

NOVEMBER 2021



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

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PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL IN THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO FOLLOWS AFTER JESUS.

This November we are inviting everyone, as a church family, to participate in 21 Days of Prayer. Our focus this year will be the Gospel of John.

The concept is simple. Each day, you are invited to read one chapter from the Gospel of John and consider the prayer prompt for that day. Pray the prayer prompt or pray as God stirs your heart from something else within the chapter.

As we come through another challenging year, it is good to remember who is our hope, trust, and foundation. As we head into a time where, as a culture, we give thanks, it's important to remember who is the giver of all good gifts. As we anticipate the Advent season on the heels of Thanksgiving, we look for God to draw near.

NOVEMBER 1

READ JOHN 1

Chapter Spotlight: John 1:38-39 reads, “Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, ‘What are you seeking?’ And they said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and you will see.’ ”

Prayer Prompt: What is it that I am seeking in my life, family, work, recreation, and more? Jesus invites us to follow Him, and we’re to grow closer and closer as we follow. Take time to see if Jesus and His Kingdom are what you are most seeking. Ask God to realign what is out of order and to reveal how you can know Him more.

NOVEMBER 2

READ JOHN 2

Chapter Spotlight: John 2:5 reads, “His [Jesus] mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ ”

Prayer Prompt: Ask God to give you that kind of confidence in Jesus. We want to be faithful in the small things as well as the larger matters. Ask God to help you live obediently to whatever He would say.



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NOVEMBER 3

READ JOHN 3

Chapter Spotlight: John 3:16 reads, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him [Jesus] should not perish but have eternal life."

Prayer Prompt: Take time to thank God for the gift of salvation. If you are already following after Jesus take time to pray for friends and family by name who do not know Him. Consider sending them a note or text of encouragement to let them know you were thinking about them.

If you've not yet received Jesus yourself, take the time to do so now. Simply pray this: "God, I give my heart and life to you. Forgive me of my sins, and help me to love and follow you for life." If you prayed this, be sure to let a friend know as well as the staff at the church. Folks will want to celebrate with and come alongside you as you follow Jesus.

NOVEMBER 4

READ JOHN 4

Chapter Spotlight: John 4:50 reads, "Jesus said to him, 'Go; your son will live.' The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way."

Prayer Prompt: That is tremendous faith. It is enough that God says it. We should need no further evidence or sign. Pray for that kind of faith. Pray that when God says it, you can go in peace believing the word of Jesus.

NOVEMBER 5

READ JOHN 5

Chapter Spotlight: John 5:19 reads, “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing.’ ”

Prayer Prompt: Jesus showed us what it is to live in close relationship with our heavenly Father. Pray that God will grant you that level of intimacy with Him, where everything we say and do flows out of a relationship with God.

NOVEMBER 6

READ JOHN 6

Chapter Spotlight: John 6:20 reads, “But he [Jesus] said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ ”

Prayer Prompt: There are times in life where it makes sense to be fearful. If you or I were to see a person walking on water in the midst of a terrible storm, we’d most certainly be fearful. Yet, Jesus says we can choose to not be afraid because of His presence with us. Whatever concerns or struggles you have, take time to lift them to God. Look to Jesus to find peace in the midst of the difficulty.

NOVEMBER 7

READ JOHN 7

Chapter Spotlight: John 7:37b-38 reads, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me [Jesus] and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ”

Prayer Prompt: The verses that follow these tell us that Jesus was saying this in regard to the Spirit, who would come to dwell in anyone who chose to love and follow Jesus for life. We’re not meant to just get by in life. We should have an abundance mindset. We may not have many things or resources at times, but we always have an abundance of the grace, mercy, and peace of God afforded to us. Ask God to fill you fully with the Spirit so that you might live fully.

NOVEMBER 8

READ JOHN 8

Chapter Spotlight: John 8:31b-32 reads, “If you abide in my [Jesus’] word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Prayer Prompt: We are meant to live free. It’s afforded to anyone and everyone who will anchor their lives in the truth that is found in Jesus. Take time to thank God for the freedom found in Christ or to ask to be made free if you don’t know this freedom.

NOVEMBER 9

READ JOHN 9

Chapter Spotlight: John 9:25 reads, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

Prayer Prompt: A blind man healed by Jesus said this to folks who did not want to accept what Jesus was saying. The man pointed out what Jesus had done. It was undeniable. His life was changed. We can testify to the same in our lives. Our story can speak for itself. Pray for opportunity and boldness to share the good news of what God has done in your life with others.

NOVEMBER 10

READ JOHN 10

Chapter Spotlight: John 10:10 reads, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Prayer Prompt: It is easy to see brokenness in our world. However, that brokenness has an expiration date. It will not last. Be confident that the shepherd is greater than the thief. Ask God to help you invest in the lives of others and invite them to know the story of grace so that they might have life abundantly for themselves.

NOVEMBER 11

READ JOHN 11

Chapter Spotlight: John 11:25-26 reads, “I [Jesus] am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Prayer Prompt: Do you live your life like you believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life? If you don't, today is a good day to take a step toward a relationship with Jesus. Simply ask God to be Lord of your life, and reach out to a friend or a member of the staff to ask what it looks like to follow Jesus each day. If you do, thank God for the truth found in Him. Ask for boldness to live that truth fully and share it with others.

NOVEMBER 12

READ JOHN 12

Chapter Spotlight: John 12:27-28 reads, “Now is my [Jesus] soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Prayer Prompt: No one likes hard times. However, sometimes God has us travel hard roads to bless others and bring glory to His name. Everyone would rather travel an easy road, but ultimately any road that allows us to glorify God is a good road. Ask God for strength to live for Him, particularly when circumstances are more challenging.



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Chapter Spotlight: John 13:15-17 reads, “For I [Jesus] have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

Prayer Prompt: The follower of Jesus willingly takes up low places of service to others if it helps to demonstrate the love of God. Ask God to help you live a life of humility and seek out opportunities to serve others to demonstrate the love and goodness of God to them.

NOVEMBER 14

READ JOHN 14

Chapter Spotlight: John 14:27 reads, “Peace I [Jesus] leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

Prayer Prompt: Give whatever is troubling you today to God. Pray for family and friends you know that lack peace. Seek to help meet physical or spiritual needs they may have that you might help point to the peace that comes from walking with Jesus.

NOVEMBER 15

READ JOHN 15

Chapter Spotlight: John 15:7 reads, “If you abide in me [Jesus], and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

Prayer Prompt: Take time to just be quiet before God. Rest in the truth that you are a beloved child of the King, and God can meet all your needs as you abide in Jesus.

NOVEMBER 16

READ JOHN 16

Chapter Spotlight: John 16:33 reads, "I [Jesus] have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Prayer Prompt: Trouble, hardship, and challenge are inevitable realities in life. However, God is more than able to carry us through any trouble we might face. God is more than able to strengthen you for whatever burdens you have to bear. Life isn't always easy, but with God it will be good.

NOVEMBER 17

READ JOHN 17

Chapter Spotlight: John 17:14 reads, "I [Jesus] have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."

Prayer Prompt: The people of God aren't fully at home in our world. It's because this place isn't ultimately our home. We are residents of the Kingdom of Heaven, and as such, we live differently in our world. Pray that God would help you to live as a citizen of heaven here and now.

NOVEMBER 18

READ JOHN 18

Chapter Spotlight: John 18:38 reads, Pilate said to him [Jesus], "What is truth?" "

Prayer Prompt: Pilate asked the question, but he didn't wait for the answer. If you want to know truth, it is found in the person of Jesus. Ask God to help you know what is true and what is not.

NOVEMBER 19

READ JOHN 19

Chapter Spotlight: John 19:30b reads, "It is finished."

Prayer Prompt: God has made a way for all people to know and walk with Jesus. Regardless of what any of us have done or where we've been, we are loved by God. Jesus defeated sin, and we can have victory over sin in our lives if we walk daily with Jesus. Thank God that He finished the work. Ask God for help in submitting all of your life to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

NOVEMBER 20

READ JOHN 20

Chapter Spotlight: John 20:15 reads, "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?'"

Prayer Prompt: Mary was overcome with grief because she couldn't see who was right in front of her. There are hardships and challenges in life. However, we need always remember that our grief lasts only for a time because God is for us and with us. Whatever difficulty we face, we don't face it alone. In the end, God is working all things for the good. Ask God to give you that kind of mindset in your day-to-day following after Him.

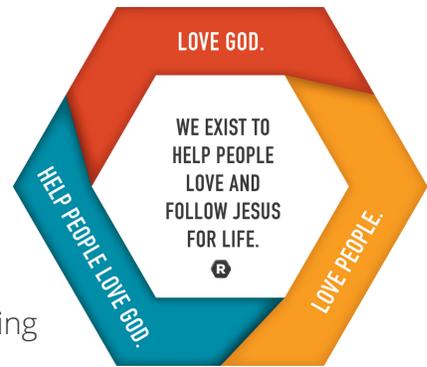
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READ JOHN 21

Chapter Spotlight: John 21:12 reads, "Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'" "

Prayer Prompt: Jesus appears to the disciples after being resurrected, and He's going to deal with Peter's denial. He does so by inviting them to sit down to a meal. It's in the simple coming and going of life that God so often chooses to move. Ask God to reveal Himself to you in the simple things, like a meal with friends, as you follow Jesus.

NEXT STEPS



Our mission as a church is to help people love and follow Jesus for life. We do this by focusing, as a community, on three practices: Love God, Love People, Help People Love God. In setting out to accomplish anything of significance, it's important to have markers along the way to be sure we are traveling the right way in our journey or metrics to help us know if we're achieving what we set out to do. With this in mind, at The Refinery we have five commitments we invite each individual to consider making themselves so that they can grow in these three practices.

We believe that these are great measures and guides for helping us to love and follow Jesus for life. They are commitments that can help establish a rhythm of life centered in Christ.

FIVE COMMITMENTS TO CHOOSE AND GROW IN



01 — ACTIVELY WORSHIP

We actively worship through consistent engagement in worship services and through the rhythms of our daily lives.

- Am I putting Jesus first in my life each day?
- Am I making worship with my church family a priority?



02 — CULTIVATE THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Cultivating spiritual disciplines such as time in scripture, prayer, generosity, fasting, and rest are critical elements of loving and following Jesus for life.

- Am I regularly reading and reflecting on what the Bible has to say?
- Am I thanking God and asking for direction in my life?
- Am I giving generously to the church and to others?
- Am I practicing fasting as Jesus said we should do?
- Am I taking time for rest and remembering that God has called us to live from a place of rest?

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03 — LIVE IN COMMUNITY

We are called to live in community! Real life change happens in the context of relationships.

- Am I engaged in a Lifegroup through The Refinery or some other form of spiritual accountability/relationship in my workplace or community?
- In my community, am I looking to know others and be known by them?



04 — INTENTIONALLY SERVE

We intentionally serve at the church, in our community, and around the world. God has shaped each of us with gifts and abilities to be used in service to others.

- Am I a part of a serving team at The Refinery?
- How am I investing in my community through service?
- Am I serving people around the world in some measurable way?



05 — INVEST & INVITE

Jesus calls Christians to “go and make disciples.” As a church, we desire that everyone would make the commitment to regularly invest in others and invite them into the story of the good news of the gospel of Jesus.

- Do the people I work with or live near know that I profess faith in Jesus?
- Do I know what the people I work with or live near believe when it comes to matters of faith?
- How can I regularly invite others to consider for themselves the truth of God?

**Have questions? Need to speak to a pastor?
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