

21 DAYS  
OF  
PRAYER

PRAYER GUIDE



## **PRAYER AT ACTION CHURCH**

From its inception, Action Church has made it a priority to seek God first in prayer. From monthly Morning Prayer to Encounter and Sunday services, prayer anchors our church. Twice a year we come together to pray collectively as a church - each January with the Churchwide Fast and each August with 21 Days of Prayer. These two months are intentional, as they begin new seasons of the year. Together we faithfully seek God first, trusting in His power alone to create lasting impact in our lives, our church, and our world.

### **21 Days of Prayer**

If you sense God has more for your life, 21 Days of Prayer is a great place to start believing Him for all that He has for you. As you practice seeking Him first, He will move on your behalf like never before. You will start to see the power of prayer impacting your relationships, work, family, and every area of your life. During the next 21 days, we will focus on the theme: *Living on Mission: A church that reaches people knows God, loves God, and shares God.*

This journal has been provided to guide your prayer time through the next 21 days. Here are some ways to get the most out of each day:

#### **The Word of God**

Each day will begin with a theme verse and prayer focus which will be shared in a short devotional to help focus your time of prayer.

#### **Prayer points,**

Prayer points, will be given each day and are connected to the theme verse and prayer focus. They help us pray the Word of God.

#### **Reflection**

Reflection questions are provided in this journal to prompt your personal prayer time and help you discern what God is saying to you each day.

#### **Corporate Prayer**

We will end our time together in corporate prayer where we will align our prayers as a united church family.

# WEEK 1: KNOW GOD

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*But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

1 PETER 2:9 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

Where do you most need God to move in your life in the next 21 Days?

Do you feel like you truly know God or know of Him? Share your thoughts here:

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

## Day 2 - God the Father

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*See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.*

1 JOHN 3:11 NLT

### REFLECTION:

How has God been a Father to you?

Reflect on your earthly Father and your heavenly Father - what are the similarities and the differences?

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## Day 3 - God the Son

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*No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.*

JOHN 1:18 NIV

### **REFLECTION:**

Why is knowing that Jesus is God important?

To know Jesus is to know God. What does Jesus teach you about God?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 4 - God the Holy Spirit

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*For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

Why is it important to know God the Holy Spirit?

What is your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.



# Day 5 - God is Love

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*Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 JOHN 4:8 NIV

## **REFLECTION:**

If God is love, how would you describe love?

Are there people you struggle to love? How can knowing God is love help you love them?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 6 - Living God

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*But the Lord is the only true God. He is the living God and the everlasting King!*

JEREMIAH 10:10A NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

How does believing this truth about God impact your life?

Where do you most need the power of God to move in your life today?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 7 - Sunday

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Attend an Action Church location for worship.

Reflect on today's message.

What was God saying to you? What steps do you need to take because of this?

# WEEK 2: LOVE GOD

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## Day 8 - Love Him

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*Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.*

JOHN 14:21 NLT

### **REFLECTION:**

List aspects of your life that demonstrate your love for God.

Is your love for God conditional? What are the conditions? How does this verse impact that?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 9 - Obey Him

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*But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.*

1 JOHN 2:5-6 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

What is your relationship with the Word of God? Is obedience to it hard? Why or why not?

Consider the life of Jesus. What areas of your life do you live as an example of Him? In what areas do you need to grow to be more like Him?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 10 - Worship Him

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*Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.*

PSALM 63:3-4 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

As you reflect on today's verse, list reasons why God is worthy of your worship.

What are personal ways you worship God? What is your preferred expression of worship?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 11 - Trust Him

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*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*

*Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.*

ISAIAH 26:3-4 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

Consider your relationship with God - list anything that may be preventing you from fully trusting Him.

What promise does this scripture give you concerning trusting God? What is keeping this promise from being a reality in your life?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.



# Day 12 - Surrender to Him

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*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

GALATIANS 2:20 NIV

## **REFLECTION:**

What does it mean that Christ lives in you? How is this evident in your life?

Reflect on your day to day living - are there any ways of thinking or acting that don't demonstrate a life of surrender?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 13 - Seek Him

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*I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.*

PROVERBS 8:17 ESV

## **REFLECTION:**

Have you ever sought God? What did He reveal to you about Himself?

What distractions keep you from seeking God daily? What steps can you take to change this?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 14 - Sunday

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Attend an Action Church location for worship.

Reflect on today's message.

What was God saying to you? What steps do you need to take because of this?

# WEEK 3: SHARE GOD

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# Day 15 - Share God

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*But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"*

ROMANS 10:14-15 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

How could you share God with someone today?

Is there anything preventing you from being bold in sharing your faith? Write it below and then ask God to empower you with courage to speak boldly.

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 16 - Share the Good News

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

JOHN 3:16-17 NIV

## REFLECTION:

What does this promise teach you about the Holy Spirit?

For whose salvation are you praying? Here is a prayer of salvation you can lead them through when they are ready:

*God, thank you for loving me and saving me. I acknowledge that I'm a sinner, saved only by your grace. I am confessing with my mouth and believing in my heart that you, Jesus, are Lord. Have your way in my life. From now on, help me to live for you, with you in control. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 17 - Share His Goodness

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*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.*

PSALM 107:1 NLT

## **REFLECTION:**

How has God been good to you?

How has God brought good out of difficult situations for you? Who have you shared this with?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

# Day 18 - Share His Patience

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*The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] and is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

2 PETER 3:9 AMP

## REFLECTION:

God's timing has a plan and a purpose to point to His goodness and love for you. How has His timing in your life shown this to be true?

Is there anyone in your life you fear is beyond the reach of God? Write their name and pray fervently that God's patience leads to their repentance.

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.



# Day 19 - Share His Peace

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*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

JOHN 14:27 NIV

## REFLECTION:

*"Shalom - peace - means much more than the absence of distress. It means wholeness, completeness, health, security. Unsaved people enjoy peace when there is an absence of trouble; Christians enjoy peace in spite of trials because of the presence of power, the Holy Spirit."*<sup>1</sup>

Is this different from how you've understood peace?

Is there anyone you know needing to hear about the peace God gives you?  
How can you share it with them?

Take some time to pray through the prayer points, then return to journal what God is saying to you today.

<sup>1</sup> Wiersbe, Warren. *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: New Testament*, David C Cook, Colorado Springs, 2007, p. 283.

# Day 20 - Share Christ in You

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*But in your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him, giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord. Always be ready to give a [logical] defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope and confident assurance [elicited by faith] that is within you, yet [do it] with gentleness and respect.*

1 PETER 3:15 AMP

## REFLECTION:

Reflect on your day to day living - what place does God have? Currently, what or who has the first place? Do you need to make more room for Him?

“Apologetics” is the branch of theology that deals with the defense of the faith. Every Christian should be able to give a reasoned defense of his hope in Christ, especially in hopeless situations. A crisis creates the opportunity for witness when a believer behaves with faith and hope, because the unbelievers will then sit up and take notice.”<sup>1</sup>

How have you shared your faith and hope with someone in crisis?

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# Day 21 - Sunday

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Attend an Action Church location for worship.

What are you three greatest takeaways from the last 21 Days of Prayer?

What are next steps you need to take because of these revelations?

