

PRAY FIRST



THE
PEARL CHURCH

FINDING HOPE, DISCOVERING PURPOSE.

2024

As we begin this new year, we desire to set our hearts to be a people of prayer. Our prayer cry is simply, "Pray First". Prayer should always be our first response, not our last resort.

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." **1 TIMOTHY 2:1-5**

As we begin this new season, individually and collectively, we will faithfully seek God first, trusting in His power to create a lasting impact in our lives, our church and our world.

If you sense that God has more for your life, Pray First '24 is a great place to start believing Him for all that He has for you. For some, prayer already is a way of life. For others, this will be an opportunity for you to pursue the discipline of prayer with fresh zeal. Either way, when you put seeking God first into practice, He is able to work on your behalf like never before. Believe that as you pray you will see a difference in your relationships, your work, your family, your finances and in every area of your life including The Pearl Church.

Prayer First is first for you, your life in Christ. We want you to experience His presence in a greater way as you begin a new year. But it's also for The Pearl Church. As we look to this new year, God is calling us as a community to walk in BOLDNESS, boldness as revealed in **Proverbs 28:1**, *"the righteous are as bold as a lion."* The early church of the Book of Acts was a BOLD church. Acts chapter 4 reveals the challenge for our church, that we too would be BOLD. They were BOLD in 5 key elements:

BOLD in the Proclamation of the Gospel: we believe that the gospel is the power of God for salvation and because of it we will be bold to tell others, no matter the circumstances. The destiny of souls lay in the balance! Every Sunday is an opportunity to bring non-believers to hear the gospel and to respond to God's call of salvation.

BOLD in Praying for God's power to be revealed: we believe that prayer is the life-line to the blessing, favour, and power of God and through prayer God is able to bring His will to pass in our lives, community and city. We don't just believe in Prayer, we chose to practice prayer.

BOLD in Preaching God's word as Truth: we believe God's word is true, relevant and completely inspired by God. As believers and a community of faith we will be Word-Driven, Word-Centered, and uncompromising in declaring God's word.

BOLD in Passionately pursuing God's Spirit: we believe that we as believers can and should be filled with the Spirit, not because we 'leak' but because we 'spend' the energy in battle every day, warring against the flesh, the world and the devil. Without being filled with the spirit we are left to engage life in our own effort.

BOLD in Demonstrating a life of Generosity: we believe that we are given everything and that we are only stewards of God's resources. As believers it is in our power to influence lives and bring God glory through acts of generosity: whether it is with our time, effort, words or our finances.

Pray that God would give you boldness as a believer, pursuing His will. But also pray that The Pearl Church would walk in BOLDNESS, Bold as a Lion, in Declaring the Gospel and souls being saved; in Developing a culture of Prayer; in

Preaching God's Word without compromise; in Fervently thirsting for God's Spirit to fill and to empower our lives; and in Demonstrating Generosity in everything we do.

Pray also for the leadership of the church that they would have the anointing and wisdom of the Lord to build His church, to bless His people and to declare His message.

We desire that all members would pray for the favour and blessing of God to be on our community, leaders and those that the Lord would add to the church. This simple pamphlet is to help guide and assist you during Prayer.

When you discover the significance of daily conversation with God, you'll experience the presence of God that will change your life.

Will you pray each day, using scripture, worship, solitude and the following prayer patterns, to draw close to the Lord for your spiritual walk and for The Pearl Church, in this pivotal season? January 7-27 is a time we are setting aside for Prayer & Fasting, where we willingly set aside food, entertainment, social media, etc and replace it with the Seeking of the Lord.

But don't stop praying after January! Make Pray First a habit for life.

God's Best,

Pastor Jeff Harmon

CREATING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." **MARK 1:35**

How do we make prayer a part of our everyday life? We can learn three things from what Jesus did.

A CERTAIN TIME

Jesus got up very early in the morning to spend time with His Heavenly Father. In order for prayer to work, we should do the same. Make a daily appointment with God and keep it.

A CERTAIN PLACE

Jesus had a prayer place. Your prayer place needs to be an undistracted environment where you can pray out loud and perhaps have some worship music playing in the back-ground.

A CERTAIN PLAN

Go into your prayer time with a plan. If it changes, that's fine. When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, He gave His disciples a prayer outline. We call it The Lord's Prayer.

A PRIORITY OF PRAYER & FASTING

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, doesn't really give us an option about prayer. Three times in **Matthew 6:5-7** Jesus says, "When you pray..." and in verse 16, "When you fast..." This statement implies that you are already praying – already fasting. We hear stories of the spiritual giants throughout history and how they prayed and fasted, the hours and hours that they sought God. As a result they saw miracles, they saw revivals, they saw healings. Oh, what the Lord will do through a praying people! Lord, we too desire that we would see you move in our families, our cities and our nation.

"Praying is the essence of Christian existence, and it involves beliefs, emotions, values, hopes and fears, certainties and uncertainties, and knowledge and ignorance." **J. I. Packer**

The paradox is that while prayer is unquestionably natural, necessary and normal for Christian people, it constantly proves in practice to be the very opposite and we end up struggling, not just over making time for prayer, but also finding a place for it.

The call to prayer and fasting in scripture compels the community of the church to participation in corporate worship as well as private devotion, to instruction in the Bible as well as silent meditation. Public and private prayer is at the heart of all the various means of pursuing and knowing God.

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."
JEREMIAH 33:3

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER & FASTING

The purpose of prayer and fasting is to draw closer to God. Prayer connects us to God. Prayer is the act of earnestly seeking and communing with our Heavenly Father. Prayer is a two-way conversation between you and God. The more time we spend with God the stronger our connection becomes. Prayer builds our faith and confidence.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

1 JOHN 5:14-15

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." **JEREMIAH 29:12**

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

MARK 11:24

"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." **PSALM 145:18**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." **PHILIPPIANS 4:6**

Fasting disconnects us from the world – things in our lives that cause our spirit to lose dominion. Adam and Eve lost their dominion by satisfying their appetite. Through fasting we gain dominion over our bodies (wants, needs, lusts, appetites) and our souls (will mind and emotions). Paul talks about disciplining his body, even giving it a 'black eye' (**2 Corinthians 9:27**). One way is through fasting where the body comes under subjection to the spirit.

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.

The power of fasting is found in the utter humility of people who desire the Lord's way in their lives more than the bread that sustains their physical bodies. Fasting is an announcement that our spirit declares that our body and soul will not rule, and it declares there will be no relief until the issues set before God are resolved in spirit. Fasting humbles the soul and deprives the body so that our lives become completely dependent upon God.

The Word of God makes it clear that fasting is an instrument of spiritual power, a key by which bonds of evil are broken and God's counsels are received and established in the affairs of man (**Ezra 8:21; Isaiah 58:6-8; Daniel 1:12, 10:2-3; Matt 6:1-20; Mark 9:29; Acts 13:2,3**).

TYPES OF FASTS

As you chose the type of fast, remember that fasting is more about replacing than it is about abstaining – replacing normal daily activities with focused praying, confessing, feeding on the Word and worshiping the Lord. Without replacing with word or worship, instead of communion and spiritual connection, fasting is nothing more than dieting or detoxing.

COMPLETE FAST

In this type of fast, you drink only liquids, typically water, with light juices as an option. It is recommended that you check with your doctor before you go on an extended complete fast.

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. (**Daniel 1:12; 10:2-3**)

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 am to 3:00 pm, 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.

MORE SCRIPTURES FOR FASTING:

Matthew 6:16-18, Matthew 9:14-15, Luke 18:9-14

CORPORATE FASTING:

1 Samuel 7:5-6, Ezra 8:21-23, Nehemiah 9:1-3, Joel 2:15-16, Jonah 3:5-10, Acts 27:33-37

PRAYER AND READING THE WORD:

1 Samuel 1:6-8, 17-18, Nehemiah 1:4, Daniel 9:3, 20, Joel 2:12, Luke 2:37, Acts 10:30, Acts 13:2

Remember that it is the attitude of a heart sincerely seeking Him to which God responds with a blessing.

Isaiah 58, Jeremiah 14:12, 1 Corinthians 8:8.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray...” **Luke 11:1.** Jesus responded with this pattern;

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”

MATTHEW 6:9-13

CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

“Our Father in heaven...”

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” **Romans 8:15 NLT.** God loves for us to call Him our Father.

Establish your intimate relationship with Him and thank Him for the relationship you have with Him.

WORSHIP HIS NAME

"...Hallowed be Your Name..."

"God's name is a place of protection—the righteous can run there and be safe." **PROVERBS 18:10**

What are His names?

Righteousness – He makes me clean

Sanctifier – He has called me and set me apart

Healer – He heals all my diseases

Banner of Victory – He has defeated my enemy

Shepherd – He speaks to me and leads me

Peace – He is my peace in every storm

Provider – He supplies all of my needs

PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"...Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."

"He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."

LUKE 12:31

God's priorities: Saving the lost, Guiding those in authority – parental, spiritual, governmental, workplace; and His will in us.

DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"...Give us this day our daily bread..."

"I look up to the mountains—where does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!" **PSALM 121:1-2 NLT**

Ask God for what you want and need and then trust Him for the answer.

GET YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

"...Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." **1**

JOHN 1:9

Ask God to check your heart and motives and receive His forgiveness for any area that He brings to mind. Forgive anyone who has offended you in any way. You can even forgive people in advance.

ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"...And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one..."

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." **EPHESIANS 6:12**

Take your stand against the enemy and fight the good fight of faith. Every lie that the enemy has told you should be replaced with the truth of God's Word. Note the spiritual armour given to believers in **Ephesians 6:10-18**.

EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

"...For yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever."

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." **JEREMIAH 32:17**

End your prayer time by reminding yourself of God's ability. Then return to praise and make your faith declarations:

*"**Yours is the Kingdom**"* – All rule belongs to You

*"**Yours is the Power**"* – All power and might flows from You

*"**Yours is the Glory**"* – Your victory shall be complete

TABERNACLE OF PRAYER

The Tabernacle was the dwelling place of God where He met His people. As they entered the Tabernacle, they passed through seven stations as a protocol to God's presence. Today, these same steps can help us to connect with God and lead us through important elements of prayer.

THE OUTER COURT – THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."
PSALM 100:4

As the people of God entered the Tabernacle, they came in with thanksgiving on their lips. Thanking God for all the blessings in your life is a great way to begin. Every day think of a fresh reason why you love and appreciate God.

Philippians 4:6-7

THE BRAZEN ALTAR – THE CROSS OF JESUS

*“Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” **PSALM 103:2-5***

In the Old Testament, everyone who had committed sin had to bring animal sacrifices. But Jesus paid for all your sins once and for all (**Hebrews 10:12,14**). You simply need to receive the benefits of what Jesus did for you. Including:

Salvation – God forgives all my sin

Healing – God heals all my diseases

Redemption – God rescues me from every attack

Transformation – God puts His love in me

Provision – God provides everything I need

THE LAVER – CLEANSING AND PREPARING

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.” **ROMANS 12:1***

The next step in the Tabernacle was a bowl of water where people could wash. Checking your hearts and motives and then surrendering your life to God is an important part of daily prayer.

Here are some ways to keep your heart right with God:

Repent from any known sin. (**1 John 1:9**)

Offer your body to God (**Romans 12:2**). Your tongue – to speak good and not evil; Your eyes – to see God and the needs of others; Your ears – to be sensitive to His voice; Your hands – to do good to others; Your feet – to walk in God’s ways; Your mind – to have a mind renewed, to have the mind of Christ.

Ask God to give you the fruit of the Spirit. (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

Pour over the Word of God daily, letting it cleanse your soul and spirit. (**Psalms 119:9; Ephesians 5:25-26**)

THE CANDLESTICK – THE HOLY SPIRIT

*“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.” **ISAIAH 11:2***

The next piece of furniture in the Tabernacle was a seven- branched golden candlestick. The fire represents the Holy Spirit. Every day you should invite the presence of the Holy Spirit into your life:

The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit of Wisdom

The Spirit of Understanding

The Spirit of Counsel

The Spirit of Might

The Spirit of Knowledge

The Fear of the lord

You should also ask God to give you spiritual gifts (**1 Corinthians 12:8-10**), the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) and be filled daily with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**).

THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD – THE WORD OF GOD

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” JOSHUA 1:8

A table with twelve loaves of bread represents the importance of reading God’s Word for daily sustenance. With this in mind, here are ways to nourish your soul:

Read God’s Word, Take time to read and meditate on the Word.

Claim His many great promises. Memorize them. Confess them.

Ask for fresh revelation of the Word; Get a Word for the day

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE – WORSHIP

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

PSALM 100:4

A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God’s presence dwelt. This altar represents worship. The people of God literally entered God’s presence worshipping the names of God, including:

God is My Righteousness – Jeremiah 23:6

God is My Sanctifier – Leviticus 20:7-8

God is My Healer – Exodus 15:26

God is My Provider – Genesis 22:14

God is My Banner of Victory – Exodus 17:15

God is My Peace – Judges 6:24

God is My Shepherd – Psalm 23:1

God is Always There – Ezekiel 48:35

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT – INTERCESSION

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

The final place in the Tabernacle was the place where God's presence dwelt. It was there that the priest interceded on behalf of the people. In the New Testament, you and I are all called priests and are instructed to intercede for others. (**Rev 1:6; 2 Peter 2:9**).

Pray for:

Those in authority – spiritual, civil, family, and workplace

My family – health, strength, unity, God's felt presence, employment, school

My church – pastor, small group, members, and vision/mission, ministries, finances

My city, nation, and world – salvations, righteousness, justice, compassion

My needs

PRAYER OF JABEZ

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, *"I gave birth to him in pain."* Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, *"Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain."* And God granted his request. **1 Chronicles 4:9,10**

"Jabez cried out to God"– Jabez took the troubling or negative or limiting circumstances of life, (Jabez means sorrow or pain) and he went to God. Make God the first that you go to for help. Bring Him your concerns, sorrow, pain and frustrations of life. Through Jesus Christ we can now go boldly to the throne of grace to ask for and receive help (**Hebrews 4:16**).

"Oh, that you would bless me indeed" – "bless me, put your favour on my life" should be the cry of every believer. It is God's desire to bless.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **JEREMIAH 29:11**

"That you would enlarge my territory" – God wants to enlarge, increase, strengthen, grow, mature, open up, etc areas of your walk, both spiritually and naturally. Your territory is not only your possessions but your influence. Be specific to the areas of life that you want God to enlarge and pray expecting God to bless.

"That your hand would be with me" – God's hand is an open hand that wants to pour out His grace, kindness and blessing. But it is also a hand that protects, guides and leads. To have His hand is to know the closeness, the strength and the power of God with you throughout the day.

"That you would keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain" – Jabez looked to the Lord to keep him from pain to himself through foolish and sinful mistakes but also that he wouldn't cause pain to others. Ask God to show you the right ways through his Voice (**Isaiah 30:21**) and through His word that you "have hidden in your heart to keep you from sin" and that "is a lamp to your feet" (**Psalms 119:11,105**)

A.C.T.S

A – ADORATION – *"I love you Lord and I lift my voice..."*

"I love you, Lord; you are my strength." **PSALM 18:1**

"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."
MARK 12:29-31

C – CONFESSION – *"I'm sorry for the things I've done"*

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." **1 JOHN 1:9-10**

"God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted." **MATTHEW 5:4**

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." **JAMES 5:16**

T – THANKSGIVING – *"give thanks with a grateful heart..."*

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name."
PSALM 100:4

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High." **PSALM 92:1**

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." **HEBREWS 13:15-16**

S – SUPPLICATION - *"ask and you will receive..."*

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." **LUKE 11:9-10**

PRAYING AND THE ARMOUR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:1-18

Spiritual battles come in lots of shapes and sizes. From small skirmishes to all-out war, prayer is a vital part of putting on the armor of God. Prayer empowers us to receive the spiritual strength of God to stand firm. **Ephesians 6:18** instructs us to pray at all time with all kinds of prayers as part of our spiritual battle plan. Using the Armor of God as a pattern of prayer, we can stand firm against the enemy forces that we deal with daily, realizing that we do not fight against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (v. 12).

Study the scripture and use the prayers provided. Use them to open up areas of scripture as you pray.

- Put on the belt of truth (v. 14). May your truth rule in my heart and be in my mind and on my lips today. Let truth shape my character and my integrity. Your word is truth (**John 17:17**)
- Put on the breastplate of righteousness (v. 14). Apart from You there is no righteousness, but through Jesus I have been "born again" and made righteous in Your sight. May I live as a righteous person.
- Have my feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace (v. 15). May I reflect the Gospel in my words and actions, that through me, with my every encounter, others may be drawn one step closer to You.
- Take hold of the shield of faith (v.16). May I take You at Your word concerning promises about the present and future—promises of everlasting love, abundant life, and so much more. (**Hebrews 11:1,6; Romans 10:17**)
- Put on the helmet of salvation (v. 17). Remind me that nothing can separate me from Your love and that I've been saved by grace. In Your grace, help me to say "no" to all ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live a self-controlled, upright, and godly life (**Titus 2:12-13**).
- Holding tight to the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God (v. 17). May Your Holy Spirit reign in my life and bring to my mind just the right Bible verses to be in my heart and on my lips. May I be *"filled with the Spirit"* and ready with Scripture as You were, Jesus, when the devil tempted You. (**Matthew 4:1-11**)

- Finally, keep me in an attitude of prayer (v. 18) Remind me to “*pray in the Spirit on all occasions.*” Cause me to be alert and always praying for the saints; to be joyful and to give thanks in everything. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Here are 3 key areas of breakthrough for our church and 21 areas that you can pray for specifically, beyond those areas that God has laid on your heart. There are items that you can pray for yourself, and areas that as a faith community we want to pray in agreement. There is power in unity and in agreement. We desire that you would grow in your faith, grow closer to God, and grow larger in your influence as His child. As a church body, we are believing that we also will grow in our collective faith; to grow closer to God – experiencing His Presence and Power; and that we would grow in our influence – a city set on a hill, a light that cannot be hidden.

3 KEY AREAS OF BREAKTHROUGH FOR OUR CHURCH:

BREAKTHROUGH OF SOULS – God’s word tells us that He wants all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9) and that the harvest is plentiful (Luke 10:2). Our primary mission, like Jesus, is to reach the lost (Luke 19:10). Let’s pray that as a community we would reach souls and that they would come to know the Lord.

BREAKTHROUGH OF INFLUENCE – God’s kingdom is an advancing or enlarging kingdom (Matt 11:12), and through our church we want to be able to show the goodness and kindness of the Lord in our community, our city and our nation. Believe for open doors (2 Cor 2:12; Col 4:3-4) so that our reach would touch more and more lives.

BREAKTHROUGH OF GENEROSITY – God’s generosity for you and I can never be fully matched, yet the Word of God calls us to live our lives in generosity (1 Chr 29:14; Luke 6:38; Prov 3:9). For 2024, we are believing for a breakthrough of generosity so that we fulfill the mission of the church and to expand our programs and services that we are able to offer.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

January 7: That you would experience a deeper relationship with Jesus, a greater hunger and thirst

January 8: New spiritual habits to be formed and old ones broken

January 9: For God’s grace and favor to be poured out on your life and on the church

January 10: Pray for the “one” person that God has put on your heart, for their salvation

January 11: Pray for our Federal Government, for God to grant wisdom to the leaders of our nation

January 12: Pray for our children’s ministry; for our children’s leaders and that more children/families would attend

January 13: Pray for your family members; grandparents, parents, kids, siblings

January 14: Pray for the authority of God’s word, to be spoken and revealed

January 15: Pray for the worship team, sound and media; for fresh anointing, strength, and favour in all that they do each Sunday

January 16: Pray over your finances and job but also the finances of the church, that others would get jobs or better jobs and that they would find financial peace and security

January 17: Pray for our provincial leaders, those in position of power, but also all the workers that support the leaders, asking for guidance and wisdom

January 18: Pray for the young adult ministry, the leaders and the members, pray for lives to be changed and revival to pour out

January 19: Pray for our mission programs, including Generations Church Jamaica (Ps. Dwight and Shanda Pinnock) and Mustard Seed, Hope Mission, Terra House. Pray for bringing people to Christ

January 20: Pray for all the churches in Edmonton, for unity, salvations, financial blessings, and protection against spiritual forces

January 21: Pray for the outpouring of God’s spirit on your home and the church, that there would be a fresh fire of God’s presence evident to all. That people would experience forgiveness and healing at church

January 22: Pray that bondages would be broken, addictions, hurts and bitterness would be healed, and people would find freedom

January 23: Pray for the future of the church, a future building, more staff, greater finances, and programs to reach the community

January 24: Pray for unity in the Body of Christ, unity in our church and between churches

January 25: Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our church and the revealing of gifts and ministries for all people

January 26: Pray for our church pastors, leaders, worship team, children’s ministry, welcome team, media team, young adult leaders for wisdom, direction, and anointing. Church Leaders: Jeff & Lori Harmon; Sarah and Michael Esau; Don and Lise Scott; Trent and Anistyn Boyce

January 27: Pray for our city to experience revival and that people would call on the Name of the Lord and be saved