35

Reflect
The servant forgiven a debt he could never repay refused to forgive a small debt. Those who know how much mercy they have received become merciful. "Be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful."

Pray
Ask God to bring to mind anyone you need to forgive, and choose to release them.
Pray for healing in any broken relationships in our church family.
Pray for those trapped in cycles of bitterness and revenge.

Practice
Speak or write words of forgiveness to someone, or begin the process in prayer.

Wednesday, January 13: Mercy in Action

Read
Luke 10:25–37; James 2:13

Reflect
The Samaritan saw, felt compassion and acted. Mercy is not just a feeling; it stops, kneels and pays the cost. "Mercy triumphs over judgment."

Pray
Ask God to open your eyes to the person on the side of your road.
Pray that we would be known in our neighbourhood as a merciful, welcoming church.
Pray for refugees, prisoners, the sick and the lonely.

Practice
Visit, call or help someone who cannot repay you.

Thursday, January 14: Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Read
Matthew 5:8; Psalm 51:10–12

Reflect
A pure heart is an undivided heart, one that wants God more than anything else. David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." The promise is breathtaking: the pure in heart will see God.

Pray
Pray Psalm 51:10–12 slowly as your own prayer.
Pray for integrity and holiness among our leaders, families and young people.
Pray for those caught in addiction, pornography and hidden shame to find freedom.

Practice
Remove one thing from your life (an app, a show, a habit) that clouds your heart.

Friday, January 15: Search Me, O God

Read
Psalm 139:23–24; 1 John 3:2–3; Hebrews 12:14

Reflect
Purity is not something we achieve by trying harder; it grows as we let God search us and as we fix our hope on Jesus. "Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure."

Pray
Invite God to search your thoughts, motives and words, and listen in silence.
Pray for our children and youth to grow up with pure hearts and strong faith.
Pray for teachers, parents and mentors shaping the next generation.

Practice
Spend 5 minutes in silence before God today, simply being with Him.

Saturday, January 16: Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Read
Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:17–18; Ephesians 2:14–17

Reflect
Peacemakers do not avoid conflict; they move into it with grace. Jesus "is our peace" and broke down the dividing wall. "If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men."

Pray
Ask God to make you a bridge-builder in your family, workplace and friendships.
Pray for unity across generations, cultures and backgrounds in our church.
Pray for nations at war, and for peace in places of conflict you know of today.

Practice
Take one more step toward peace in a strained relationship.

Week 3: Blessed to Be Sent (January 17–23)

The Beatitudes end by sending us out. People shaped by the kingdom will be noticed, sometimes opposed, and always called to shine.

Sunday, January 17: Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Read
2 Corinthians 5:17–20; Matthew 5:23–24

Reflect
God reconciled us to Himself through Christ and "gave to us the ministry of reconciliation." We are His ambassadors, carrying the message "be reconciled to God" into every room we walk into.

Pray
Ask God for courage to share the good news with one person this week.
Pray for Lifecentre gatherings today; ask God to draw guests and bring people to faith.
Pray for friends, family & neighbours who do not yet know Jesus. Name them.

Practice
Write down three names and pray for them daily for the rest of the 21 days.

Monday, January 18: Blessed Are the Persecuted

Read
Matthew 5:10; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 13:3

Reflect
Living God's way will not always be welcomed. Paul says all who want to live godly lives in Christ will face opposition. Hebrews calls us to "remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them."

Pray
Ask for courage to stand for what is right at school/work/home, even when it costs you.
Pray for members facing pressure, mockery or exclusion because of their faith.
Pray for Christians imprisoned or in danger for following Jesus around the world.

Practice
Learn about a country where Christians face persecution. Pray for believers there.

Tuesday, January 19: Prayer for Boldness

Read
Acts 4:23–31

Reflect
When the early church was threatened, they did not pray for safety but for boldness: "Grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness." The place was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray
Pray Acts 4:29–30 as your own prayer.
Ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit on our whole church this year.
Pray for pastors and church planters serving in hard places.

Practice
Gather with others today, in person, call, or text to pray Acts 4:24–31 together.

Wednesday, January 20: When They Insult You

Read
Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 4:12–14; John 15:18–20

Reflect

Jesus moves from "they" to "you." This is personal. If people misunderstood and rejected Him, they will sometimes misunderstand us too. Peter says that in those moments "the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."

Pray
Bring God any words spoken against you and ask Him to heal and defend you.
Pray that our church would respond to criticism with grace, not defensiveness.
Pray for those who oppose the gospel, that they would meet Jesus as Paul did.

Practice
Pray a blessing over someone who has hurt or criticized you (Luke 6:28).

Thursday, January 21: Rejoice and Be Glad

Read
Matthew 5:12; Acts 5:40–42; Romans 8:18

Reflect
After being beaten, the apostles left "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for Jesus' name." Our joy does not rest on easy circumstances but on a great reward in heaven and a glory that outweighs every present trouble.

Pray:
Thank God for His faithfulness in a hard season you have walked through.
Pray for a spirit of joy and thanksgiving to fill our worship and our homes.
Pray for people who have lost hope, that they would find joy in Christ.

Practice
Write down five-ten things you are thankful for and share one with someone.

Friday, January 22: You Are the Salt of the Earth

Read
Matthew 5:13; Colossians 4:5–6

Reflect
Salt preserves, flavours and makes people thirsty. Jesus does not say "try to be salt"; He says "you are." Our words and lives, "seasoned with salt," can preserve what is good and make others thirsty for God.

Pray:
Ask God to make your conversations full of grace and seasoned with His truth.
Pray for members in workplaces, schools, healthcare, business, media and government to influence them for good.
Pray for the moral and spiritual health of our city and nation.

Practice
In conversation today, intentionally encourage someone by pointing them to hope in Jesus.

Saturday, January 23: You Are the Light of the World

Read
Matthew 5:14–16; Isaiah 60:1–3; John 8:12

Reflect
Jesus is the Light of the world, and He makes His people a city on a hill. The goal is not that people admire us, but that they "see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

Pray:
Offer your whole life to God for 2027 and ask Him to shine through you.
Pray for God's vision for our church this year/for a great harvest coming to Christ.
Pray Isaiah 60:1–3 over our city: that nations would come to His light.

Practice
Prepare a short testimony of what God did in you during these 21 days.

A Closing Blessing

May the Father make you poor in spirit and rich in His kingdom.

May the Son comfort you in every sorrow and make you gentle and humble like Him.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hunger, make you merciful and pure, and send you out as a peacemaker.

And when the world opposes you, may you rejoice, for great is your reward in heaven.

Go and shine, Lifecentre, so that all may see and glorify our Father in heaven.

In Jesus Name,
Amen



Believing for a world whose heart beats *for Jesus.*

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