

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH- PRAYER GUIDE  
21 DAYS OF PRAYER  
JANUARY 3-24, 2021



***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

As we begin the new year, we are expectant and hopeful for what God has in store. We don't have to follow a specific formula to talk with God, but practicing different ways to pray can help us find deeper purpose and connection to Him through our prayer time. The goal of using this guide is not to add pressure or overwhelm you. It's to help guide you in prayer, specifically over the next 21 days. We encourage you to set aside **10-15 minutes of focused prayer each day**. If you are able to do more, great! If you miss a day, don't beat yourself up over it.

Our hope and prayer is that over these next 21 days God will lead and guide us personally and as a congregation. Our desire is that "His Kingdom come, His will be done" on earth, in our personal lives, and in our church.

Attached to this guide you will find a specific prayer focus for each week. The weekly focus is broken down into a daily prayer focus. We have also attached a couple of prayer models to help guide you as you pray.

One of our goals for this season is that we take time to hear God's voice and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us. Please submit what you believe the Lord may be saying to us as a church in this season. The elders will take your submissions and pray through them at the end of the 21 days. You can share what you believe God is saying through the link on our website, or you can write them down on the yellow card on Sunday mornings.

**Let's come before God in humility, with expectant hearts, trusting that He is going to lead and guide us in this season!**

## Prayer Focus for Hope Church- January 3-9

### Rend the Heavens Once Again

“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.” - Isaiah 64:1-4

**Prayer Focus:** When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai and made His presence known to the Israelites (Exodus 19), the people trembled in fear and the mountain shook with a violent earthquake. The Lord had instructed Moses to call the people to repentance and purity prior to His visitation, but neither the people’s hearts nor the earthly realm could fully contain His presence. In the same way, Isaiah expressed a longing for God to manifest Himself once again to a people who needed to be reminded of the awesomeness of their God. Isaiah cried out for the Lord to rend the heavens and come down again, bringing a renewed fear of the holiness of God. **Even today, we long for the manifest presence of the Lord Jesus Christ that will usher in true holiness, righteousness, and a revival of His Church.** As we wait for Him with hearts of brokenness and humility, we can anticipate that when God responds *everything* will be transformed in a heaven-rending way. Come again, Lord Jesus!

**Day 1:** Worship God for His awesomeness and holiness.

**Day 2:** Confess to the Lord that you have not walked in a true fear of His power and holiness.

**Day 3:** Repent for the ways you have kept God at a distance through your sin and unrepentant heart.

**Day 4:** Ask the Lord to fill you with a desire for His manifest presence that proclaims His power and fame.

**Day 5:** Pray that God will stir in you a heart that cries out for Jesus to bring revival and transformation.

**Day 6:** Pray that our church (HOPE) will experience an awakening to the holiness of God and a desperate desire for Jesus.

**Day 7:** Ask Jesus to make His presence known in our community in a way that changes everything about it.

**Note:** As you take time to pray each day, use the attached Lord’s Prayer Guide and/or Scripture Prayers to guide you as you focus on the prayer theme for this week. Be sure to journal/write down what you believe the Lord is saying to you personally as well as what He may be speaking to Hope Church.

## Prayer Focus for Hope Church- January 10-16

### Renewal from the Savior

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! See if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” -Psalm 139:23-24

*“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,” - Acts 3:19-20*

**Prayer Focus:** Salvation comes by repentance and a turning away from sin. But there is an added component to repentance: *a wonderful time of refreshing from the Lord*. Repentance invites the presence of the living, resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. In His presence, nothing can remain the same. When a true refreshing of the Lord comes through repentance, all hope is restored. Jesus offers freedom from fear and the bondage of sin. Relationships are healed and reconciled through repentance in the name of Jesus. Spiritually blind eyes are opened, deaf ears are unstopped. The cleansing that follows repentance allows believers in Christ to see and hear Him in all His compassion and grace. Doubt is replaced with confidence in the power of Christ. Those who have turned from their sins can expect an encounter with the living Lord Jesus that breathes new life into their souls. A truly repentant person no longer struggles through sin management, shame, or hiding. They have discovered that releasing everything to the forgiveness and refreshing of the Lord Jesus Christ allows them to fall humbly at the feet of Jesus - free at last! Only when we truly repent will we experience times of refreshing from His hand.

**Day 1:** Praise the Lord for the refreshing and renewal of repentance.

**Day 2:** Allow the Lord to examine your heart and speak a message of true repentance and hope into your life.

**Day 3:** Thank God that true freedom comes with repentance.

**Day 4:** Worship the Lord and express your gratefulness for His forgiveness of your sins. Invite a refreshing of your soul.

**Day 5:** Pray that those who confess to be believers in Christ will truly repent and be set free in all areas of their lives.

**Day 6:** Pray that our congregation will always teach a clear message of freedom from shame through forgiveness of sin.

**Day 7:** Pray that the Lord will move powerfully in our surrounding community and bring many people to healing and restoring salvation.

**Note:** As you take time to pray each day, use the attached Lord’s Prayer Guide and/or Scripture Prayers to guide you as you focus on the prayer theme for this week.

As you take time to listen to what God may be saying to you personally and to Hope Church, write down if there are things we may need to repent of corporately as a church. If you are compelled to share it with the elders, please do so!

## Prayer Focus for Hope Church- January 17-23

### Revival - What Will It Take?

*"Look how far you have fallen from your first love! Turn back to me again and work as you did at first .... Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches ...."* -Revelations 2: 5, 7 (NLT)

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"* - Psalm 46:10

**Prayer Focus:** As the Lord Jesus addressed the churches in the first century, so He speaks to us. The church at Ephesus was not unlike many churches today. They were doctrinally sound and very active in the ministry. They were even discerning about evil. But they had been seduced by the culture of the day and had been drawn away from the pure love and devotion to Jesus Christ as their first love. So despite all their good intentions, they were warned to turn back again to the Lord Jesus. If we are willing to listen, the Spirit is saying the same thing to our Church(es) today. The pure love for the Lord Jesus Christ has been replaced by activity, busyness, and the managing of the "machinery" of ministry. What is the Spirit saying is necessary to cause revival in our Church(es) today? We must acknowledge our fallen condition, earnestly repent, and turn back to a pure and focused love for the Lord Jesus Christ. No amount of ministry effort can lead to revival. It is the turning of our hearts back to Jesus in true repentance that will bring the power of His presence into our midst.

**Day 1:** Worship the Lord for His love for you and His Church.

**Day 2:** Thank the Lord for His Spirit that speaks and convicts.

**Day 3:** Ask the Lord to reveal if you have strayed from your first love for Jesus. Repent of losing your first love.

**Day 4:** Invite the Lord Jesus to bring you back to a pure devotion to Him.

**Day 5:** Pray for our pastors and church leadership to recognize where we may have been caught in managing the machinery of ministry instead of focusing on Jesus.

**Day 6:** Pray that the Gospel would reach people in our neighborhoods, places of work, schools, and the community around Hope Church. Ask God to fill us with boldness to share the Gospel with those who don't know Him.

**Day 7:** Pray that Christians will hunger for the pure presence of Jesus Christ to fill our churches and communities.

**Note:** As you take time to pray each day, use the attached Lord's Prayer Guide and/or Scripture Prayers to guide you as you focus on the prayer theme for this week.

As you take time to "Be still and listen" to what God might be saying, write down anything you believe God may be speaking to Hope Church as we are in this season of transition. If you are compelled to share it with the elders, please do so!

## Prayer Focus for Hope Church- January 24 and following

### **Boldness-Standing in the Strength of Christ**

*“And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times. And he went out and wept bitterly.” -Luke 22:61-62*

**Prayer Focus:** Imagine Jesus turning and looking at you at the very moment you have declared that you don't know Him. In the moment of Jesus' greatest pain, Peter was consumed with his own fears of being identified with Christ. That look from Jesus had to be piercing yet loving; sorrowful yet understanding. It must have shaken Peter to the core when he realized how much his denial of Christ had hurt Jesus. Peter could only turn away and cry bitterly from the depths of his soul, wondering if there could ever be redemption from such a cowardly act. Yet Jesus in His role as Sanctifier was already looking toward Peter's restoration. In fact, Jesus later took care to erase Peter's three outright denials by offering Peter three opportunities to express how much he loved Jesus. John records this exchange between Peter and Jesus (John 21:15-17) as an eternal remembrance that Jesus will always lead us into a place of restoring and strengthening when we will truly turn in repentance.

**Day 1:** Praise Jesus for His love and compassion in spite of our sin and failures.

**Day 2:** Confess any times you have not stood firm for the name of Christ in the face of opposition.

**Day 3:** Repent for the times you have denied Jesus during moments of fear or persecution.

**Day 4:** Pray that Jesus will fill you with boldness and courage to speak his name often and identify yourself with Him.

**Day 5:** Pray that the name of Jesus will be honored and revered by all who call themselves followers of Christ.

**Day 6:** Pray that our congregational members will boldly speak the name of Jesus even when it may not be popular or welcome.

**Day 7:** Pray that the presence of Jesus Christ will profoundly touch our surrounding community and bring restoration.

**Note:** Our “21 days of prayer” ends on January 24, but that doesn't mean we stop praying. Our hope is that prayer will become a priority and lifestyle for us as a church. Let's continue to seek God through prayer, asking that “His Kingdom come and His will be done.”

# THE LORD'S PRAYER- PRAYER GUIDE

The Lord's Prayer is often recited in churches or at religious events, but there's so much more to this prayer. Jesus provided this model as an outline to teach us how to pray. This model takes us through each part of The Lord's Prayer, showing us how to pray the way Jesus instructed.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." -LUKE 11:1

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.  
Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

-MATTHEW 6:9 - 13

## CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

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"Our Father in Heaven"

God isn't interested in us practicing religion; instead, He desires a relationship with us. God has adopted us as His children and loves for us to call Him our Father. Starting our prayer time acknowledging our relationship with God is powerful for us and delights Him as well.

*You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father." -ROMANS 8:15*

Proclaim your intimate relationship with God, addressing Him as your Father and thanking Him that you are His child.

## WORSHIP HIS NAME

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"Hallowed Be Your Name"

God loves when we worship Him, and there is power in His Name. Here is a list of some of His Names to help us worship Him specifically and personally:

God is Righteousness – He makes us clean  
God is Sanctifier – He has called us and set us apart  
God is Banner of Victory – He defeated our enemies  
God is Shepherd – He speaks to us and leads us  
God is Peace – He is our peace in every storm  
God is Provider – He supplies all of our needs

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.*  
-PROVERBS 18:10

When we proclaim who God is, we not only worship Him, but we also remind ourselves how powerful and great our God is.

**PRAYER:**

“God, I am in awe of You. Your Name is a strong tower, a place of protection and safety for me. I praise You as my Healer, my Shepherd, and my Banner of Victory. You are my Peace, my Provider, my Righteousness, and my Sanctifier. Your Name is great, and I worship You.”

**PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST**

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“Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”

Part of being a child of God is caring about what He cares about. We know His will is perfect, and we acknowledge His wisdom and sovereignty when we pray His agenda first.

*Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.* -LUKE 12:31

Spend time focusing on what God is focused on. His priorities include:

Saving the lost.

Wisdom and guidance for those in authority – parental, spiritual, governmental, work-related.

Accomplishing His purpose in our lives.

**PRAYER:**

“God, I recognize there is no better plan on earth than Yours, and I pray for Your will to be done in my life (name the areas of your life where you need more of God’s presence today) and in our world. This world is lost and needs You desperately (pray for family members, friends, co-workers who don’t know Jesus. Pray that they would come to know Him as their Lord and Savior). I pray for the leaders in my life (pray specifically over parents, spiritual leaders, government leaders, employers, and any other leaders in your life), that you would give them supernatural wisdom and discernment as they lead. Give them a revelation of Your will and Your purpose for them. And I give my life to You again today; have Your way in my life! I ask today for wisdom and clarity as you show me my next steps.”

## DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

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“Give us this day our daily bread”

God promises to supply all our needs, and He wants us to come to Him with our problems, needs, and desires and to trust Him to provide.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. -PSALM 121:1-2*

Ask God for what you need today. It may help to write down the concerns weighing on your mind or the desires of your heart. You can bring them to God and trust Him enough to hand them over to Him fully.

### PRAYER:

“Father, I acknowledge that everything I need today will come from You. You made the heavens and the earth.

You are more than capable of handling any situation I’m dealing with, so I give it to You completely (specifically talk to God about what is on your mind and heart right now and give it to Him). I look to you to help me, sustain me, and give me Your peace. Remind me of Your hope and power today. Thank You in advance for taking care of my needs.”

## FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

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“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”

God has offered us complete forgiveness, and we can receive it at any time. When we turn away from our sins and receive His forgiveness, our hearts are more prepared to forgive others as well.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. -1 JOHN 1:9*

Ask God to check your heart and life and show you areas where you might need to ask for forgiveness from Him. Then, it is your turn to forgive those who have offended you. Ask God to forgive you and to help you forgive others.

### PRAYER:

“God, thank You so much for offering me the gift of forgiveness. Show me any areas in my life that I need to bring before You in order to receive forgiveness and healing. I confess that I have been struggling with sin (talk to God about any areas of sin in your life), and I know that You want me to be clean again. Please forgive me for my sin. Thank You for showing me unfailing grace. As You have so freely forgiven me, I also want to freely forgive others. Please help me let go of all of my offenses. I release to You those who have hurt me, and I trust You to handle those situations according to Your perfect will.”

## ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one”

Spiritual warfare can seem difficult to understand, but the Bible makes it very clear that we have an enemy who is trying to steal from us, kill us, and destroy us.

As we pray, we take our stand against the enemy and fight from a place of victory through Jesus as we're empowered by His Holy Spirit. There is power in God's Word, and every lie the enemy has told us can be replaced with God's truth.

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

-EPHESIANS

6:12

By recognizing that the enemy wants to destroy you, you can shed light on his lies and claim God's truth over your life. Ask God to show you any lies you're believing or areas of warfare happening in your life. Ask Him to expose the enemy and to help you understand and receive His truth. Simply speaking the Name of Jesus has great power in the spiritual realm. The Bible tells us in James 4:7 that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. Through prayer, we can resist him and walk forward in freedom.

### PRAYER:

“God, I recognize that my struggles today aren't against the people or circumstances around me, but against the enemy. Please help me to see how the enemy is lying to me. Help me to recognize his lies, take them captive, and make all of my thoughts obedient to the truth of Your Word (list out any specific areas God shows you where you have believed a lie that needs to be replaced with His truth). While the enemy wants to destroy me, I know that You came to give me life to the fullest. I speak the name of Jesus over my life and declare that no weapon formed against me will prosper. I don't have to fear the enemy because the One who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world.

## EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

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“For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”

God is more than able to move in every situation, and ending our prayer time claiming His authority and power focuses our minds on the truth and hope of who He is and what He can do.

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

Remind yourself of God's limitless power and then return to praising Him and declaring your faith in Him:

“Yours is the Kingdom” – all authority belongs to You, God.

“Yours is the Power” – all mightiness flows from You, Lord.

“Yours is the Glory” – Your victory, oh God, will be complete.

# PRAYING SCRIPTURE

The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic daily prayer life. It brings power, truth, and encouragement to our prayer time.

Use these Scriptures as a way to pray for yourself and others (family members, friends, the leadership of Hope, co-workers, or whomever God may bring to mind).

## SCRIPTURE:

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. – Psalm 23

## PRAYER:

“God, You are my Provider, and I know You will take care of me. Thank You for guiding me to places of rest.

You are my source of strength. You keep me going and lead me toward a life of purpose and freedom. I know that even when I experience my darkest seasons of difficulty and challenge, I have nothing to be afraid of because You are with me. Your presence and power are a constant comfort to me. I know that You are preparing the way for me and that You are taking care of me. I know that You are good, God, and that You are with me all the days of my life. Thank you that because of Jesus, I will be with You, in Your presence, forever.”

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## SCRIPTURE:

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. -James 4:8

## PRAYER:

“Heavenly Father, You have promised that if I draw near to You, You will draw near to me. I need more of Your presence today, and I am drawing near to You through prayer, worship, and reading Your Word. I open my heart to You and ask You to be near to me and change me to be more like You.”

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## SCRIPTURE:

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. – Psalm 139:23-24

## PRAYER:

“Father God, I ask You to search my heart. If You find anything in me that is offensive, please show me and help me remove it from my life. Lead me to live a life that draws people to You. Help me live my life on earth in a way that impacts eternity.”

### SCRIPTURE:

But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. -Matthew 6:33

### PRAYER:

“Your Word tells me that if I seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, You will lead me to a life that honors You. I am Yours today, God, and I give this day to You. Help me to focus on Your priorities first, sharing Your love and making Your Name known. I know that by focusing on You rather than myself, I will receive joy and peace.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. -James 4:10

### PRAYER:

“God, You have promised that if I humble myself before You, You will lift me up. I recognize today that I cannot succeed on my own, and I need You in every moment. I humble myself before You, and I ask You to work in and through me today. My time, efforts, thoughts, and words are Yours today (name specific parts of your day and give them to God). Use me for Your purposes, Lord. I trust that You will be with me and lift me up.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

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

### PRAYER:

“Father, I know You have not given me a spirit of fear or timidity, but one of power, love, and self-discipline. When my mind feels out of control, I pray that You will renew my spirit and let power, love, and self-discipline fill me. Help me to look more like You every day.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge. –Psalm 62:8

### PRAYER:

“Father, in Your Word You invite me to pour out my heart to You. You are my refuge, and I know that anything I think, feel, or do is ok to bring to You. Knowing that You are a safe place for me, I come to You and give You everything on my heart (talk to God about the specific things that are on your heart today). From what is worrying me to what is delighting me, what I hope for to what I’m afraid of, I bring it all to You because I know I can trust You. Help me and guide me in every area, in Jesus’ Name.”

### SCRIPTURE:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. – Romans 8:28

### PRAYER:

“God, You promise me in Your Word that in all things You work for my good. Right now, there are circumstances in my life that don’t feel good and that I can’t see an ounce of good in (talk to God about the specific situations that are causing you difficulty or pain). Even though this is how I feel, I choose to believe Your truth over my feelings. Help me to trust that in all things you work for my good, even in situations that seem hopeless. I know You are working on my behalf and that You want more for me than I could ever want for myself.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 8:38-39

### PRAYER:

“God, I am in awe of Your love for me. You are great, and I am so small, yet You love me fully. I remind my soul today that nothing can separate me from Your love—I am so grateful! There is nothing I can do to win or lose Your love; You love me without condition. Because I know nothing on earth, in time or space, or anything in existence can separate me from Your love, I will live confidently and peacefully knowing I have always been and will always be fully loved by You.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” -Psalm 91:1-2

### PRAYER:

“God, thank you that I can dwell in Your shelter, the Most High God, and I can rest in Your shadow. I claim that You alone are my refuge and fortress. You are my God and I trust You. When I face anything that brings me uncertainty or fear (confess these things to Him), I know that I can come to You as my safe place. Thank You for Your strength and protection in my life.”

### SCRIPTURE:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. –Philippians 4:6-7

### PRAYER:

“Father, my heart feels anxious (tell God what is giving you anxiety). I’m thankful I can come to You and receive peace. You invite me to replace my anxiety with prayer, and even though my mind and heart are racing, I’m coming to You knowing that You provide healing and calm for my soul. Thank You for giving me breath and life. I thank You that I am fearfully and wonderfully made in Your image. I lay down all worries, all my physical and mental anxiety, and any attempt at trying to control it all (tell Him the things you are laying down right now). I surrender it all to You. I need You. I need Your peace that transcends my human understanding. Even if things are unstable around me, I pray that Your peace will be evident in my heart and my life. Guard my heart and mind, God. I trust that You are faithful, and I receive Your peace in my life today.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

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. -Matthew 11:28-30

### PRAYER:

“Lord Jesus, I am so tired and worn out (tell God the areas that you’re tired and weary). I feel exhausted mentally and physically. Life feels hard, and I feel like I can’t keep up my current pace. You invite me to come to You when I am weary, and I fall at Your feet desperate for rest, peace, and perspective. Show me where I am trying to do things on my own. Show me where I need to rest instead of strive. Teach me Your ways. Show me how to walk in gentleness, humility, and rest. I know Your ways are higher than my ways, and I pray that You will transform my heart and mind to be more like You.”

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### SCRIPTURE:

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” -Hebrews 13:5

### PRAYER:

“Father, I am comforted by the fact that You will never leave me. You are always with me, and I am safe with You. As I go through my life and take on each new situation, I’m comforted by knowing I’m not alone because You are by my side. Help me feel Your presence. When I feel uncertain or afraid, I pray You will comfort me through Your Holy Spirit and remind me that I am never alone because You, the Almighty God, have promised to always be with me.”

## SCRIPTURE:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” -Jeremiah 29:11-13

## PRAYER:

“God, too many times I try to make plans for my life, but I know Your plans for me are best. You tell me that You have plans for me to prosper and have hope and a future. Thank You for loving me enough to have a plan for my life. You have promised me that when I call on You, You will listen to me. Thank You for listening when I pray.

I am confident knowing that I serve a God who cares about my life. I want to find You every day, and You say that if I seek You with all my heart, I will find You. Thank You for showing me the way to You. I lay my plans down at Your feet and receive Your plans for me (mention your plans and lay them down before God).

I know that You see the big picture and You know what is better for me than I do. I trust You, and I ask You to guide me toward Your plans.”

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