

21 DAYS OF PRAYER



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Dear LifeKids,

Are you ready for an exciting adventure? For the next 21 days, our entire church, all seven campuses, are coming together to pray and fast. Maybe you've never thought of prayer as an adventure, but talking with God is one of the most exciting, most life-changing things we can do! At LifeKids we believe that prayer changes everything, and over the next 21 days, can change your life and your family.

Think about it: when you talk to God, you are talking to the One who created EVERYTHING! The moon, the sun, the stars, the ocean, and YOU! Prayer is your way to connect with the God who made you, who loves you, and wants a relationship with you. Jesus wants to be your best friend, and is ready to talk to you at any time and in any place. Whether at school, in the car, or at home, Jesus is there and wants to hear from you. He has important things to tell you if you will open your heart and listen. Did you know that you can pray:

- Before the day begins
- Before you go to school
- Before you hang out with friends
- Before practice or a big game
- Before you go to bed
- When something bad happens
- When something good happens

The more we practice prayer, the easier it becomes. The easier it becomes, the more fun it is! Praying and talking with Jesus should be the best part of our day. We don't have to say any special words; Jesus just wants to hear from us. As you go about your day, in every situation, PRAY FIRST. Invite God into every part of your life! We are praying for you, and we're so excited to see what God does in your life in the coming days!

-Your LifeKids Directors

Dear Parents and Caretakers,

The next 21 days could change your family forever. We know how hard it can be to try to manage every responsibility you juggle as a parent: relationships, finances, jobs, extracurriculars, homework, attitudes, and hearts.

You may be holding this prayer guide in your hand thinking that the last thing you need is ANOTHER thing to do, but this is not just another thing to *do*. This is an invitation to a new way to *live*. In the whirring hurry of our world and all of its demands, we often leave very little time to connect with God. This may be true at a personal level and also as a family. He alone is our source of hope, strength, joy, and love.

Sure, we can get by on our own for a bit, but why settle for just getting by when God invites us to live an extraordinary, abundant life? For the next 21 days, you and your family are invited to press pause on pushing through, and to instead pursue God first.

This LifeKids Prayer Guide contains verses, prompts, and insights so that your family can do on this prayer journey together. If you normally don't pray out loud with or in front of your kids, it might feel awkward at first, but we ask you give it a try!

We know that we all want our children to have incredible prayer lives, and one of the best ways we can help to make that happen is to show them how to pray. Show them how it is just a conversation with God.

Our prayer for your family is that you are marked by the power and presence of God! We anxiously await to see how God moves in our church and our homes as we join together and purposefully seek Him together. It is truly our joy to partner with you as you lead your kids in their relationship with Jesus.

-Your LifeKids Directors

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

Philippians 4:6 & 7

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:14

Again, I tell you that if two of you on Earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:19 & 20

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Luke 11:9 & 13

Read Psalm 63:1-2

“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you. I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and glory.”

Talk About It

Think about a time when you have seen God's power in your life. When did God help you? Where do you feel weak in life and need God's strength? Talk about it with your family.

Pray About It

Take some time to pray. Thank God for his power in your life. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray, asking God to help you during these 21 days of prayer. Ask to have a deeper prayer life, to hear God's voice more clearly, and to grow closer to Him.

 **Read Deuteronomy 31:6**

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”

 **Talk About It**

Think about a time when you overcame a fear. What fears do you have today? Talk to your family about your fear and ask them to pray for you.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for your family. Pray for each member individually. Pray for any family members who may not know and trust in Jesus. Ask God to be honored in your home and family.



Read John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



Talk About It

We can take heart, or in other words be courageous, because God has promised us that even though trouble will come our way, He has already conquered the world! How does knowing this give you courage to face hard times?



Pray About It

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know what areas you want to have courage. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for your neighbors. Pray for their needs. Pray for opportunities to show Jesus to them.

 **Read Matthew 6:31-33**

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

 **Talk About It**

Verse 33 says to “seek first.” How can you seek God first every day in your life? What do you need to do today to seek Him first?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for your teachers. If you are homeschooled, pray for your parents to have wisdom and all they need to teach you well. Pray for them to have rest, too.

 **Read Ephesians 2:10**

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

 **Talk About It**

God created us to do good works through Jesus Christ. What is something God has done through you that was a good work?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write down what you prayed about below. Pray for your Principal and for all leaders in your school. Ask God to help them know how to lead your school the best way so that kids can be safe and learn.

 **Read 1 Chronicles 16:8-12**

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts... Remember the wonders He has done. His miracles, and the judgements He pronounced.”



Talk About It

This passage reminds us to tell of all God has done. Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about the goodness and faithfulness of God in your life? How can you share this good news with them this week? Make a plan and follow through!



Pray About It

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for those who are with you in your class at school. Pray for any needs they might have in their life and ask God to show you how you might be able to help them.

 **Read Philippians 4:4-9**

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all... Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things.”

 **Talk About It**

What does it mean to rejoice? What does this verse teach us about what we should rejoice about? How can we rejoice and have joy even when we are going through something hard or sad?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write down what you prayed about below. Pray prayers of praise today. Praise God for who He is: Creator, Savior, Father, Helper, King of All, and everything else you can think of. Praise God for all He has done!

 **Read Isaiah 40:31**

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

 **Talk About It**

Waiting often feels like the opposite of moving forward. However, waiting on God (expecting hopefully for Him to work on our behalf) gives us strength and endurance to live well. What are you waiting on God for? Talk about the answer with your family.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for your leaders in LifeKids. Ask God to help you learn more about Him and thank Him for the leaders at church that help you with this. Ask God to bless the leaders in LifeKids and their families.

 **Read Galatians 5:22-23**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

 **Talk About It**

When you are close with Jesus and have the Holy Spirit working in your life, what fruits of the Spirit come out of you? How does this help others to know about Jesus?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask the Holy Spirit to come into your life so the fruit of the Spirit comes out of you. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for your pastors and church leaders. Ask God to give them His plan for leading the church and for reaching people for Jesus. Pray for their families. Thank God for your pastors and leaders.

 **Read Matthew 7:7-8**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

 **Talk About It**

What doors would you like for God to open in your life? How can God help you? It could be a friendship, a better relationship with a sibling, an opportunity to serve at church or in your school. Talk about it with your family.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for missionaries all over the world who are telling people about Jesus. Pray for their families. Pray for their safety. Pray that God will give them everything they need.

 **Read Matthew 25:14-30**

Read this story in your Bible or using the Bible app on your phone!

 **Talk About It**

What are the gifts that you believe God has given you? How can you use the gifts God has given you to glorify Him? What gifts do you see in other members of your family?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you use your gifts to help glorify God. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for our nation. Thank God that we live in a country where we can freely worship Him. Ask God to forgive our nation when we do not live for Him. Pray that our hearts will turn toward God.

 **Read Hebrews 11**

Read this story in your Bible or using the Bible app on your phone!

 **Talk About It**

Which one of these examples of faith stands out to you the most and why? How do these stories of people of great faith inspire you? Share your answer with your family.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you in your faith. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for our nation's leaders; for our new President, governors, judges, and all government leaders. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom to lead our country in ways that will honor Him.

 **Read Matthew 11:28-30**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

 **Talk About It**

What are some ways you find rest? Make time this week to find rest and enjoy time in God's presence.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you prioritize your time to keep God first and put rest in your schedule. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for your mayor and the city leaders. Pray that your city will be a place that honors God in all things. Pray for business owners in your city. Ask God to bless your city.

Read Philippians 4:19

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Talk About It

Talk about the difference between a want and a need with your family. When have you seen God come through on a need in your life? Spend time sharing about and celebrating it as a family.

Pray About It

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray for the police, fire department, and other emergency and first responders in your community. Ask God to help them as they serve and protect us.

**Read Matthew 5:13-16**

Read this story in your Bible or using the Bible app on your phone!

**Talk About It**

Turn off all of the lights in your house and light a single candle. Notice how a single, small flame can light up an entire room. As a follower of Jesus, you are the light of the world! What does it mean to be salt and light? How are you being salt and light?

**Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you be salt and light in the world. Write what you prayed about below. Pray today thanking God for dying on the cross so we can be forgiven and become His children. Thank Him for giving us abundant life on Earth and eternal life with Him in Heaven.

 **Read Matthew 19:26**

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’”

 **Talk About It**

What are some things in your life that seem impossible? What would it look like if you involved God in these things? What does this verse teach us about His power in impossible situations? Talk with your family about it.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray today, asking God to forgive you for things that are not pleasing to Him. Ask Him to clean your heart and mind, removing anything that would keep Him from you. Ask God to help you with needs in your life that feel impossible.

 **Read Romans 12:1-2**

“Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true act of worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

 **Talk About It**

What does the word “will” mean? How do you know what God’s will is for your life? How can you live for God in all areas of your life: school, sports, play, and with your family?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you be salt and light in the world. Write what you prayed about below. Pray today to have a greater love for the Bible, God’s Word. Ask Him to help you live out His will for your life.

 **Read Matthew 17:20**

"I tell you the truth, 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."

 **Talk About It**

This is the size of a mustard seed. > ●

They are small, but Jesus uses them to help us understand how powerful faith in Him can be! Faith means to have complete trust and confidence in God. Do you have faith at least the size of a mustard seed?

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Then, let Him know your concerns. Write what you prayed about below. Pray with faith the size of a mustard seed for things in your life.

 **Read Psalm 23**

Read this story in your Bible or using the Bible app on your phone!

 **Talk About It**

This passage of scripture tells us that the Lord is our shepherd. What are some characteristics of a shepherd? What are shepherds good at? Why are they needed? What are some characteristics of sheep? Do they need a shepherd? What happens to sheep if they are left alone? How do you feel knowing that the Lord is your shepherd? Pray and thank Him for taking care of you.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you be salt and light in the world. Write what you prayed about below. Thank God for being your shepherd. Pray for people in our community who do not know Jesus. Pray that God's sheep will follow Him.

 **Read Romans 15:13**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

 **Talk About It**

What does the word “abound” mean? Who is someone in your life that is full of hope? How do they show it? What do they say or do that shows they have hope? Talk about what it means to live a life full of God’s joy, peace, and hope.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Ask God to help you live a life full of hope, joy, and peace. Write what you prayed about below. Pray that God would give you hope where you do not have any. Ask Him to give you peace and joy in your life. Thank Him for always loving and helping you.

 **Read Matthew 22:36-40**

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

 **Talk About It**

What is a commandment? Who is your neighbor? What would it look like if we lived our lives by these commandments? Talk about this with your family.

 **Pray About It**

Take some time to pray. Thank God for a few things. Let Him know your concerns and ask Him to help you to love God and love others. Ask God that He would make your life look different than people who don't know Jesus. Pray for our church, LifeFamily. Thank God for this 21 Days of Prayer. Ask Him to help us always seek Him with our whole heart.

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