

B E T H E
ONE

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

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BE THE ONE FOR YOUR ONE

Who is your **“One”**? Imagine if every member of our church family could answer that question with the name of a person — a person for whom they are praying and with whom they are sharing the gospel? How would it change our church? How would it change Kendall Park and central New Jersey?

The truth is, we don’t need another “method” for evangelism. What we need is a passion to see people who are far from God experience new life through Jesus.

It doesn’t matter how big our church is, where we meet, or how successful we are if we’re not intent on doing everything so that lost people have the opportunity to experience the transforming work of God. Without that one thing, we fail.

That’s why we’re spending this year’s *21 Days of Prayer and Fasting* focused on **“Be The One”**. We want to take the next 21 days as a church family to help us identify one person in our lives who we can pray for and share the gospel with in 2023.

We can all point back to a person who was the **“One”** in our lives. They introduced us to Jesus, or made time to answer our tough questions. They were there when our lives were falling apart, or they showed the love of Jesus to us in expected ways. Looking back, we all can and should be grateful for that **“One”**!

And we have a calling from Jesus to **“Be The One”** to someone else.

Together, let’s press into our role in building the kingdom of God right here and right now by identifying, praying for, and building a relationship with our **“One”**.

In addition to your personal devotional time reading and praying for your **“One”**, we’ll also be praying together via Zoom. Join us Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:15 a.m. for our prayer call. The link for the call and other resources can be found at kairoschurchnj.com/21days.

We’d like to thank our friends at the North American Mission Board for the inspiration and associated resources used to put together this year’s 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Each day you will have an opportunity to read Scripture and a thought about God's desire to reach people with the love of Jesus. You'll also encounter how you fit into God's plan to do just that. Spend a few minutes each day praying to God for the passion and wisdom to "**Be The One**", and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you.

Then, read the prayer geared specifically for your "**One**". Spend time in prayer for them and write their name down in the space provided. Feel free to have a journal nearby and write down any other notes or prayers as you feel led.

CORPORATE PRAYER

Each day we will join together for a time of prayer from 6:15-6:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on Zoom. We'll spend a few minutes as a large group and then break into smaller groups for prayer. For the daily link, go to kairoschurchnj.com/21days.

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Throughout the 21 Days Of Prayer and Fasting, please submit your personal prayer requests at kairoschurchnj.com (near the bottom). Each prayer request will be prayed over daily by the Pastoral Staff and Kairos Prayer Team.

FASTING

The goal of fasting is to draw nearer to God. Biblical fasting always has to do with eliminating distractions for a spiritual purpose; it hits the reset button of our soul and renews us from the inside out. It also enables us to celebrate the goodness and mercy of God and prepares our hearts for all the good things God desires to bring into our lives. Remember, your personal fast should present a level of challenge, but it is very important to know your body, your options, and, most importantly, to seek God in prayer and follow what the Holy Spirit leads you to do.

TYPES OF FAST

Complete Fast

In this type of fast, you drink only liquids, typically water with light juices as an option.

SELECTIVE FAST

This type of fast involves removing certain elements from your diet. One example of a selective fast is the Daniel Fast, during which you remove meat, sweets, and bread from your diet and consume water and juice for fluids and fruits and vegetables for food.

PARTIAL FAST

This fast is sometimes called the "Jewish Fast" and involves abstaining from eating any type of food in the morning and afternoon. This can either correlate to specific times of the day, such as 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or from sunup to sundown.

SOUL FAST

This fast is a great option if you do not have much experience fasting food, have health issues that prevent you from fasting food, or if you wish to refocus certain areas of your life that are out of balance. For example, you might choose to stop using social media or watching television for the duration of the fast and then carefully bring that element back into your life in healthy doses at the conclusion of the fast.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

Matthew 6:16–18

Matthew 9:14–15

Luke 18:9–14

Acts 27:33–37

Nehemiah 9:1–3

RESOURCES ON FASTING

[Your Personal Guide to Fasting and Prayer](#)

[Dr. Bill Bright](#)

[7 Basic Steps to Successful Fasting and Prayer](#)

[Dr. Bill Bright](#)

[The Purpose of Fasting](#)

[Richard Foster](#)

[The Wesley Fast](#)

[MethodistPrayer.com](#)

Please note, if you would like access to printed copies of any of these hyperlinked articles, email [**info@kairoschurchnj.com**](mailto:info@kairoschurchnj.com).

DAY 1 Monday, September 11

Spreading His Name

For the Scripture tells Pharaoh, I raised you up for this reason so that I may display my power in you and that my name may be proclaimed in the whole earth. ROMANS 9:17, CSB

God is passionate about the fame of His name spreading. Whether we realize it or not, everyone is a part of this. Even Pharaoh's actions played a role in God's name being proclaimed throughout the whole earth. We joyfully come alongside God in making Him known to the corners of the world. How do we do this? We do this by faithfully sharing the good news of Jesus with one person at a time. And with the collective labor of God's people living on mission, God's name will one day be proclaimed everywhere. One day, every knee will bow in heaven and on earth before the King.

Identify your one—one person you see on a consistent basis who you can begin praying for and sharing the gospel with in the coming weeks.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." JOHN 14:6, CSB

PRAYER

God, I know there is only one way to salvation. Jesus is clear; He is the only hope for a lost and dying world, and that includes _____. His/Her salvation depends on acknowledging Jesus is who He says He is, and He alone is the source of salvation. Use the people and circumstances in _____'s life today to point him/her to the reality of Jesus. Give me courage and boldness to call _____ to faith in Jesus when the opportunity arises, and help me make it clear there is no other way to be saved.

DAY 2

Tuesday, September 12

The Scope of His Glory

Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples. PSALM 96:3, CSB

We declare what we are most excited about. We naturally share the things we find most appealing or beautiful. Likewise, we are motivated to share the gospel because our eyes have seen the beauty of God Himself. We have experienced His goodness, glory and mighty works, and we are compelled to share this with others, including our one. We share the glory we have borne witness to.

God is ultimate, and the scope of His glory expands throughout the whole earth. The Psalmist exhorts readers to share who God is and what He has done among the nations. He is worthy to be praised throughout the whole earth, including among our family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. Join the Psalmist in this global declaration of God's glorious character and His mighty deeds.

When was the last time you declared to your one an amazing work God did for you? This week, share an amazing work God has done in your life with your one.

I will give them integrity of heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove their heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh, so that they will follow my statutes, keep my ordinances, and practice them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. EZEKIEL 11:19–20, CSB

PRAYER

Father, _____ needs a new heart. You are the only One who can change a heart that is living in rebellion to You and submitting to the slavery of sin. Apart from Your grace, _____ has no hope to know You and follow Your ways. I long for _____ to know You as his/her God and to experience the grace You so freely give. In Your rich love, give him/her a new heart, and put a new Spirit in place of his/her heart of stone.

DAY 3

Wednesday, September 13

Sharing From A Heart of Thankfulness

Give thanks to the LORD; proclaim his name! Make his works known among the peoples. Declare that his name is exalted.

ISAIAH 12:4, CSB

We are motivated to share the gospel out of thanksgiving to God. The Lord is our salvation (Isaiah 24:2), and He has turned away His anger from us and welcomed us into His family through Christ. From the outpouring of our thankfulness is a desire for others to know His goodness as well. We proclaim, make known and declare who God is and what He has done because we understand—even if in small degrees—where we would be had He not intervened in our lives. With thankful hearts, we push past our insecurities, fears and people pleasing, and we share with our friends, neighbors and our one the greatest news we have ever heard and they will ever hear.

Today, share the gospel with your one out of a heart of gratitude for what God has done on your behalf.

Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. **MATTHEW 11:28–30, CSB**

PRAYER

Lord, this world is filled with burdens. I know _____ experiences the reality of suffering in a broken, sinful world. People look to everything but Jesus to find hope and peace, and I know _____ is no exception. He/she runs to things other than You to relieve the pain of life and achieve some sense of comfort. Father, I know You are the only one who can provide true rest. Cause _____ to recognize the futility of looking to anything in this world for the rest he/she seeks, and let this reality drive him/her to You in repentance and saving faith.

DAY 4

Thursday, September 14

The Great Mediator

For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time. 1 TIMOTHY 2:5–6, CSB

A mediator intervenes between two parties. When you buy a house, your realtor serves as a mediator of sorts, communicating between the buyer and the seller. When two siblings are in a heated argument, parents serve as a mediator between the opposing parties.

Jesus is our mediator because He restored the harmony between God and humanity, which was broken by sin. Sometimes, we find substitute mediators which attempt to bridge the gap that existed between us and God. We may rely on our own good works, our authority or another person's intimate relationship with God. But we soon see these mediators fail to deliver. The good news we share with ourselves and our one is that Jesus' atonement on the cross was sufficient to bring us into a relationship with God. Because of Christ our mediator, we can now run to God as a Father instead of cowering before Him as judge.

Identify the "substitute mediators" you're tempted to turn to and the ones your one turns to. How should you tailor your gospel presentation to address their substitute mediators?

A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying. ACTS 16:14, CSB

PRAYER

God, Lydia's story gives me hope for the salvation of _____. Give me the boldness of Paul. Make me courageous to share the gospel message with _____ in a way that is clear and compelling. Help me reject the fear that causes me to shy away from speaking the Truth in love. Do for _____ what You did for Lydia. Open his/her heart to believe the gospel. Align the circumstances of life to soften his/her heart to the truth of the gospel, and cause him/her to listen intentionally and respond humbly to Jesus' offer of salvation.

DAY 5

Friday, September 15

Defined By Our “Yes”

A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. JOHN 10:10, CSB

Unfortunately, the Christian walk can easily be defined by the list of things we say “no” to. This presents to the world a God who wants to prevent us from experiencing the goodness He has for us. In sharing the gospel, we offer to our friends and family real, genuine and full life in this life and in the life to come. In our witness, we present Jesus as the one who gives abundant life. We can be defined by the things we say yes to—yes to love, hope, peace, joy, fullness, good news and more. In doing so, we reflect to the world a God who came so we may have fullness of life.

Engage your one in such a way that your words and your life are defined by your “yeses” and not the things to which you say “no.” Communicate clearly that Jesus came to give your one full and eternal life now and in the age to come.

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. 2 PETER 3:9, CSB

PRAYER

Father, You have been patient with _____ up to this point in his/her life. You long for all people to hear the gospel and come to saving faith. Continue to show mercy and extend _____ 's life. In Your kindness, allow him/her to experience the beautiful things You've created and that display Your glory. Protect him/her from the full extent of the consequences of his/her sin, and allow the consequences that he/she does experience to point him/her to the need for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

DAY 6

Saturday, September 16

You Are Worthy Because of Christ

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." JOHN 14:6, CSB

By default, our hearts want to justify ourselves through our accomplishments. We sweat, strive and toil to prove to ourselves, the world and God we are worthy. We are worthy of affection and love. We are worthy of honor and recognition. We are worthy of admiration and esteem.

But the only way to God is outside of ourselves. While not altogether worthless, our striving is but vapor before the face of a holy and perfect God. The good news we bring to our friends and family who do not know Jesus is that the only way to the Father is through Jesus. We come to the feet of Jesus as our true selves: broken, tired and in need of restoration, and it is here we see Him as "the way, the truth and the life." Our way to God is found outside of ourselves, and on this path we find joy in the fact that we can never lose what we did not earn.

Identify what your one may use—esteem, recognition, power, etc.—to justify themselves. Share with them the good news that Jesus offers us rest from endless striving.

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation. I can testify about them that they have zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. Since they are ignorant of the righteousness of God and attempted to establish their own righteousness, they have not submitted to God's righteousness.

ROMANS 10:1–3, CSB

PRAYER

Lord, I know it is possible for people to pursue meaningful things in this life in the vain hope that their zeal for what is perceived as good will somehow work to their eternal benefit. Far too often, those who are far from You assume things will work out in the end because they have been fairly good people in this life and given their time and energy to do what they consider good. Sadly, many are like those Paul prays for in this passage. They have zeal but lack knowledge of God's righteousness seen in Jesus Christ. Awaken _____ to Your offer of salvation, and help him/her see the futility of anything other than You as a hope for eternal salvation.

DAY 7

Sunday, September 17

Let Your Light Shine

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16, CSB

As Christians, we are the light of the world, and one way we let our light shine is through our good works. Our good works towards others are not only a way for us to display the love of Christ, but it is also an evangelistic opportunity in and of itself. Those who do not know Jesus are watching us, and when they see our good deeds—which aren't motivated out of our trying to be loved by God, but instead are an overflow of the love we have received from God—there is an opportunity for them to glorify our Father in heaven. As you go about your day, don't neglect the evangelistic impact your kindness to others may have.

As you let your light shine this week, identify one kind thing you could do to serve your one, and do it

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MATTHEW 5:16, CSB

PRAYER

Father, give me the faith to obey You in all things, so _____ can experience firsthand a life that has been transformed by Your Spirit. I pray for humility, so I will not merely do what is right to feel good about myself or in order to flaunt my morality in front of others. Give me wisdom to know how to leverage the obedience that You've called me to pursue in order to have opportunities to speak about why my life is different. Use the distinctive life Your Spirit produces in me and the good works You lead me to perform to cause _____ to long for the hope, peace, joy and meaning that only comes to those who have experienced Your salvation.

DAY 8

Monday, September 18

Sharing In The Blessing

Although I am free from all and not anyone's slave, I have made myself a slave to everyone, in order to win more people ... I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some. Now I do all this because of the gospel, so that I may share in the blessings. 1 CORINTHIANS 9:19, 22B-23, CSB

Paul was so devoted to winning people to Christ that he willingly brought himself low—to the point of referring to himself as a servant—in hopes that God may save some. He did whatever he had to do to remove barriers that may have prevented people from believing and trusting in Christ by wholly giving of himself to the needs and service others. It is paradoxical that Paul sees the giving of himself as “sharing in the blessings.” While our sin nature tells us to hoard our time, talent, treasures and even the good news for our own joy and blessing, there is great benefit for both the hearer and the proclaimer of the gospel. May we seek to share in the blessings to be had when we become all things to all people in order to save some.

Pray God would help you identify one way you could “become all things” to your one that He might save them. In what ways may the Lord be calling you to serve your one in order to remove barriers?

He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. LUKE 10:2, CSB

PRAYER

God, raise up other Christians who have a relationship with _____ who can partner with me in sharing the gospel with him/her. In particular, cause his/her believing friends, family or coworkers to take every opportunity to speak Truth into his/her life. Allow the words we all share to reinforce the truth of the gospel to _____ and prompt him/her to consider the claims we are all making. Save _____, and turn him/her into another laborer who will share the gospel to his/her circle of relationships as well.

DAY 9

Tuesday, September 19

The Good News Entrusted To You

Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please people, but rather God, who examines our hearts. For we never used flattering speech, as you know, or had greedy motives—God is our witness—and we didn't seek glory from people, either from you or from others.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4–6, CSB

Have you ever allowed the opinions of others to keep you from sharing your faith with your one? Perhaps a perfect opportunity presents itself, and you feel the distinct nudge of the Holy Spirit. You may notice the other person's voice is muffled and tuned out because insecurities begin to flood your thoughts. "What will they think of me? What if I offend them with what I believe? Who am I to share this message, and what if they ask questions I don't know the answers to?" God has entrusted the message of the gospel to you, and perhaps this moment is one of the good works He has prepared in advance for you to walk in (Ephesians 2:10). It's almost impossible to obey God while trying to please people.

As you share the gospel this week, don't allow the temptation to seek the glory of others crowd out your boldness and faithfulness to share the message.

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. For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should. **EPHESIANS 6:19–20, CSB**

PRAYER

God, I need boldness in order to share the gospel with _____. I know the message of the gospel is a mystery to those who are lost in their trespasses and sins. At one time, the gospel was a mystery to me as well. Your plan is that people would see and hear of Jesus through the witness of those who have experienced His grace and now see the gospel for the treasure it is. Grant me boldness to speak to _____ of the hope of the gospel. I need unwavering confidence that You will use my frail words to speak of You as I should.

DAY 10

Wednesday, September 20

Sharing The Gospel and Our Lives

Although we could have been a burden as Christ's apostles, instead we were gentle among you, as a nurse nurtures her own children. We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7–8, CSB

You have heard, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Sharing the gospel is not less than a verbal proclamation or announcement, but it is more. We share the good news of Jesus in word while sharing our lives. When we display the love of Christ to others and build relational capital, we begin tilling the soil of their hearts to not only hear the good news but to experience it through our own lives and friendship.

This week, as you look for opportunities to verbally share Christ, don't neglect a key aspect of evangelism where you're sharing yourself as well. Share your joys, your struggles and your life with those you are trying to reach for Christ. How will you share your life and the gospel with your one this week?

Sing a new song to the Lord; let the whole earth sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples. PSALM 96:1–3, CSB

PRAYER

God, the psalmist calls me to sing to the Lord and declare His salvation among all people. Cause my life to overflow with Your joy. Make me sing Your praises day-to-day. Bring to mind consistent evidence of Your grace in my life. As You do, make these realities spill over into the words I speak to _____. Allow me to testify to the wondrous works You've performed in my life. When I experience Your blessings, compel me to testify to the fact that God alone is the source of my joy and the only basis for my hope.

DAY 11

Thursday, September 21

The Pressure Is Off

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day. **JOHN 6:44, CSB**

Sometimes we feel pressure that we are responsible for a person becoming a Christian. We may place an overemphasis on saying the right words or finding the right time to share the gospel. Like trying to enter a game of double-dutch, we strategically rock back and forth while attempting to figure out when to jump in with the big news. Rest assured, God will give wisdom how and when to share. But if you're a Christian, find joy in the fact that you're already in the game, and the pressure of performance is off. It is not in our ability to save people, but we are called to deliver the message, and God gives us the privilege to be used by Him. As you share the best news with your one, leave the results of salvation up to the God who draws people to Himself, and enjoy the joy of joining God in His mission as He makes all things new.

Pray that as you share the gospel with your one, you would be reminded that only the Father can draw people to Himself.

So he got into a boat, crossed over, and came to his own town. Just then some men brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven." **MATTHEW 9:1-2, CSB**

PRAYER

Father, the Bible tells many stories of unnamed men and women who brought their friends to Jesus. I long to bring _____ to You as well. Like the paralytic in this story, I know You are capable of doing far more than merely addressing his/her external needs. You know his/her heart, and You are the only One who is able to forgive his/her sins. _____ may not even sense his/her need for forgiveness at this time, but I understand all people are dead in their sins and are hopeless and helpless apart from the forgiveness You offer. As I strive to bring _____ to You, do what only You are capable of doing and save him/her.

DAY 12

Friday, September 22

God Gives Growth

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:5–6, CSB

If you like fast-action results, you should not take up gardening. It is the slow and steady act of consistent day-in and day-out nurturing and cultivating the plants. Likewise, sharing the gospel where we live, work and play can be slow work. We build relationships and share the love of Christ in word and deed. We pray our friends and family who do not know Christ will turn away from their sins and turn toward Him in humble submission. In this sometimes-slow process, the Lord uses other men and women to call people to Himself. Each person has a role they play in their influence of drawing people into the kingdom. While God uses our labor and the labors of others, true spiritual growth comes from God Himself. As you share the gospel with your one, resist the urge to become frustrated when people become Christians or grow spiritually as a result of another's influence. You may plant and another may water, but ultimately God causes them to grow.

Recall the people who played a role in your own story of salvation. Communicate—a thank you note, a phone call, a text message, etc.—your gratitude in their willingness to be used by the Lord to call you to Himself.

In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. **EPHESIANS 1:13, CSB**

PRAYER

God, I know You give Your promised Holy Spirit to all those whom You have saved. Your Spirit is a defining mark of Your people. I pray _____ would experience Your salvation and receive the gift of Your Spirit. I know it is Your Spirit who works in the hearts of people like _____ to convince them of their sin and their need for Jesus. I ask that Your Spirit do this work in _____ 's life and that Your Spirit will fill and seal him/her when he/she hears Your Word and believes the truth of Your gospel.

DAY 13

Saturday, September 23

The Lord Opens Hearts

A God-fearing woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to respond to what Paul was saying. ACTS 16:14, CSB

Opportunities to share the gospel can happen at unexpected times, and we have to be vigilant to recognize them when they come. Paul and his companions went to sit by a river to pray. When they found the space occupied, they engaged the women who were there. It is here we witness God open the heart of Lydia in response to Paul's proclamation of the gospel.

We never know the degree to which God is working in a person's heart, but we can depend on God to open the hearts of those we share the gospel with. God and His Word are sufficient to do the heavy lifting in our evangelism. Remain faithful to share His Word. You never know who may be listening and whose heart will be opened.

Pray you would be ready to share the gospel in the unexpected moments of life this week.

"Listen! Consider the sower who went out to sow. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it didn't have much soil, and it grew up quickly, since the soil wasn't deep. When the sun came up, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it didn't produce fruit. Still other seed fell on good ground and it grew up, producing fruit that increased thirty, sixty, and a hundred times." Then he said, "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen."

MARK 4:3-9, CSB

PRAYER

Father, cause the seed being sown in _____'s life to produce fruit. I know the enemy likes nothing more than to see the sun or thorns destroy the seed of the gospel in his/her life. Do the work of tilling the soil in his/her heart, so the message of the gospel is received. I know You are able to transform even the hardest heart, as You demonstrated in the transformation of the apostle Paul. Nothing is impossible for You. I ask You to show Your power once again and cause _____ to produce exponential fruit.

DAY 14

Sunday, September 24

The One Is Precious In His Sight

What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance. LUKE 15:4–7, CSB

Bigger is better, and more is greater. That's what we're led to believe. We celebrate large numbers and record-breaking moments (as we should). Of course, we want to see people come to Christ in large numbers. We want to see more and more people experience the joy which comes from an intimate relationship with Jesus. The world has seen its share of revivals, and we celebrate and praise God for these moments. In the midst of the multitudes repenting and coming to faith in Christ, don't neglect the joy of the one sinner who repents. The one—your one—is precious in His sight. God rejoices over the one sinner who repents.

As we pray for the masses today, pray for your one, too.

Dear friends, don't overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:8–9, CSB

PRAYER

Father, thank You for being patient with all of us, including _____ . I know every day You extend our life is testimony to Your longsuffering and desire for all people to know and personally experience the hope that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. I also understand You could return at any moment and, when You do, it will be too late for those who have never repented of their sins and trusted You. I pray this reality will create a sense of urgency in my life and cause me to share with boldness. I ask that Your kindness will lead _____ to repent of his/her sins and experience life with You now and forever.

DAY 15

Monday, September 25

Reaching Family

*He escorted them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house. He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized. He brought them into his house, set a meal before them, and rejoiced because he had come to believe in God with his entire household. **ACTS 16:30–34, CSB***

Paul and Silas were a part of saving the jailer's life twice: once from taking his own life out of fear and another time through hearing the good news. As a result of his physical and spiritual salvation, his whole family comes to know the Lord! You may have heard it said that family members are the hardest people to witness to, but this should not prevent us from sharing the good news with those who we share our bloodline. May there be much rejoicing in your own family over those who come to know the Lord. As you cross the street and witness to your neighbor or with strangers, don't forget or neglect those in your own family tree.

Commit now to regularly praying for one family member who does not know Christ. The next time you see them, commit to engaging in spiritual conversation with them by asking good questions about what they believe.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever. **1 CHRONICLES 16:34, CSB***

PRAYER

Father, I give thanks to You for Your goodness in my life. I know Your faithful love endures forever. You have never abandoned me, and You continue to demonstrate grace in my life, though I'm so prone to forget Your kindness or rebel against Your authority. _____ needs to know Your love. He/she needs more than an intellectual understanding of Your existence; rather he/she needs to experience the love You have demonstrated in my life. Break through his/her hard heart, and cause him/her to truly experience Your life-transforming love and to be able to join with me in giving You thanks for all You are and all You have done.

DAY 16

Tuesday, September 26

The Holy Spirit's Guidance

*The Spirit told Philip, "Go and join that chariot." When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you're reading?" "How can I," he said, "unless someone guides me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him [...] The eunuch said to Philip, "I ask you, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or someone else?" Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture. **ACTS 8:29–3; 34–35, CSB***

What a joy to have inquiring hearts initiate to us in search of truth! We often intentionally seek out others to share the gospel with, but sometimes God has been preparing a person's hearts to receive the good news, and all that's left is a divine encounter with a faithful Christian who is willing to share the best news we've ever heard. Listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance as He prompts you to share with others, especially your one.

Pray that in every situation, the Holy Spirit would give us discernment to answer questions accurately and the wisdom to always be prepared to share the good news.

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's glory, as the water covers the sea. **HABAKKUK 2:14, CSB***

PRAYER

God, You have promised there will be a day when Your glory is seen and known throughout the earth. Right now, _____ does not have knowledge of Your glory. He/she is lost. I know Your glory already fills the earth. It's seen in amazing sunrises, powerful thunderstorms and the laughter of children. Everywhere I look, I see things that cause me to praise You! _____ is blind to Your glory. He/she sees beauty and does not attribute it to You. He/she experiences joy and fails to understand You created it. Change his/her heart so he/she can know the Source of all that is great in this life.

DAY 17

Wednesday, September 27

Plentiful Harvest and Few Workers

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and he sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." **LUKE 10:1–2, CSB**

There is not a shortage of lost people in the world. The harvest of individuals and communities who need the good news is vast, but the workers who are willing to go and proclaim the gospel message are few. As a result, we are commanded by Jesus to pray for workers to go into the harvest. In the midst of praying for workers, do not be surprised if God makes you one of them. We all have a responsibility in fulfilling the Great Commission, and we are not called to do it alone. Christ sent out 72 other disciples in pairs to complete the ministry work He gave them to do.

As you share the truth of the gospel, take another believer with you to labor alongside. Share your victories, trials and God's provision with one another, and pray God would continue to raise up other laborers to go into the harvest.

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **COLOSSIANS 1:13–14, CSB**

PRAYER

Lord, it is amazing to think of the great work You have done in my life. As Paul says, You have rescued me from the domain of darkness and transferred me into the kingdom of Your Son. I did not deserve this type of grace. No one does. You have done for Your people what they could not do for themselves, and now I boldly ask You to do the same for _____. Right now, he/she is in the domain of darkness, though he/she may not recognize it. Because of Your great love, grant _____ salvation and transfer him/her into Your kingdom of light.

DAY 18

Thursday, September 28

God Chose You

But Moses replied to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent—either in the past or recently or since you have been speaking to your servant—because my mouth and my tongue are sluggish." The LORD said to him, "Who placed a mouth on humans? Who makes a person mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will help you speak and I will teach you what to say." EXODUS 4:10–12, CSB

When the Lord called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, Moses had an arsenal of excuses why he was not the most qualified person for the job. One of his reasons was his inability—past and present—to speak eloquently. Despite whether this was true or not, God chose Moses for this task. Likewise, there are men and women in your life who God has chosen you to share the gospel with. Not your pastor or your super spiritual friend, but you. One of the reasons we may be hesitant to share is because we simply do not know what we would say. Our culture is enamored by articulate speakers who can speak intellectually about the claims of Christianity. But God has chosen you to share the good news with your family, friends, neighbor or your one. He made no mistake. He made the mouth, and He will show you what to say. He will help you speak. Are you willing to be used by Him?

Pray you would not allow the fear of not being able to speak eloquently to deter you from sharing the gospel.

The Lord said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you. GENESIS 12:1–3, CSB

PRAYER

Father, when I read the story of the call of Abram, I'm reminded that Your heart has always been for all the people and nations of the earth. You blessed Abram and gave him Your great promises so he could serve as a blessing to the nations. The same is true for all those who are heirs of these promises through salvation in Christ Jesus. We are all blessed to be a blessing to others—most importantly, to bless them by pointing them to their only hope in life and death. Make me a blessing to _____. Cause me to make Your name great as I declare and demonstrate the blessing of salvation in such a way that _____ will see Your glory.

DAY 19

Friday, September 29

God Is Not Slow

Dear friends, don't overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:8–9, CSB

It's hard to endure in evangelism. We have friends and family members we have been praying for and sharing the gospel with for years, and there is not the slightest nudge of spiritual interest, let alone conversion. Sharing the gospel can be discouraging, but God's timing is not like ours. God is patient, and He does not desire anyone to perish. Keep laboring in faith knowing you serve a God who is not slow, but is patient with you and with those you are sharing with, including your one.

Pray God would strengthen your spiritual muscles to endure in prayer for the salvation of your one.

The Lord—the Lord is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth, maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin.

EXODUS 34:6–7, CSB

PRAYER

God, I know You as One who is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have shown these characteristics to me time and time again. My heart breaks for the countless number of men and women who haven't experienced Your character as I have. In particular, I pray for _____. I know he/she has some concepts of who You are—many of them probably inadequate or altogether faulty. I want him/her to know You as You truly are. Cause _____ to see You as the great God You are, and use me to reflect Your attributes.

DAY 20

Saturday, September 30

Better Than We Can Imagine

And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.

REVELATION 5:9–10, CSB

The kingdom of Heaven will be far greater than we ever dared imagine. All of our tiresome, stressful and awkward moments of evangelism will be incomparable when we stand shoulder to shoulder with sisters and brothers from around the world and admire and worship the King. On this day, may we look around and see men and women— maybe even our one—the Lord gave us the privilege of ushering into the kingdom. When we worship Him without the effects of our sin or the brokenness of our world, we will know that this is where we were meant to be all along—with God and with his people.

Pray now that one day your one will be standing with you before the throne of God in worship.

And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. **REVELATION 5:9, CSB**

PRAYER

God, You are worthy of the worship of all people. You created all things for Your glory and made every person who has ever lived to proclaim Your excellence. This is true of _____, as well. When I read John's picture of the worship of every tribe, tongue and nation in heaven, I picture _____ among that group. Save him/her, so he/she would join in the chorus of those who praise You as worthy. As I seek to share with _____, burden my heart for all people around the world who do not know You. Save _____, and use him/her to declare Your glory among the nations as well.

DAY 21

Sunday, October 1

The Glory To Come

Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.

Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words are faithful and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life."

REVELATION 21:3–6, CSB

These verses are hard to believe because we have only known a world with death, grief, crying and pain. God gives a glimpse of the joy to come when we will finally be with him in the deepest and most intimate way possible. This is what we are inviting people into. As we invite people to come and see, and we share with our one the good news about the One who shed his blood for them, we are inviting them into a kingdom they were created for and a person they were created to know. He promises He is making all things new, and one day His work will be complete. May this picture of his coming reign propel us into our neighborhoods, workplaces and homes to faithfully share the best news.

Pray for the reality of Revelation 21 that is coming. May this moment of being with Jesus propel you to share the gospel with endurance, love and patience. By God's grace, may we see many more salvations and baptisms in the months and years to come!

PRAYER

Lord, I long for the day when You will make all things new. This world is broken, and I know You will come and recreate all things. I know You have set a day when Christ will return and do just that. I ask You to save _____ before that great day. Make him/her thirsty for the water of life You freely give. Use the witness of Your people to point him/her to salvation through Jesus Christ. I know You are the Beginning and the End—the only hope for salvation for all people. So, I ask You to give _____ new life in Christ.



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