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Dear Church,

Happy New Year!

As your Pastors we love you and pray for you constantly, thanking God for you and lifting you before our Heavenly Father.

As we enter 2021 we want to make sure we start this year together strong! Last year more than ever we have been aware of the importance of “together” and we have all found creative ways to be together as family and with loved ones; from online to social distanced walks, we have never been more aware of this.

So we want to start this year together in strength and in prayer. There is nothing like the simplicity and power of prayer, talking to Your Heavenly Father who loves you and loves to hear your voice, who is ready to answer our prayers and to do more than we could ever ask, hope or imagine. So we have created this prayer guide as a gift from our heart to yours, to encourage us all to pray and seek God’s presence, together.

Jesus said “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33) Let’s choose to pray and SEEK FIRST God’s kingdom in all situations.

We are expectant for what focusing on prayer will do for each of us personally in our relationship with God, and what it will do in us together; for the ones that we love and for the unity this will bring in our church family and community.

We feel very privileged to be leading you into another year and we thank God that He is with us as we step into 2021 together!

With much love
Steve & Charlotte Gambill
Life Church Lead Pastors

SEEK FIRST WEEK 1



DRAW CLOSE

MONDAY

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Tuesday

Drawing Near To God

STUDY

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. James 4:8

Is this your experience of God? Do you feel near to God right now?

Write down your thoughts.

APPLY

Play some worship music and spend some time thinking and reflecting on God's love - remember a particular instance of His goodness to you.

PRAY

- Ask, asking God to show you any barriers you may have put up that are stopping you from drawing near to Him. You may need to forgive someone or ask forgiveness for yourself - write down whatever comes to mind.
- Pray over these barriers by asking God for His truth. Write down what you think He is saying to you.
- Pray His truth over yourself and pray for freedom to come close to Him.

Wednesday

Bring Everything Near

STUDY

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Write this verse out in your journal and highlight any words that stand out to you. Why do these particular words stand out?

APPLY

Identify and write down any areas in your life that you are concerned or worried about. Remember it says everything, no matter how big or small it may seem to you; He cares about every detail.

PRAY

- Now let's do what the verse says. Let's pray about everything. Why it's worrying you, who it affects, how you feel. Bring everything to Him and like the verse says, tell God what you need.
- Let's take the next step in this verse, thank Him in prayer. Thank Him for who He is, for what He has done and thank Him in advance for what He will do.
- This verse says He gives you peace. Thank Him for God peace and choose today to receive His peace that exceeds your understanding and guards your heart and mind.

Thursday

Near In Your Thoughts

STUDY

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philipians 4:8

Write out the key words above – true, honourable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, praiseworthy. Now write down next to them anything that you personally associate with these words. It could be things God has done, scriptures or anything from your day-to-day life like relationships or prayer.

APPLY

Now think about how this list relates to your thought life. Do you find yourself thinking about these good things often? If not, try and identify things that you are thinking about and if needed, how you can begin to replace those thoughts with good thinking.

PRAY

- Pray about the good things you have written down. For example if you wrote down “Bible” next to the word “true” then thank God for His word, and that is a light to your path.
- Now pray over any areas where you need to change your thinking. Where you identify negative thoughts go to the Bible and find a biblical truth to replace that thought. You may want to write down positive statements to replace any negative ones.
- Now take a moment to thank Him that He is the one that is truly good and true and lovely and commendable, excellent and worthy of praise. You may want to put a worship song on to help you do this.

Friday

Near To His Desires

STUDY

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

Write this verse out in your journal and highlight any words that stand out to you. What do you think it means to ‘delight yourself in the Lord’?

APPLY

Stop and think of the desires of your heart. Write some of them down.

PRAY

- Pray over these desires. Ask God if they are His desires for you. Pray over the ones that are not from Him and lay them down.
- Ask God to put new desires in your heart, desires that He wants for you. Write these down.
- Pray over these areas by asking God to give you wisdom on how you can take the next step towards making these desires a reality.

SEEK FIRST WEEK 2



PSALM 23

MONDAY

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Tuesday

His Provision

STUDY

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. Psalm 23:1

In the space below, write out Psalm 23:1

APPLY

In light of that truth that the Lord is your shepherd, think on “I lack nothing”. Do you feel this statement is true for your life? Write down areas of your life where you feel this applies and write down any area where you feel like you are lacking at the moment.

PRAY

- Thank Him for the truth that there is no lack in Him and thank Him for the areas in your life where you see no lack.
- Now take some time to pray over any areas where you need a deeper understanding of this, ask God to show you how He is shepherding you in these areas.
- Pray that you would continue growing in your understanding of “the Lord is my shepherd” and “I lack nothing”. Pray the same for your Church family.

Wednesday

His Direction

STUDY

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Psalm 23:2-3

Think about these words: led to refreshment & guided on the right path.

APPLY

Are there any areas where you need to be led to refreshment or guided on the right path? Write these down.

PRAY

- Pray, thanking God that He wants us to be refreshed, that He “makes” us lie down and “leads” us to quiet waters. Ask Him to direct you in areas where you need to refresh your soul.
- Pray, thanking God that He wants to guide you in the right direction. Thank Him that He only wants good things for you. Ask Him for His wisdom to direct you on the right path.
- Thank God for His direction in your life. Pray for a continued trust and obedience in His guidance. Pray the same for your Church family and your Church leaders.

Thursday

His Protection

STUDY

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

Re-write this verse in your own words.

APPLY

Read what you have written down. How does this statement apply to any areas in your life that you find yourself needing protection in right now?

PRAY

- Thank God that He is with you, you are not alone and He is always by your side no matter what. Thank God for the comfort that is found in His rod (of protection) and His staff (of direction).
- In light of this truth, look back to the areas that you have identified you need His protection and comfort in. Pray about these areas.
- Do you know anyone who needs His comfort or protection today? Write their names down and pray God's comfort over them.

Friday

His Blessing

STUDY

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5

Spend some time thinking about your mighty God. No enemy can stand against Him, He can bring His blessing into every situation you face. This can look like peace, comfort, joy, protection, provision and more.

APPLY

Think about these two images – a table set before you in the presence of your enemies and a cup that overflows. Write down a particular time that you experienced God's blessing during a difficult time in your life and write down areas of your life that you have seen or experienced God's abundant blessing.

PRAY

- Pray for a new understanding of how God is blessing you in the middle of challenge.
- Bring to God all that faces you today and pray for overflowing blessing in each area.
- Pause and receive whatever He wants to set before you or fill you up with today. Playing some worship music and blocking out other distractions while you do this will really help.

SEEK FIRST WEEK 3



WAYMAKER

MONDAY

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Tuesday

Power Of Salvation

STUDY

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

Think about the love and the power of what Jesus did for you at the Cross.

APPLY

Write down your testimony - the story of how you came to know Jesus.

If you have not yet received Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, take a moment and pray the verses you have just read: thanking Jesus that he is Lord and turning away from the old life of sin. If you have just made this decision we would love to help you get off to a strong start in your faith so please email us on hello@lifechurchhome.com so that we can connect with you.

PRAY

- Thank God for His love in sending His Son for you. Thank Jesus for His love, that He went to the cross for you.
 - Thank God for the power of forgiveness extended to you and pray for anyone you need to forgive.
 - Pray that others would know this salvation power. Write some names down of people who need to know Jesus as their Saviour and commit to pray for them each day this week.
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Wednesday

Miracle Worker

STUDY

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

What does faith mean to you?

You can also read Hebrews 11:1 and Romans 10:17

APPLY

Write down any areas where you may have doubts. Then find some verses with God's promises to attach faith to these areas and write them down next to the areas you are struggling in. If you get stuck, you can always just search the internet for bible verses about...

PRAY

- Pray about each area and that God would help you to see these areas of doubt through His eyes.
 - Pray that God would increase your faith. Remember a mustard seed can move a mountain!
 - Pray the verses you have found over these areas and thank God for what He will do.
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Thursday

Promise Keeper

STUDY

“It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.” Isaiah 55:11

Write down some words you associate with ‘produces fruit and prospers’.

APPLY

God’s word is full of promises and it is those words that prosper and produce fruit everywhere that they are sent. Write down some areas that you need God’s word to come and cause fruit to grow and prosperity to flourish. Next to them write down some scriptures and promises that you relate to these situations.

For example you may be facing sickness right now. You may then write Isaiah 53:5 next to it – ‘by His wounds we are healed.’

PRAY

- Thank Jesus that He is Lord and that He is able to do above and beyond what His word says.
- Spend some time praying the scriptures over the areas you need God’s word to come to fruition in.
- Now take a moment and pray God’s promises over the people in your life, this could be a Psalm that you want to pray over your Church leaders or a verse you want to pray over your marriage or family. Thank Him that His word will never return void but will always produce fruit.

Friday

Light In The Darkness

STUDY

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Think about the power of a light in the darkness. Write down any words that come to mind.

APPLY

Ask the Holy Spirit if there are any areas or people where He would like you to bring His light this week or even today. Ask yourself if there are any areas where you may be hiding your light.

PRAY

- Thank God that we are the light of the world to others.
- Pray about the areas or people you thought of earlier. Ask God to show you how you can bring the power of His light into these situations.
- Pray about any areas where you may be hiding your light. Thank God that you are not made for hiding but for showing off His goodness to this world. Pray the same for your Church family.

SEEK FIRST WEEK 4

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SO WILL I

MONDAY

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Tuesday

Our Responsibility

STUDY

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

Think about this word 'image'; write down how you think you are made in 'His image'.

APPLY

What responsibility do you think you have on this earth to reflect the image of God? Write this down - it can be anything from how you interact with people, to how you do your job, to how you take care of the earth.

PRAY

- Pray about these areas that you have written down.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas where you can be that "image" of Him that you have not thought of.
- Pray that you would understand the privilege you have above all of creation to be known as made in the image of God.

Wednesday

His Kingdom

STUDY

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:31-33

Think of this word 'seek' and what you would do when seeking something really valuable.

APPLY

Think about this word 'Kingdom'. Write down any words you personally associate with His Kingdom. Choose a word that you have written and find a verse in the Bible associated with it. For example if you associated peace with His Kingdom find a verse on peace to go with this.

PRAY

- Take the word you have picked and thank God for it being present in His Kingdom. Ask the Holy Spirit how you can bring more of this aspect of His Kingdom to your world today.
- Think about that word 'seek' again and pray that you would continue to seek His Kingdom first, above other things. Ask the Holy Spirit if you are seeking any other things first. Repent and put Him first again.
- Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that they would seek His Kingdom first.

Thursday

Good News

STUDY

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

What do you think of when you hear the word gospel? Is it good news or is it something else?

APPLY

Think about the people in your world who don't know Jesus. Think about how you can bring the good news of the gospel to them through your actions and words.

PRAY

- Thank God for the good news of His Gospel. Take a moment to pray for the leadership in our Church and the good news they are spreading.
- Pray for missionaries and other ministries who are spreading the good news around the world. As a Church we partner with Compassion and Mercy UK, these are a great place to start.
- Write down the names of three people for whom you will commit to pray for this coming week.

Friday

Love One Another

STUDY

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

What is this verse saying about love?

APPLY

Pause and reflect. Is there a friend or family member to whom you have been struggling to show God's love?

PRAY

- Pray for forgiveness over any areas where you have not been reflecting the love of God.
- Pray that God would show you His love for these friends or family members you have written down.
- Thank God that He is love and ask Him to help you represent Him well to those closest to you.

SEEK FIRST WEEK 5



THE BLESSING

MONDAY

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Tuesday

Chosen People

STUDY

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

What do you think of when you hear the words chosen, royal and holy? Write these down.

APPLY

Think of the words you have written down. Do you see yourself this way? What do you think God is saying about you? Write down three statements particular to you.

PRAY

- Thank God for choosing you and calling you his child. Ask him for any fresh revelation you need on this.
- Thank God that his Spirit resides in you and you are called to be his representative on earth.
- Thank God for this closeness to him for which you are called Holy. Thank him for such a privileged position.

Wednesday

Family Blessing

STUDY

"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Read this verse and highlight any words that stand out to you.

APPLY

Look at the words you have highlighted and write down your thoughts on each one below, this could be a personal testimony or simply why that word resonates with you.

PRAY

- Thank God for the blessing over you.
- Pray this blessing over someone or perhaps a group of people in your world - your marriage, your children, your family, your friends.
- Thank God for His peace and pray over areas where you need His peace to permeate.

