

21 Days of Prayer

Every 4.2 minutes, a person in PA/SJ dies without Christ!

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WHO'S ON YOUR WATCH?

DAY 1

A PRAYER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mark 12:29-31, CSB

“Jesus answered, ‘The most important is Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these.’”

A PRAYER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR?

The command to love one’s neighbor as oneself comes originally from Leviticus 19:18, which says, “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.” Our neighbor is anyone within our vicinity with whom we can share God’s love. We are called not only to love those with whom we are comfortable being around, or who resemble us, but to all people who God might place in our path. It is important to understand God shows love to all people (John 3:16–18; Romans 1:19–20; 2 Peter 3:9). God does this to help us understand what true love is. We show love to people by genuinely seeking what is best for them. We love our neighbors best when we share and show God’s love and truth with them. Ask God to help you see and show love to someone whom He places within your daily path.

Dr. Barry Whitworth, Executive Director, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 2

A PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

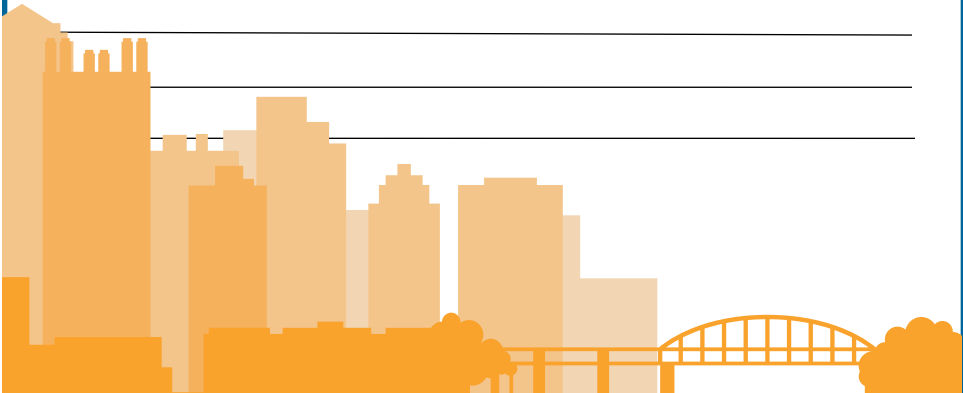
Psalms 51:16-17, CSB

*“You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it;
You are not pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit.
You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God.”*

A PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

What can we really bring to God that He could ever need? The Psalmist here wrestles with this reality in the midst of acknowledging his own sin. He knows that restoration isn't found in the pursuit of seeking to find what God needs so that he could bring it to Him as an offering. Rather, He knows that discovering what it is that God really wants is the righteous pursuit. It is the broken and contrite heart that God wants and that is the heart that God can use. A heart that is yielded completely to Him so that it can feel what He feels and love the way He loves and do what He desires. Take a moment today and do what the Psalmist did when He prayed and asked God to search His heart (Psalm 139:23-24) and to test him and to identify any anxious thoughts. Ask God to help you discover anything in your heart today that is pulling you away from Him and His plans and His purposes. Surrender it and ask God to fill your heart with the Holy Spirit to guide you in the way everlasting today.

Buff McNickle, Director of Compassion Ministries and Network Coordinator, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 3

A PRAYER OF URGENCY

Luke 16:26, CSB

“Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who want to pass over from here to you cannot; neither can those from there cross over to us.”

A PRAYER OF URGENCY: BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus tells the story of a rich unnamed man who enjoyed all this world had to offer him. He also shared that a beggar named Lazarus suffered during his time on Earth. Both of these men died, but they went to separate places. The rich man to Hades in torment, and Lazarus to Abrahams' side in comfort. The rich man did not go to Hades due to his riches nor was the poor man's destination determined by his poverty. It was their faith that determined their fate. The rich man trusted in what his hands could provide while the beggar had to seek the Lord for his daily life and deliverance. Not only were their positions reversed in death, they were permanent. The rich man was begging for help, but it was too late for him, so he begged for his five brothers to be warned about their possible fate before it was too late.

Father, please give us the courage, compassion and confidence to share your Word with those who are lost. We know not the time of death for those around us, but we do know the certainty and the finality of it. Let us not be too late in our sharing of the Good News.

*Dr. Larry Anderson, Director of Church Health and Evangelism, Baptist Resource Network;
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DAY 5

A PRAYER FOR FOR THE NATIONS AND OUR NEIGHBORS

Psalm 67-1-2, CSB

*“May God be gracious to us and bless us;
may He make His face shine upon us (Selah)
so that your way may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.”*

A PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS AND OUR NEIGHBORS

The Psalmist’s prayer is that the Lord would bless his people so that all peoples might know God and His saving power. Multiple times in verses 3-5, He calls on God to act so that all people might praise the Lord and find their never-ending joy in Him. The psalm/prayer ends with the hope that God will indeed act to bless His people and all the earth. As those who have uniquely experienced the grace of God through faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we have been blessed by God. Let us pray that God would use us to display the manifold blessing of His love, grace, and kindness that our neighbors and all the nations might worship Him in fear and joy.

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DAY 7

A PRAYER FOR REASSURANCE

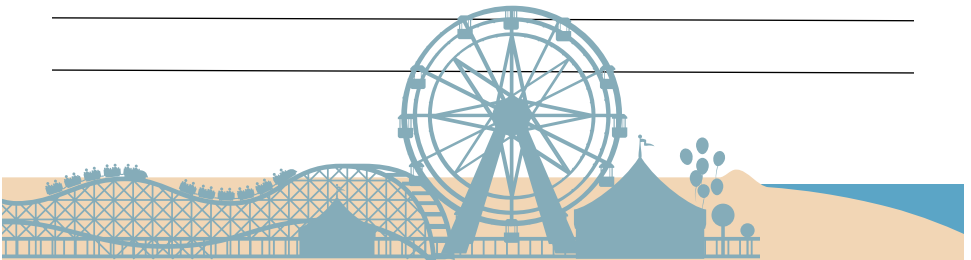
Ephesians 3:14-20, NASB

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

A PRAYER FOR REASSURANCE: WALK WITH CONFIDENCE

May the Holy Spirit open the eyes of your heart to see the marvelous plan that the Father has conceived for you in the Lord Jesus Christ from before the foundation of the world. May you begin to realize today how precious you are to God, and may you walk with confidence that God’s love and faithful commitment towards you are unwavering.

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DAY 8

A PRAYER FOR COMPASSION

Matthew 9:35-38, CSB

“Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.’”

A PRAYER FOR COMPASSION

When I lived in Baltimore, I often went to Federal Hill Park, which overlooks the picturesque Inner Harbor and downtown businesses. As I watched multitudes of people busily going to and fro, I prayed for them. I prayed for the city and its government, businesses, and residents. I often thought of when Jesus saw the crowds, how He felt compassion for them. He saw their distress and their lostness. He had the ability to see what was happening in their hearts and how they were longing for answers, for peace, for something more than what they were experiencing—a longing no doubt compelled by “the eternity” He had put on their hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Jesus knew “the harvest is abundant,” and that we need to pray for workers. As you think about the communities surrounding you, pray for God to send workers into His harvest, to send out those who will share His Good News and hope. Pray He will awaken your heart to give you opportunities to connect with others and to share the Good News.

Shannon Baker, Director of Communications; Editor, BRN United, Baptist Resource Network

DAY 9

A PRAYER FOR A LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE HEART

Psalm 86:15, CSB

“But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth.”

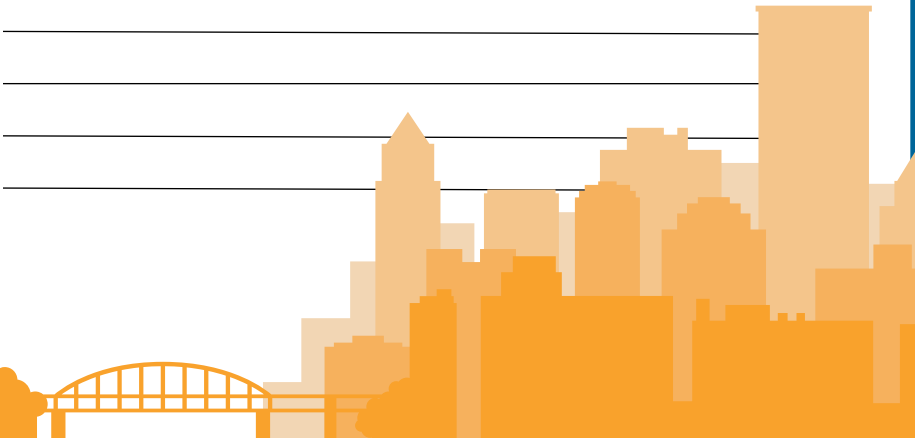
A PRAYER FOR A LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE HEART

We sometimes forget how the Lord engaged with people. While on earth, Jesus exuded the perfect characteristics needed to engage people where they were, no matter what circumstances they were in. Likewise, we too should live as Jesus lived and have a heart of compassion for others. Our demeanor, posture, and attitude towards others can make the difference between developing an opportunity for the Gospel or losing an opportunity to engage someone with the Truth.

God’s character is compassion and graciousness. Because He is this way, He is slow to anger, abides in love, and abides in faithfulness. When we abide in the attributes of God we are more apt to see the Holy Spirit at work around us and we can join Him where He is working.

Ask God to allow you to become a more compassionate and gracious person understanding where others may be in their life and situations so that the Holy Spirit may create opportunities for the sharing of the Gospel. As a result we may become a more patient, loving, and faithful friend who loves in the name of Jesus because of Jesus and for His purposes.

Andy Weber, Director of Finance and Operations, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 11

A PRAYER FOR OPPORTUNITY

Ephesians 5:15-16, CSB

“Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”

A PRAYER FOR OPPORTUNITY

I once knew a fireman who was telling me a story of how He had entered a five-story building that was engulfed in flames and smoke in order to save an individual’s life. He recounted that ordeal with an emphasis on the importance of each step. He said the integrity of the building was compromised, and he knew it was just a matter of time before it collapsed completely. He said the real danger came with each step he took. It is the same emphasis we find here when Paul describes our journey of following Jesus. It is a daily walk, and each step we take is vitally important. This is why Paul says for us to make the “most of every opportunity” or as some translations say, “Be careful how you walk.” Today you and I will get to take a series of steps. They will lead us to go in a variety of places and enable us to meet numerous people. Why not ask the God who orders our steps (Psalm 37:23) to lead us to someone today who needs to hear the Good News of the Gospel and know that Jesus loves them relentlessly.

Buff McNickle, Director of Compassion Ministries and Network Coordinator, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 13

A PRAYER OF HUMILITY

Philippians 2:3-4, CSB

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.”

A PRAYER OF HUMILITY

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for being a Father of mercy and grace towards us, and for sending us your Son to be a picture of humility and compassion for us. We pray, Lord, that you would give us eyes to see others as more significant than ourselves and hearts that care to meet the needs of our neighbors. Help us to identify their needs before our own needs and to look towards their interests rather than our own. Grant us the ability to be compassionate like Christ for the sake of Your Gospel, and so our neighbors many know Your love and absolute truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Macala Mays, Associate Editor, BRN United, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 14

A PRAYER FOR PERSISTENCE

Philippians 3:13-14, NKJV

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

A PRAYER FOR PERSISTENCE: KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Paul says, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” When he refers to going “toward,” he implies progress or moving forward. It’s very easy to “let up” or to have a “spiritual blowout” on the highways we travel in life. When we experience these spiritual flat tires, we have to take time to stop and let the Lord “fix us up” so we can move on for Him and for His glory. Sometimes it may seem hard, the nights seem long, and our troubles seem many, but we have to keep moving on in the things of God. There is surely nothing to turn back to because the most important things await us and are in our future. Keep moving forward in spite of difficulties, obstacles, and the troubles of life. As you pray today, be encouraged by knowing that: *Our Savior is in Us, Our Sins are Behind Us, His Spirit Empowers Us, Our Hope Motivates Us, and the Saints are Cheering Us.* God wants us to keep moving forward because, people of God, your latter is greater than what is behind you.

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DAY 16

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE AND PROVISION

Psalm 23:1-5, CSB

“The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name’s sake. Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE AND PROVISION

Lord, please allow me to be Your hands and feet in my neighborhood. May I be a living breathing testament of Your abundant provision. Help me to walk alongside my neighbors showing them Your love in their lives. Please grant me the privilege of giving them rest and relief from the burdens they carry. Help me to lead them to the only source that refreshes the soul—the One who will guide and direct them on every path they will ever walk. Lord, when they walk through dark valleys, please allow me to be Your hands and feet, a tangible reminder of Your presence, protection, guidance and love. Help me to guide them to the lavish abundance that You prepare for us enjoy in the presence of our all that comes against us in this world.

Mary R. Landis, Women's Ministry Consultant, Baptist Resource Network

DAY 17

A PRAYER FOR OPEN EYES

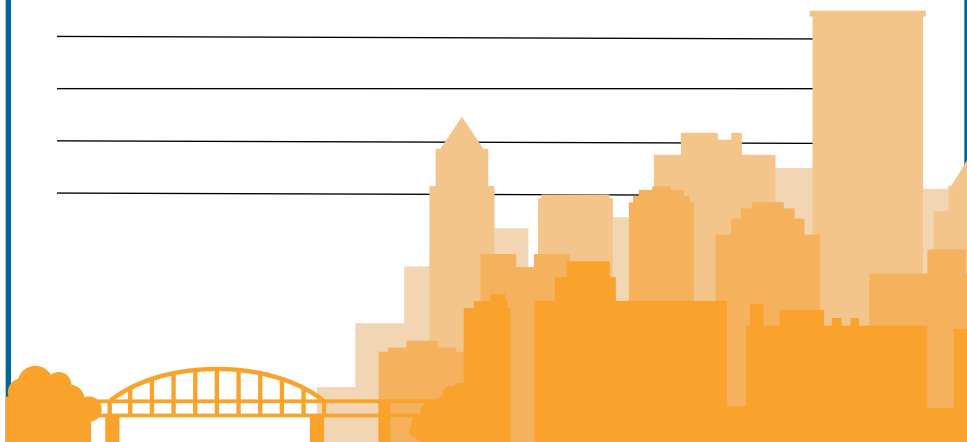
Ephesians 1:17-19, CSB

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of His strength."

A PRAYER FOR OPEN EYES

Dear Lord, we pray for You to open the eyes of our neighbors, giving them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You. We pray they would receive Your power and Your hope and be willing to live their lives fully for You. May they "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (1 Corinthians 4:18). May they trust You with every aspect of our lives. Amen.

Shannon Baker, Director of Communications; Editor, BRN United, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 18

A PRAYER FOR SEEKING THE HEART OF JESUS

Proverbs 16:26, CSB

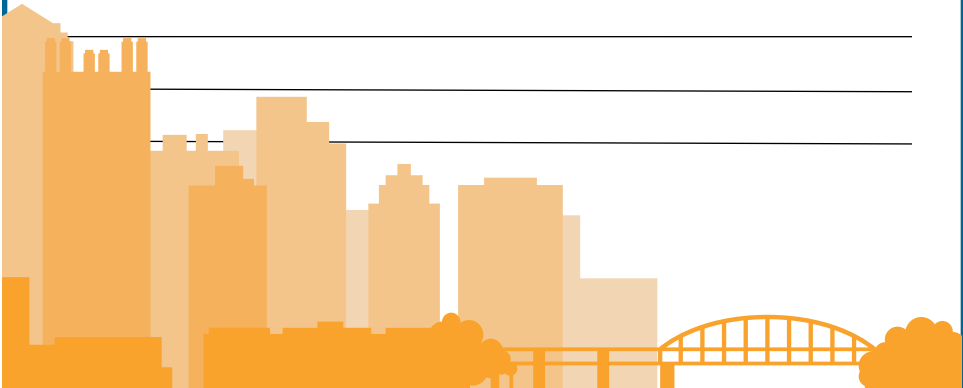
*“A worker’s appetite works for him
because his hunger urges him on.”*

A PRAYER FOR SEEKING THE HEART OF JESUS

This proverb gives us some guidance about how to pray. Are you a worker? Think about what Jesus said about fields being ready for harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). Perhaps it would be good to examine what you are hungry for and when will you be satisfied (Matthew 5:6)? Can you imagine Jesus being driven by what is driving you today (Luke 19:10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)?

Dearest Jesus, open my eyes that I might see the world around me just like You see it. And transform my mind so that what is important to You moves to the top of my priority list. And help me to work as if someone else’s life depends on it.

Kenton Hunt, PA/NJ Director of Disaster Relief, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 19

A PRAYER FOR PERSISTENCE

Romans 12:11-13, NIV

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

A PRAYER FOR PERSISTENCE

Don’t give up! Your prayers for your loved ones and neighbors who don’t know Christ are being heard by the God of the universe! Your persistence in prayer, your faithful expressions of love and hospitality, and your willingness and availability *will* be used by God to make a difference in their lives. You can trust Jesus to do it!

Dear Jesus, You are able (Ephesians 3:20)! Your arm is not too short to save (Isaiah 59:1)! You will complete the work that You have begun (Philippians 1:6). You are faithful, even when we are not faithful (2 Timothy 2:13). We thank You today for the work You are already doing. We trust Your heart and your faithfulness, and we fervently thank You. Amen!

Shannon Baker, Director of Communications; Editor, BRN United, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 20

A PRAYER FOR AWARENESS

Ephesians 6:18-19, CSB

“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.”

A PRAYER FOR AWARENESS

Lord, as I walk around each day, may I see the people around me with the same eyes that You see them. Fill me with compassion, alertness, and love, God. It is so easy to be distracted by my own wants and schedule, Lord, but guide my steps and open my eyes to the needs around me. Lord, I want to care for the stranger and the neighbor. I love Your presence, Lord! I want to be open to You—my heart, my eyes, my ears, and my mouth—daily. When the opportunities come, as I am open to You, I want to join in what You are doing around me.

Eric Reiber, Collegiate Minister, Penn State University, State College, Baptist Resource Network



DAY 21

A PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE

Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

A PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE: COULD GOD BE DOING A NEW THING?

It's interesting how people always romanticize the past. We talk about the 'Good Ole Days' and tend to leave out the bad parts. The people of God historically have not been much better. Imagine, after being delivered from 400 years of slavery to the Egyptians, hearing the Israelites yearning on the "good" times they had. When I think about what the church should be post-COVID-19, it looks drastically different than it did before. I would be so disappointed if we went back to business as usual. I'm hoping this pandemic that forced us out of the building, gives us fresh eyes to see the new opportunities before us. Just maybe the crowds needed to dissipate so the disciples could elevate. Imagine God giving you a do-over to reach your community, city and country. Imagine not being confined anymore by space in a building or time regulated to 11 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Imagine going to a place, like social media, where the world you are trying to reach is and making it your new mission field. Imagine the idea of making disciples and not crowds. Let's reimagine the sharing of the Gospel.

Every 4.2 minutes someone dies in PA/SJ without knowing the Lord. We must remember Jesus' reason for coming was to seek and save the lost. I believe the Lord wants to do new things with us, individually and corporately. So please don't rush back to business as usual, take this time to really pray about how God may want to use you moving forward in a more urgent and missional manner.

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A stylized illustration of a city skyline in shades of blue and orange. The skyline features various building shapes, including a prominent tall building with a pointed top. In the foreground, there are several smaller houses with gabled roofs. The background is a gradient of orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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*"We must do the works of Him who sent Me while it is day.
Night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4).*