

21 DAYS OF

PRAYER



2025

A WORD FROM PASTOR DREW LANDRY

Welcome to the 21 Days of Prayer 2025! I believe the next 21 days have the potential to drive all of us to be more faithful in and committed to prayer. You know the two realities I believe about prayer: no one prays enough, and you learn to pray by praying. I've also heard it said that prayer is easier than most of us think and more important than we realize.

There's no way for me to know how you think and feel about prayer. I do not know if you are committed to prayer or if you pray sporadically or occasionally when you eat a meal. I do know that as we turn the calendar for a new year, all of us are going to be given opportunities to "rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

I trust the devotional thoughts and passages of Scripture you focus on over the next 21 days will bring you hope and peace, challenge you, and bring you assurance. I believe, spending time in prayer restores our intimacy with God like nothing else. If there is anything you and I need as we embark on a new year, since we do not know what this new year will bring, it's intimacy with God in prayer.

I love you!

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Landry", written in a cursive, flowing style.

DAY 01

REPENTANCE

Praise

Psalms 145:1, "I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever."

My God and King, like David, I want to praise Your name forever and ever! As I begin 2025, re-awaken and warm the dark corners of my heart. God, as I begin a new year, I want to give You glory and praise for _____, _____, and _____.

Petition

Joel 2:12-13, "'Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love..."

God, thank You that in Your grace You invite me to return to You.

I don't simply want to go through the motions, God. I've done that before. God, I sincerely want to turn away from _____, _____, and _____ (list sins and areas where you've turned away) and return to You with all my heart.

God, I'm so grateful for Your grace, mercy, patience, and love! Thank You.

Matthew 15:8-9, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me..."

Make these confessions:

- God, I don't want to honor You with my words while my heart is far from You.
- God, I no longer want a spiritual life characterized by the coldness, hypocrisy, and routine that my sins have produced.

Ask God to show you how this passage might apply to you. Write those thoughts here.

Matthew 3:2, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

God, realizing the urgency of the times, I want to genuinely repent of _____, _____, _____. (list sins). I am tired of living in my sins!

Matthew 3:8, "Bear fruit in keeping repentance."

God, I desire to live a vibrant and healthy spiritual life. God, by Your grace, I want to produce bountiful spiritual fruit in 2025. For Your kingdom and Your glory, I would like to _____.
(spiritual fruit and accomplishments you'd like to see God do through you this year!)

Reflection

What did God say to you most specifically and most powerfully about repentance and your need to turn from your sin? Write it here...

DAY 02

YOUR ONE / THE LOST

Praise

Psalm 145:2, "Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever."

God, I genuinely want to praise You EVERY DAY. Recognizing that some days bring joy, peace, and hope and others bring sadness, frustration, and disappointment. I want to thank You for Your constant presence and blessings. God, I thank You for _____, _____ and _____.

Ask God to help you practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible reading more consistently in 2025.

Petition

God, I want to begin this year by focusing on my love for You and my love for the lost. God, where it is lacking, I pray You would fan into flame my passion for the lost. God, I confess I need You to stir my heart for the lost around me.

God, through faith, it is my fervent prayer that I will see _____ come to faith in You in 2025. (Take a few moments and pray about who you can lead to faith in 2025 - YOUR ONE)

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

God, I pray _____ (your one) will understand that he/she is a sinner.

Romans 5:8, "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God, I pray _____ (your one) will understand and discern that because of his/her sin, he /she deserves death, hell, and eternal separation from You. But I pray that he/she will also understand that You offer them the glorious gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Mark 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

God, I pray _____ (your one) will repent by turning away from his/her sin and turning toward Jesus. Also, I pray he/she will believe what the Bible says about Your son Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:4, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

God, in all boldness, I pray _____ (your one) will make his/her profession of faith public by being buried with You through baptism.

Reflection

Pray about how God would have you reach out to YOUR ONE in love... a call, text, etc...
Act accordingly.

DAY 03

SPOTSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH & OUR CHURCH PLANTS

Praise

Psalms 145:3, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable."

God, I praise You today because Your greatness is far beyond what I can think, fathom and understand. I lack the mind to fully understand and the vocabulary to fully explain Your greatness. Focusing on Your greatness, I am humbled and reminded of my many limitations.

Your greatness in _____ and _____ is far beyond anything I could ever imagine.

Petition

Revelation 2:4-5, "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent."

- Pray that our church and our church plants will not take God's message of redemption for granted.
- Pray that our love for our Savior would deepen.
- Pray that our church and our church plants would proclaim to our Savior, "We love You! You are our God! We want only You! Show us where we have failed. Bring us to repentance. Forgive us! You are our first, and only love, Jesus."

Matthew 9:37-38, "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"

- Pray that God would open our eyes to the harvest before us.
- Pray that God would lead us as a church and church plants to go out in the fields and get to work.
- Pray that God would raise up men, women, and children to make disciples here and around the world.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower us to make disciples of all nations.

Acts 4:12, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- Pray that God would fill us with His Spirit to boldly proclaim, "There is salvation in no one else but Him!"
- Pray that God would help us make Him famous through our church. That we would shout His name and lift His name for all to hear.
- Pray that God would help us stay committed to sharing His salvation and His beautiful, wonderful, life-changing, eternity-altering name.

Reflection

In your own words, write the verse or verse phrases from today's readings that brought conviction to your heart and mind. Talk to God about it here.

DAY 04

STEWARDSHIP / FINANCES: GOD-HONORING IN 2025

Praise

Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall commend Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts."

God, I praise You for what You've done for my family! (List the areas of God's faithfulness and love.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

God, I know I need to declare Your mighty acts to _____ and _____ (list family members who need Christ and or spiritual encouragement) before the end of the 21 Days of Prayer.

Petition

1 Timothy 6:6-8, "But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content."

Pray: "Jesus, help me to be content with what I have and not continually want more money and worldly things. Remind me that I own nothing and that I am a steward/manager of Your things. You own it all. Thank You for Your provision in my life."

List things you need to let go of and put in God's hands.

1 Timothy 6:17-19, "As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."

Pray: "Jesus, help me to be rich in good works, generosity, and sharing. Help me to store up treasure in Heaven and not here on Earth."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Pray: "Jesus, help me to be a cheerful giver to the church, Christian organizations, the poor, and my family."

Reflection

In your own words, write the verse or verse phrases from today's readings that brought conviction to your heart and mind. Talk to God about it here.

DAY 05

PRODIGALS: FRIENDS & FAMILY

Praise

Psalm 145:5, "On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate."

God, much of my free time is occupied with trivialities and amusement. I so often miss the glorious splendor of Your Majesty and Your wondrous works. God, recalibrate my heart to meditate on You and Your Word instead of time wasters. (List your top three time-wasting events or activities.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pray and ask God to help you turn from these to Him through prayer and the Word. Ask Him to help you grow to a place where you find joy in Him so that the things that once distracted you no longer hold any attraction.

Petition

God, thank You that You care for those who are far from You. Thank You that You made a way for all, including those who are running from You, to experience salvation and hope. God, today I am praying for Your intervention in the life of _____, _____, _____. (Write the name[s] of your prodigal[s].)

Luke 15:17, "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!'"

- Pray that your prodigal will have a moment that causes them to come to his/her senses.
- Pray that God would put people in their lives that will help them come to their senses.

Luke 15:18, "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you.'"

- Pray that they will return to the Father broken from their sin.

Luke 15:21-24, "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand,

and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."

- Pray that they will experience restoration and will be welcomed back by family and friends.

Reflection

Consider again the names you've written today.

"...bring quickly the best robe..ring...fattened calf.. And let us eat and celebrate."

Pray:

"God remind us often that, after repentance, You are a God of immediate, unconditional forgiveness and extravagant love."

Romans 2:4, "...God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance..."

God, I also pray that our prodigals will never believe the lie that they are undeserving of Your grace and forgiveness. God, draw them back to You through Your kindness.

DAY 06

SPOTSWOOD PASTORS & CHURCH STAFF

Praise

Psalm 145:6, "They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness."

List the awesome deeds you've seen God perform:

...In your own spiritual life. _____

...In your family life. _____

...At Spotswood. _____

Petition

1 Peter 1:15-16, "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy.""

God, I pray my pastors would live lives that I can follow - lives of integrity and lives that reflect Your holiness in every area of their lives. Give them the strength they need to stand strong and lead their families and their ministries well.

- Father, thank You for calling our Pastors to Spotswood to lead us. Empower them to pursue righteousness in both their public leadership and private life. Please guide them in their decisions, actions, and words so they can lead our church with integrity, strength, and Your full blessing.
- When they face _____ (temptations, challenges, struggles), remind them of Your call to holiness and strengthen them to walk in obedience.

1 Peter 5:8-9, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."

- Lord, help my pastors stay alert and aware that they are in the enemy's crosshairs. I pray especially that You would protect them in the area(s) of _____.
- Father, remind my pastors often that the people they are leading are praying for them. Encourage their hearts with the truth that they are not alone in this battle.

- God, help my pastors resist temptation and discouragement. Fortify their faith so they can stand firm in You in the midst of spiritual battle. I pray they would be hyperaware of the enemy's schemes and run to You for refuge.

Reflection

Why do you think Peter chose the image of a roaring lion to describe our adversary, the Devil? Write your thoughts here.

Pray for each pastor and their wives by name. Pray they resist temptation and continue to stand firm.

Pastoral Staff:

- Drew & Judy Landry
- Dan & Valerie Cook
- David & Nila Short
- Dakota & Hailey Gragg
- Tyler & Christy Cooper
- Gene & Beth Willis
- John & Eleanor Reale

Church Planters:

- Raul & Marisol Santamaria
- Bob & Karen Rhoads
- Phoung & Tuyen Phan
- Qingjiang "John" Jiang & Kathy Jiang

DAY 07

MARRIAGES & RELATIONSHIPS

Praise

Psalm 145:7, "They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness."

God tune my heart today to truly CELEBRATE Your ABUNDANT goodness - Your abundant goodness toward me, my family, my church, my community, our country, etc...

List God's abundant blessings.

Spiritual:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Physical:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pause and thank God for His generosity, kindness, and blessings beyond measure.

Petition

James 1:19, "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;"

God, help me to be an active listener to my spouse. Especially when -

Proverbs 12:18, "There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

God, help my tongue bring pleasantness and love to my spouse and/or other immediate family.

Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

God, as I meditate on You, help me to remember that real love in our marriage isn't how I say things, but how I act in ways to affirm our relationship.

What's one change I can make today that will enhance my spouse's and/or immediate family's understanding of how much I love them?

Pray: God, through Your Spirit, empower me to make that change.

Truth: We fell in love by listening and paying attention to one another.

Ephesians 5:21, "Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."

Don't think, "If they would just _____"; think about what I can do regardless of what they do!

Reflection

As you read today's verses, what did you hear God say about your language and speech? Write it here.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

What is God showing you?

What are you learning about prayer?

Write out three verses that have impacted you during this prayer journey.

Thank God for His Word and write down how praying God's Word has refreshed your prayer life.

DAY 08

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS: MISSIONARY & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Praise

Psalm 145:8, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Praise for God's grace: God, thank You for Your saving grace! Nothing I have done or ever will do merits my salvation.

Praise for God's compassion: God, thank You for Your limitless compassion toward me. Thank You for seeing my needs and caring deeply for me. God, I thank You for compassion and kindness, even when I _____.

Praise for God's patience: God, I praise You today for being slow to anger and patient with me. God, when I fail, You don't respond with harshness. God, bring conviction on me when I'm impatient with _____.

Praise for God's unconditional love: God, thank You for loving me even when I _____!

Petition

On Paul's first mission trip, he had a fellow named Barnabas with him, whose name translates to "son of encouragement."

Spotswood partners with missionaries across the world. Visit spotswood.org/missions to check them out.

Take time to be a son or daughter of encouragement for these missionaries today.

Isaiah 40:31, "But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Make a list of our missionaries from spotswood.org/missions and pray for strength for each by name:

_____, _____, and _____.

Luke 8:8, "And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold."

List the towns/areas that these missionaries are in and pray "God, provide good soil and much spiritual fruit in _____, _____, and _____."

For missions closer to home, Spotswood partners with Zoe Freedom Center, Choices Women's Center, and The Brisben Center homeless shelter.

Proverbs 2:6, "For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;"

Lord, provide the workers at these mission partners with words of wisdom and comfort as they deal with people in crisis.

Colossians 4:3, "At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare the mystery of Christ..."

God, soften hearts and open doors for the gospel at these sites.

Titus 3 ended with Paul reminding believers to "learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful."

Acts 13:47, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

God, help me be a light. Show me how I can be an encourager and help to missionary partners.

Reflection

God, I believe You are calling me to encourage our missionary partners through...

DAY 09

REVIVAL IN 2025

Praise

Psalm 145:9, "The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made."

God, when I think about _____ (a current worry, challenge, or fear), I am reminded of how You have been enduringly compassionate and good in my past, like when

(past situation where you saw God's compassion).

Petition

Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Father, thank You for Your gracious work of the Lord Jesus Christ that takes away the penalty of my sins. Create in me, O Lord, a heart that is humble and quick to confess my sins, so that You may cleanse my soul (1 John 1:9).

Psalm 119:37,40, "Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways. Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life!"

Pray for revival in each of these realms:

- Personal Revival - that I would have a heart wholly devoted to the Lord
- Church Revival - that our churches would be a light to their communities
- National Revival - that our nation would turn to the Lord and seek His face
- World Revival - that the gospel would be spread throughout the world

Psalm 119:88, "In Your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth."

Isaiah 57:15, "For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Lift up to the Lord and confess, as He reveals, those things in your life that are distracting your moment-by-moment walk with Him.

Write a few here.

Ask that the Holy Spirit within you would revive your spirit, and empower and embolden you to live out the love of Christ toward those within your sphere of influence.

Reflection

Write a few sentences to God about your desire for a “clean heart.”

What can you do to maintain a clean heart? Pray about this question and write what you hear God saying.

DAY 10

HONORING GOD'S WORD IN ALL OF LIFE: ACTIONS, SPEECH, & ATTITUDE

Praise

Psalm 145:10, "All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!"

God, all Your works shall give thanks to You. God, I confess to being mostly ungrateful for the countless blessings You've given me. I stand in deep need of Your forgiveness for this. God help me walk today in praise and thanksgiving to You..... especially for _____.

Petition

How do we honor God? We honor Him in our obedience, our speech, our attitude, and our actions.

Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord my rock and my redeemer."

Pray: Thank You, Lord, that I will choose words that draw me closer to You and not push me away from You. Thank You, Lord, that I will meditate on Your Word day and night. Thank You, Lord, that my words will honor and bring glory to Your Holy Name.

Write down ways you can honor God in your speech. Ask God for help in these areas.

Are your words drawing you closer to God or farther away from Him? Write your answer with a prayer.

Ephesians 4:29, Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Are your words building up or tearing others down? God, I believe I am building up when I _____, but falling short when I _____.

Pray: Father, help me to choose words that build others up and not tear them down. Father, help me to always measure my words with Your words. Father, help me value and love my brothers and sisters by using kind words with them.

God, in speech, I often know the right thing to do/say but fail to do it, especially in the area of _____ and when I am talking with _____.

Father, I want to honor You in my actions and with my words. Using words that are contrary to Your will hurts Your heart and pushes me farther away from You. God, help me this day to use life-honoring, life-saving, and life-building words. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflection

Read over Ephesians 4:29 again. Pray and ask God about specific actions you can take to align your speech with this verse. Write a few of those actions here.

DAY 11

DISCERN GOD'S WILL FOR SACRIFICIAL SERVICE IN 2025

Praise

Psalm 145:11, "They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,"

God, Your works, the things that You have done, speak well, speak often, speak loudly, about Yourself and Your power. Right now I proclaim the glory of Your greatness, perfection, and holiness. God, I believe Your greatness is best exhibited in

(express your thoughts and feelings to God... there is no right or wrong answer).

Petition

Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that in Your mercy, grace, and love, You have redeemed me and have a plan for my life. In humility, I strive to see the opportunities You have provided for me to do in service for You and Your church and ask for the boldness to step into those things to which You have called me.

Ephesians 6:6, "Doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,"

Are you displaying God's will, grace, and light consistently in interactions with the people you encounter? If any ungracious situations come to mind, confess, repent, and ask Him to empower you to be a reflection of His love, grace, and mercy to all of the people whom you encounter every day.

Matthew 23:11, "The greatest among you shall be your servant."

Prayer: Lord, protect my heart and mind from prideful thoughts and actions. Purify my thoughts and actions so that the only boasting I do is in You. Nothing You call me to do is insignificant and may I respond joyfully to Your call.

Reflection

Consider your spiritual gifts, natural abilities, and skills, as well as the experiences God has allowed you to have, and ask God for discernment on how these abilities can be used in the Body of Christ here at Spotswood.

Write what you hear from God.

Ephesians 2:10 makes it clear that the believer is created to do good works. You may be in a season of life where you are not walking in all the good works he saved you to do or that you could do. What can you do to make a change?

DAY 12

ARMOR OF GOD "OUR BATTLE:" AWARENESS & ACTION

Praise

Psalm 145:12, "To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom."

God, You have made Yourself known through Your works and Your Word. Praise You, dear Father! God, I want to be more faithful in sharing Your glorious splendor with others, so that they, too, can experience the beauty of Your kingdom.

Write down the name of your one. _____

Petition

Awareness: God's Word tells us that warfare is not fought in the flesh; but in the spiritual realm.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,"

Reflection: Spiritual warfare includes the enemy's attempt to gain a foothold within my soul and separate me from Jesus. When I am tempted or tormented by _____, or _____, I recognize now that it is spiritual warfare. When my mind wanders to _____, or _____, it is also spiritual warfare.

Pray: Holy Spirit, please grant me the awareness to recognize spiritual warfare in my daily life. Help me to see warfare for exactly what it is: a struggle / a battle for the very salvation of my soul. Thank You, Jesus, for not leaving us to fight this warfare alone. You gave me spiritual tools and weaponry. Let me put these tools to use wisely.

Action: God gives us a proactive spirit to put to use the tools in spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:13-18, "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the

Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Pray: Lord, enhance in me a confident spirit to fight against the Evil One and for You. Let me begin each day clothed in the full armor of God; a belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit/Your Word. Help me seize the initiative in this spiritual struggle so that when the battle is over, You will call me home as a “true and faithful servant.”

Reflection

What do you need to abstain from to enhance your ability to “take every thought captive to obey Christ”? List a few of the most prominent here.

Write a few sentences about how today's verses have opened your eyes to the realities of spiritual warfare and how you can combat it.

DAY 13

EDUCATION, SCHOOLS, & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Praise

Psalm 145:13, "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.]"

God, I praise You today for being a God of the everlasting. You operate outside of boundaries, borders, and time itself. God, remind me that all of the things that I am fixated on and obsessed with are temporary, transitory, and degrading right before my eyes. You alone are eternal, everlasting, the Alpha, and the Omega.

List a few objects and activities that occupy much of your time/thought life, even though they have little-to-no spiritual benefits.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Petition

Proverbs 2:3-6, "Yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Excellence in educators:

Exodus 18:20-21, "and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens."

Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential:

Philippians 1:9, "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,"

Pray:

- Father, stir the hearts of parents to take an active role in the academic, spiritual, and emotional formation of their children.
- God, guide school boards to be wise in choosing curriculums that uphold the truth of the Word.
- Move the hearts of funding leaders to prioritize the needs teachers and students have for classroom materials.
- Give Christian parents a missionary mindset to minister to teachers in their children's lives.
- Lord, draw near to teachers in the classroom and teach them to rely on the Holy Spirit throughout the day rather than their own strength.
- Set young people free from hopelessness, despair, depression, anxiety, loneliness, and substance abuse.
- Bless teachers with an outpouring of grace and endurance of such magnitude it overflows onto their students, their schools, and their communities.
- Turn the hearts of students to see their worth and value in their Creator and Savior, rather than test scores, athletic performance, or social media following.

Pray for students for _____, _____, and _____.

Pray for teachers and administrators for _____, _____, and _____.

Pray for our school partnerships and Good News Clubs (Brock Road, Chancellor, Courthouse Road, Lee Hill, Spotswood, Wilderness, Hugh Mercer) in the areas of _____, _____, and _____.

Reflection

Write down the name of a school with which you have a connection. _____

Maybe it's in your neighborhood or you know a student or teacher.

Do some research and write the name of the principal. _____

Choose a phrase from Proverbs 2:3-6 to pray over him or her. Write that phrase here.

DAY 14

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT MANIFESTED IN YOUR LIFE

Praise

Psalm 145:14, "The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."

God give me the grace and help me train my heart to turn to You during difficult times.

God, I pray that my first response when I'm weak and struggling would be to turn to You.

God, I pray my heart will be inclined toward YOU during difficult times.

Write a sentence about a time God held you up when you were spiritually floundering.

Petition

Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Pray: Thank You, Lord, for sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in me, transforming my thoughts, feelings, and actions.

Love - Help me to love & trust You completely, and in turn, love others well.

Reflect and pray: _____

Joy - Give me joy at all times, because of You, regardless of my circumstances.

Reflect and pray: _____

Peace - Give me peace that surpasses understanding, Shalom!

Reflect and pray: _____

Patience - Help me respect others with a spirit of love and grace.

Reflect and pray: _____

Kindness - Help me grow my heart in compassion and empathy for others.

Reflect and pray: _____

Goodness - Let Your goodness in me overflow to others.

Reflect and pray: _____

Faithfulness - Let me grow perseverance in my soul, trusting in You alone, that You are in control.

Reflect and pray: _____

Gentleness - God help me operate in gentleness, even when _____ happens.

Reflect and pray: _____

Self-control - Holy Spirit, control my thoughts, words, and actions so that I am honoring You.

Reflect and pray: _____

John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Pray: Lord, thank You for always being with me. I surrender my will to You and ask Your Spirit to guide, teach, and correct me. Your ways are always the best and I am at my best when I am aligned with You.

Reflection: It is the Holy Spirit alone through God's grace who produces the Fruit of the Spirit.

Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work within you? What areas are not bearing fruit?
_____ (ask/allow Him to work within your heart).

The Fruit the Spirit produces isn't just for our enjoyment but to also bless those around us. How are you applying or can you apply the Fruit of the Spirit to your life?

Reflection

Slowly and prayerfully read over the list of the nine fruit of the spirit again. Ask God to show you the one or two that need the most growth. Write what you hear him saying.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

What is God showing you?

What are you learning about prayer?

Write out three verses that have impacted you during this prayer journey.

Thank God for His Word and write down how praying God's Word has refreshed your prayer life.

DAY 15

GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Praise

Psalm 145:15, "The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season."

God, I praise You this morning that I can look to You for all my needs, both physical and spiritual, knowing You will satisfy me at the proper time. Thank You for being the satisfier of Your people.

God, I acknowledge You in and praise You for _____ (specific area of provision in your life).

God, I look to You with confidence for _____ (specific need or desire).

Petition

Matthew 22:36-40, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus summed up the Law in two commandments – love God and love people. There are many ways to show our love for God and the people around us. The following Scriptures provide examples to meditate on and allow the Spirit to identify ways to reflect them in your life.

Pray for ways to show our love for God.

- Praise Him always. (Psalm 34:1)
- Read the Bible. (1 John 2:5)
- Make Disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Love Him intentionally. (Matthew 22:37)

Pray for ways to show love to our neighbor.

- Show forgiveness and love to all people. (Ephesians 4:32)
- Bear one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
- Show generosity and hospitality. (Romans 12:13)

- Serve others. (Galatians 6:9-10)

Write down specific ways you can apply the Greatest Commandment in your life.

Write down areas to grow in your love of God and your neighbors.

Pray: Father, I thank You for Your perfect love for me. Help me to love You with all my heart, soul, and mind. Give me the heart to love my neighbors. May my life be a reflection of Your love to those around me, and grow me in my understanding of what it means to follow the “greatest commandment.” Empower me with Your Spirit as I seek to put Your Word into action each day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Reflection

Pray: "God show me how my life can be a brighter reflection of Your love for those around me!" Write his answer here.

DAY 16

OUR COUNTRY / LEADERS

Praise

Psalm 145:16, "You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing."

God, thank You for offering satisfaction to Your people. God, in a world that over-promises and under-delivers, thank You for satisfying our deepest spiritual desires for joy and peace. God, it is only in You that we find soul-depth happiness, peace, joy, and contentment. God, I know it is You alone Who can satisfy the deepest part of me because so often I've looked for satisfaction in other areas, like _____, _____, and _____, and have been left dry and disillusioned.

God, direct my heart and mind back to You, the only true satisfaction.

Petition

2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Prayer: God, I confess, it's easy to be angry and critical when I think about the leadership of our nation. I have not humbled myself first before praying for my country. Today, I humble myself and repent from being more critical than prayerful.

God, forgive me for the sin of a critical spirit and prayerlessness for my country.

Paul, writing to Christians in Ephesus, a city much like our country, instructed those believers to pray "for all those who are in authority." (1 Timothy 2:2)

Prayer: God, I have neglected to be thankful for the leaders of my city, county, state, and nation.

Today, I want to thank You for _____, _____, _____, and _____. I pray for these leaders to seek wisdom from You and Your Word as they fulfill the responsibilities of their office. (Pray for leaders by name, include as many as you want on your list.)

Biblically, Jesus and only Jesus is to have "first place in everything" (Colossians 1:8). Based on my conversations, the amount of time I spend on social media, and watching 24-hour news, I have not been keeping Jesus first in everything.

Prayer: God, starting today, please change and give me a willing heart so I may invest the nonrenewable resource of time biblically.

Reflection

There is a group of prayer warriors within Spotswood who pray daily for our country and its leaders. Grab your phone and set a daily alarm for 7:14 (A or P - your choice). Use this daily reminder to pray for our country and leaders using 2 Chronicles 7:14 as a guide.

DAY 17

IMPORTANT DECISIONS, CHALLENGES, & QUESTIONS IN 2025: RELIANCE ON GOD

Praise

Psalm 145:17, "The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works."

God, You are righteous, and perfect in everything You do. Thank You for showing Your kindness in _____ (specific examples of God's kindness in your life).

God, I confess my trust in Your perfect will and acknowledge that You are kind in all Your works, even when I don't fully understand _____ (a situation where you are seeking understanding or trust).

Petition

Write down a list of weighty decisions, challenges, and questions you are facing in 2025.

Reflect on the process you typically use in addressing such matters. Do you rely on God?

Consider following Jesus' example of prayer time in all important matters, seeking out the Father. He prayed at His baptism when He was tempted, before selecting His disciples, the night of His betrayal, and for long stretches before making great decisions.

Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

Pray these Scriptures above aloud.

Pray: Lord, You have promised to help lead me in the way of wisdom. Let me trust that it is Your hand that will help bring me to a place of decision, clarity, and understanding.

In every decision and challenge that I face, let my choices reflect that heavenly wisdom; in every path I must choose, show me those that will produce pure, peace-loving, considerate, and submissive results, “full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

Dear Father, I look to no one else for wisdom. I humbly ask for Your help in _____ for my life because I don’t know how to handle it without You. Please, give me direction, knowledge, and guidance so I can bring glory to Your name, Amen.

Reflection

Make these confessions:

God, I know Your plans for me are good.

God, I trust You with all my heart.

God, Your Word has promised wisdom when I ask.

Thank You for being the God of a hope-filled future.

DAY 18

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise

Psalm 145:18, "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

God, I praise and thank You for being near to all who call on You. I sincerely desire a spiritually heightened awareness of Your closeness, kindness, and peace. Here is a list of distractions that I know I need to remove from my life in order to better sense Your presence and peace: _____, _____, and _____.

Petition

Matthew 6:9-14

Pray: "Our Father in Heaven,"

Our Abba Father is in Heaven, and in total control of all circumstances and concerns. What concerns you today that you need to turn over to your Father in Heaven?

Pray: "Hallowed be Your name."

God's name is Holy. He deserves the highest praise and honor. What are some of your favorite names to pray to God?

Pray: "Your kingdom come,"

We are called to spread the good news of the kingdom of God through sharing the gospel with a lost world. Who do you know that needs to hear the gospel?

Pray: "Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven."

God's will is perfectly experienced in Heaven. Jesus wants the will of the Father to be experienced by His followers on earth by obeying what is revealed to us in Scripture and living it out daily. Ask God to direct your ways to accomplish His will.

Pray: "Give us this day our daily bread,"

God knows each of our needs. What are some of your needs today?

Pray: "And forgive our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

God wants us to forgive others first. Jesus is not talking about financial debt. He is addressing relational debt. Jesus says, "You pursue forgiveness in your relationships, and God will grant you forgiveness in your relationship with Him."

Who do you need to forgive?

Pray: "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

Jesus does not tempt, but each of us knows where we are tempted to sin and must ask for help to have victory over those temptations.

What do you need to turn over to God so that you can experience deliverance?

Reflection

What does the Lord's prayer show you about who God is? Write your thoughts here.

DAY 19

HEALING / ADDICTION: SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, & PHYSICAL HEALTH

Praise

Psalm 145:19, "He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them."

Father, I praise You for fulfilling the desires of those who take You seriously. God specifically thank You for fulfilling my desire for (list specific prayers God has answered)

Because You have been so faithful in the past, God, I trust You hear me when I cry out to You in (a current challenge or need) _____.

Petition

Healing

1 Peter 2:24, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."

Jeremiah 17:14, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise."

Make a list of those needing the Lord's healing touch and pray for God's healing, saving touch over them: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Prayer: Lord, I come before You today in need of Your healing hand. In You all things are possible. Hold my heart within Yours, and completely heal and restore _____'s mind, body, soul, and spirit. In Your mercy, remove all obstacles to healing – physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual, so that in their renewed health, they may praise, bless, and serve You, now and forevermore. I pray for my loved one that they will be held at this time in Your loving arms. To You alone be all glory and praise.

Addiction

2 Timothy 1:7, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

Make a list of those needing the Lord’s saving grace from addiction and pray for God’s power, love, and spirit of self-control over them: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Prayer: Lord, bless _____ who struggles with the addiction of _____. Touch, heal, and deliver them completely from bondage while reassuring them of the Father’s constant love. Provide strength to overcome their affliction. May the quiet assurance of Your loving presence illuminate the darkness in their heart and bring lasting peace.

Reflection

Read over 1 Peter 2:24 again. Consider what Jesus did for you on the cross. Write a few thoughts here.

Spend a few moments visualizing Jesus’ suffering on the cross. Write your thoughts feelings and emotions here.

Remembering His agonizing death is the ultimate motivation to “die to sin and live for righteousness." Talk to Him now... repent, thank Him. Whatever is in your heart, write it here.

DAY 20

SPENDING CONSISTENT QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD IN 2025

Praise

Psalm 145:20, "The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy."

God, I profess my love for You now and thank You for preserving and protecting everyone who loves You. God, help me to be more sensitive to Your loving watchfulness over me.

Praise God in a few sentences for a time when you experienced His protection and care.

Petition

Matthew 6:6, "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Jesus teaches us that prayer is about relationships, needing time to grow, private space, and time together where closeness can happen. We don't create intimacy; we make room for it.

Where do you pray? _____

Matthew encourages us to find a private and quiet space to pray. A comfortable place with no interruptions.

Daniel 6:10, "He went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously."

How often do you pray? _____

We can easily find reasons why we can't slow down enough for more prayer time. Set a realistic schedule for prayer. Set goals you can attain and maintain. Our intimacy with God will grow as we spend more time with God.

Be consistent – consistency is more important than length. Before you know it, five minutes will become 15 minutes and then 30 minutes. You'll enjoy being with God! If you give God the time, He will touch your soul.

Luke 5:16, "But He would withdraw to desolate places and pray."

Jesus' example of praying found throughout the Gospels is a great encouragement for our own pattern of prayer.

Prayer Time: Pray and reflect on some initial thoughts about where to pray, and how long and often you may want to schedule time for prayer. What practical steps will you need to take to make it happen? Ask the Lord for help.

Reflection

Make these declarations:

God, I want an improved and renewed prayer life!

God, it is the deepest desire of my heart to know You better through prayer and more time in Your Word.

God, here's my plan for deeper spiritual intimacy in 2025 -

DAY 21

SPOTSWOOD MINISTRIES: GOD'S WILL, LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS,
& PARTICIPANTS

Praise

Psalm 145:21, "My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever."

Speak these out loud:

God, I praise You for _____ (spiritual blessing).

God, I praise You for _____ (answered prayer).

God, I praise You for _____ (physical blessing).

Petition

Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Dear God, I pray for all SBC leaders. Strengthen them so they can better serve You and increase Your influence with others. Teach them to be salt and light to others - not to benefit themselves - but to humbly edify others. Please reveal any shortcomings so they may submit them to You for Your grace.

Ephesians 4:12-13, "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,"

- God gave spiritual gifts for you to use to build His kingdom. (Ephesians 2:10)
- God has equipped you for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17)
- God doesn't need you, however, He chooses to use you to build His kingdom. (Romans 12)
- Ask God to show you how you might join Him in what He is doing. Write those thoughts here. _____

Read Luke 9:23, Mark 10:45, and Philippians 2:1-4.

Jesus is asking you to deny yourself.

What do you think is involved in denying yourself?

For even the Son of Man did not come to be _____, but to _____ and to _____ His life as a ransom for many.

What do these verses say about being a servant leader?

Pray: God, I desire to join You in what You are doing by being a leader, volunteer, or participant to build Your kingdom by _____.

Reflection

Imagine God saying to you "Be strong and courageous." How do you need to apply His words to your life? Write your answer here.

What might He be encouraging you to do? Write your answer here.

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