

GPS > 20 Days of Prayer

God's People

Day 1 Glory

Pray that we would seek to glorify God in all that we do, especially as we begin reaching the city for Christ. That means how we pray and serve and witness would all be done in a way that honors our Lord. *"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Cor 10:31).

Day 2 Grace

Pray, remembering that we were saved by grace and not our own righteousness. As we remember the grace shown to by God as he sought us while we were still sinners, pray, asking God to motivate us to share that grace with others. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith"* (Eph 2:8).

Day 3 Humility

Since we have not been saved because of God's grace and not because of our own worth, pray that we would not look down on sinners. Pray that we would not fall into having a spirit of arrogance because of status as God's sons. Instead, pray that we humbly see ourselves as the recipient of God's mercy. Pray that we will humbly serve them with the gospel that they too might find his mercy. *"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'" (1 Cor 1:26-31).*

Day 4 Faith

Does God move in the hearts of sinners to bring them to an understanding of the gospel? Yes! Pray that we would be reminded of this and believe God will save people if we share the gospel. *"I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd"* (John 10:16).

Day 5 Love

Just as God has loved us while we were still sinners, pray that we would also love sinners. Pray that we would love them enough to see them as Christ sees: sheep without a shepherd, captives enslaved to sin, sinners in need of atonement. *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matt 22:39).

Day 6 Obedience

More than just being a nice thing, making disciples of all nations is a clear command given to the church by the risen Christ. Pray that individually and corporately, we would obey this command of our Master. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age"* (Matt 28:19-20).

Day 7 Sacrifice

We often see things in terms of their worth: is this worth my time or my money? But the call to follow Christ, the call to make disciples, requires we sacrifice. It requires us to see that people are more valuable than anything we have because Jesus shed his blood for sinners. *“Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”* (Heb 13:12-16).

Day 8 Leadership

Pray for the church’s leaders during this time of focused outreach. Pray that they would have wisdom in making decisions and planning for future growth. Pray that they would be on their knees, continually seeking God’s face and strength to lead God’s people during this time. *“I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with [us] in your prayers to God on [our] behalf”* (Rom 15:30).

Day 9 Gospel

As we seek to reach our city, pray that we are reminded that this will only happen through the gospel: the news that sinners are saved by trusting in Christ, who died to atone for sins. Pray that this message would be unashamedly clear in all our interactions with lost people that Christ is the only way to God. *“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”* (2 Cor 5:21).

Day 10 Mission

After reminding ourselves of God’s plan of redemption, his grace and mercy in salvation, and his call on our lives to make disciples, all that is left is for us to go and tell. Pray that we would engage in the mission God has called us to. *“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’”* (John 20:21).

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Day 11 Heart

Pray that God would soften the hearts of those we are trying to reach. Pray that he would take their harden hearts of stone and make them soft like clays in the hands of a potter. Pray that God would send his Spirit to prepare them to hear the gospel. *“I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh”* (Ezek 11:19).

Day 12 Sin

Coming to faith in Christ begins by acknowledging our sin. This is the bad news that makes the good news of the gospel so precious. Pray that God uses his Spirit to bring an awareness of sin to the people we are trying to reach in our city. *“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight”* (Ps 51:3-4).

Day 13 Conviction

Having an awareness of sin isn’t enough to turn to Christ. Sinners also need a conviction of their sin; that is to say, a sorrow over their sin that breaks them before God and prepares them to receive Christ. Pray that the people of our city experience a deep conviction of sin. *“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death”* (2 Cor 7:10).

Day 14 **Gospel**

Saving faith doesn't come through good deeds or displays of love (despite how important they are!). Saving faith only comes through the proclamation of the gospel. Pray that through our efforts, and even other Christians they may know, that they would hear and believe the gospel. *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"* (Rom 1:16-17).

Day 15 **Grace**

Pray that those who hear the gospel would understand that salvation does not come because of what they do. Pray that they would understand that salvation comes by grace because of what Christ has done for them. *"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Rom 5:6-8).

Day 16 **Peace**

The good news of the gospel means that those who were once objects of God's wrath, enemies to be stood against, have now been reconciled in Christ. Pray that those hearing the gospel would see and understand that peace that they can have with God through Christ. *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Rom 5:1).

Day 17 **Hope**

Pray that in hearing the gospel, those in our city would have an assurance of hope in Christ. Pray that they would understand that their greatest need—salvation from sins—has been taken care of, and that, by faith in God, he will walk with them through any of life's struggles. *"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation"* (Ps 42:5)

Day 18 **Love**

At the heart of the gospel is a message of God's love for sinners. As God told Israel in the Old Testament, he loves his people simply because loves. Pray that those we are trying to reach would look past the popular critiques of Christianity to see clearly the love of God in Christ. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved."* (Eph 1:3-6).

Day 19 **Faith**

The gospel is good news from God. But it must be believed. It must be embraced with fullness of faith. It's not fire insurance or something on dips their toe in. Saving faith means trusting Christ in such a way that your life depends on it. He becomes the greatest Treasure of your life. Therefore, pray that those who hear the gospel truly embrace Christ as their Lord and Savior. *"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Rom 10:13).

Day 20 **Glory**

All who may be saved during our GPS will be saved through our efforts at reaching them. However, we will have simply been the means by which God has saved them. Therefore, for all of the harvest that comes in, God himself should receive the glory. Pray that is true both in our hearts and in those who come to Christ. *"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."* (Rom 11:36).