
Bible Methodist Connection

21 Days of Prayer - Pray Around the World

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Introduction

You are invited to participate in a blessed time of spiritual discipline and interaction. The call to 21 Days of Prayer rise from the desire of Bible Methodist's leadership to strengthen the work of the Lord in the hearts of each participant.

We would like to encourage you to spend these days during the month of January in fasting and prayer. As you begin a new year it is a good time to focus your attention on who and whose you are, as you spend time conversing with Him.

He invites you into His presence. As you gather with other people from time to time during these days of fasting and prayer, He promises to be with you. His desire is not that you simply consume a designated amount of time talking to Him. He much rather desires that you join with the Holy Trinity in conversation. He will talk with you as you commune with Him.

To facilitate the sense of His presence and to express your deep desire for Him, fasting can be a tool. You might want to participate in the sort of fast the early Methodists used, and that is fasting Wednesday and Fridays until the time of the evening meal. You may want to simply limit the amount or the kind of food you consume. Your fast may include limiting time for entertainment, conversation or sleep. Please remember the call to fasting and prayer is an invitation in to God presence, not simply a discipline for discipline's sake.

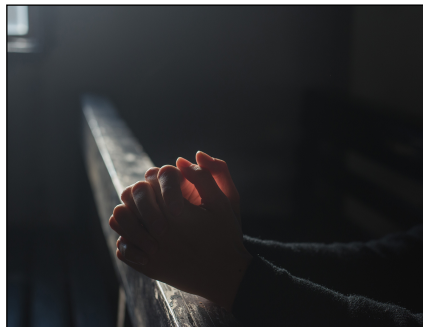
You will notice that January 27 and 28 are set aside for Prayer Around the World. The anticipation of this event is to seek the Lord's face as a corporate body. The Filipino Church, Mexican Church, Asian Christians and American Church will all gather at the same time to celebrate and petition our Lord. American and Canadians will pray for people in the Philippines, Mexicans and Asians will pray for their brothers in Canada and the United States; everyone for each other.

Please join the larger conversation with the Lord God. Gather with your family, church and or churches to spend these three weeks focusing on the Lord and His Kingdom.

Conversing Through Adoration

1st Week beginning January 8, 2018

Conversing with the Lord about the beauty and richness of His person is the focus of this week. The attributes of God or names and Titles of God will help you get started. Praying through His attributes and or names will strengthen your focus on who He is and redirect your attention to His beauty.



Attributes: (Characteristics)

He is Holy, Righteous, Good, Merciful, Full of Grace, Love, Faithful, Truth.

He is also, Omnipotent (all powerful), Omnipresence (every where present), Omniscient (all knowing) and Immutable (He does not change).

Names and Titles of God:

Abba Father, Alpha and Omega, The Ancient of Days, The Anointed One, The God of Knowledge, The Most High God, The Everlasting God, The God who sees, God Almighty, The Creator, The Self Existent God, The Lord is my banner, The Lord that heals, The Lord of Peace, The Lord of hosts, The Lord our righteousness, The Lord will provide,

Suggested Prayer:

Spend a few minutes of waiting in the Lord's presence each day. Follow that time with an extended time of reviewing and celebrating one attribute and or title of God.

Conversing Through Supplication

2nd Week beginning January 15, 2018

Conversing with God in supplication and intercession are interwoven in the sense that seeking the Lord for people and situations are at the core of this focused time of prayer. A suggestion is, make a list of what you desire to bring to the Lord and then take one day concentrating on each request, in conversation with God.



Supplication for International and National people and situations.

- The politics of the nations of the world and how they impact the work of Christ's Kingdom. The suffering church should be part of this focus.
- The people and politics of the nation you consider home and their impact on the Church.
- World wide missions and especially Bible Methodist Missions: Director Keep, and the Missions Committee; Mexico - Muirs, Philippines - Hutchisons and Marika Herrer, Asia - Troyers.
- The world-wide Church and especially the Bible Methodist Connection and its ministries; Connectional Chairman and Committee members as well as Alabama Regional Conference, Great Lakes Regional Conference and Heartland Regional Conference.

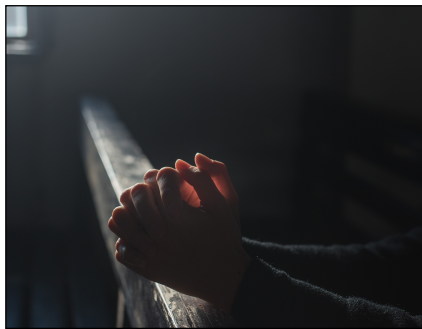
Supplication for Local people and situations:

- Church Pastor and Leadership team.
- Unbelievers for whom the church is praying.
- Poor and disadvantaged in the community.
- Family and especially those who need Christ as their Savior and helper.

Conversing through Thanksgiving

3rd Week beginning January 22, 2018

Conversing with God through offering thanks will help you identify what is most important to you and to His kingdom. Thanksgiving focuses on the blessings enjoyed through the benevolent and merciful hand of God.



Thanksgiving should include:

Spiritual:

- Thank the Lord for the incredible plan of salvation which includes the gift of Christ our Savior. Thank the Lord for forgiveness.
- Thank the Lord for His desire to dwell among His people. Thank the Lord for entire sanctification, which includes the promise of the Father, the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- Thank the Lord for the joy of invitation into and participation in the Divine conversation.
- Thank the Lord for His Word and the leadership of His Spirit.

Relational:

- Thank the Lord for the community of faith (Church) and for fellowship with Believers.
- Thank the Lord for family with its strengths and joys.
- Thank the Lord for community and the opportunity to influence it toward Christ.

Material:

- Thank the Lord for the blessings of food, drink, clothing, shelter and health.