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Connecting Through Faith

Prayer Edition

This Year Has to be Different

This year has to be different! Jeremiah 29:11 tells us,

“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.”

The beginning of the New Year motivates us to make changes and to write resolutions. An interesting fact is that women who make resolutions are more likely to achieve their goals than those who don't. The reason being, it is easier to recognize the door of opportunity if you are looking for it. I think of resolutions as a great discipline in preparing to seize the moment.

Prayer (and lots of it) is an essential component in embracing opportunities because often times through it God drops thoughts and strategic ideas into our hearts. Many times we don't even recognize the blessings God is offering

to us. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to keep our focus on the Holy Spirit. Prayer deepens our hunger for God and sharpens our sensitivity in recognizing His presence, which increases dramatically according to the amount of time you actually pray.

This month's magazine is our Prayer Edition. We think the best New Year's resolution is to establish an improved prayer regimen. Among these pages we have gathered tools on fasting and prayer and notes for the Solemn Assembly. Topics of people and things to pray about with scriptures to meditate on. Plus, coloring and some fashion to take your mind off of eating. LOL! 😄

Resolutions require commitment; prayer and fasting brings strength. Is it difficult to pray and fast? Yes, but as hard as it is, this is a great way to prepare for the future God has for you!

Happy New Year Ladies,

Jodivann
Schott



January Verse-A-Day

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1 John 5:14

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2 Chronicles
7:14

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Ephesians 1:18

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Jeremiah 29:12,
"Then you will
call on me and
come and pray
to me, and I will
listen to you."

5
Ephesians 6:18

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Job 22:27, "You
will pray to him,
and he will hear
you, and you
will fulfill your
vows."

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John 17:15

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James 5:13

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Mark 11:24

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Matthew 5:44,
"But I tell you,
love your ene-
mies and pray
for those who
persecute you."

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Matthew 6:7

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Matthew 26:41

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Proverbs 15:8

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Psalm 102:17

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Psalm 141:2

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Romans 12:12,
"Be joyful in
hope, patient in
affliction, faith-
ful in prayer."

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Psalm 4:1

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Proverbs 15:29,
"The LORD is far
from the wick-
ed, but he hears
the prayer of
the righteous."

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Philippians
4:6-7

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Colossians 4:2,
"Devote your-
selves to prayer,
being watchful
and thankful."

21
1 Thessalonians
5:16-18

22
1 Timothy 2:8

23
James 5:16

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1 Timothy 2:1-2

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Jeremiah 33:3

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1 Chronicles
16:11 Look to the
LORD and his
strength; seek
his face always.

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John 15:7

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John 15:16

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Acts 13:2

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Luke 18:1-8

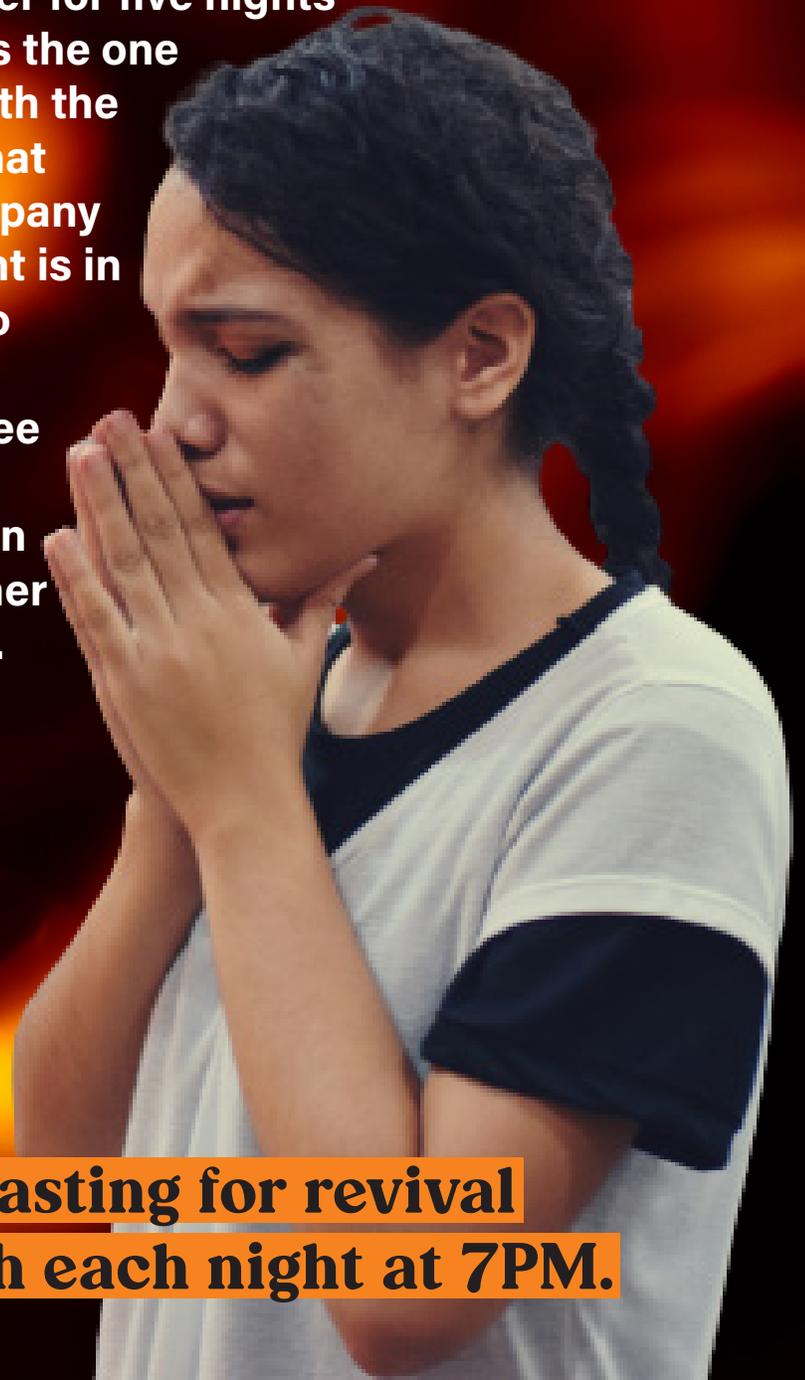
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Proverbs 15:8



Glad Tidings Solemn Assembly

Defined as: An assembly of people gathered together in one place with "a solemn oath to keep faith" for a common purpose...

The Church will come together for five nights of prayer. Palms 1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.



**Prayer and Fasting for revival
January 2nd-6th each night at 7PM.**

Week of Prayer Calendar

(what to pray about)

FOR REVIVAL

SUNDAY, January 2nd - 7pm

- Genuine repentance among His people
- An increased of spiritual hunger city-wide
- A passion to see people saved

FOR YOUR FAMILY

MONDAY, January 3rd - 11am & 7pm

- Fear of the Lord
- "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15b
- Restore broken relationships

FOR THE HOUSE

TUESDAY, January 4th - 11am & 7pm

- Service in God's house
- Loving unity amongst church members
- Refurbishing of our home, Glad Tidings Vancouver, BC

FOR MISSIONS

WEDNESDAY, January 5th - 11am & 7pm

- Increase people's finances to further the Kingdom
- Drawing of people to Glad Tidings Acts 2:47b
- People to be called to the Mission Field

FOR THE GLORY

- Outpouring of God's Spirit in a new way
- Gifts of the Spirit to operate freely
- Strength and wisdom to re-dig the historic, spiritual wells of Glad Tidings

THURSDAY, January 6th - 11am & 7pm

MISSIONARIES

Pastor Israel Pochtar ▸ **Israel**

Kayy Gordon ▸ **Canadian Arctic**

Dr. Matthew Thomas ▸ **India**

Pastor Ostranel Kamara ▸ **Liberia**

Cindy Chedore ▸ **Taiwan**

Pastor Vince Schott ▸ **Joy TV Canada**

Pastor Fred Wantante ▸ **Uganda**

Pray

*the hardest when it's the hardest to
pray.*



1. Read A Lot! Successful people established daily reading habits. Not only does reading make you smarter by increasing the depth of your knowledge, it also has positive effects on your body. Reading helps to reduce stress, improve your self-confidence and increase your decision-making skills. First and foremost, read the Bible. Then, read non-fictional like biographies and auto-biographies. One study habit of the late Billy Graham's was to read a chapter of Proverbs each day. The book has 31 chapters making it perfect to digest a chapter a day.



4. Wake Up Early. Most people who make great things in their life start their day early. If you can use this energy peak when you wake up at 8am, you have to do it. The important thing is to understand what is behind the good habit of waking up early! According to a University of Toronto study, morning people reported higher levels of happiness. Considering the link between happiness and work performance, it's no wonder morning people feel happier than their night owl counterparts. Psalm 63:1 KJV, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;"

7 Great Habits Successful People Share



2. Make Sure You Get Proper Rest.

Lack of sleep leads to memory loss, apathy and depression. Without proper rest the body wears down and productivity is used up in trying to recover. For the most people, the prosperous number is 7 hours of sleep. However, if you need more, don't hesitate. Albert Einstein preferred to sleep at least 10 hours a night! More than half of the best sleeper's sleep between 6 and 8 hours a night, while 89% of self-taught millionaires are in the 7 to 8-hour sleep range.

3. Take Care of Yourself.

The most powerful people make health and well-being a priority. Diet, personal hygiene and fitness are part of their daily routine. Working out regularly improves your brain health, boosts your memory, enhances your concentration and focus. Candace Cameron Bure keeps getting better with age. Bure says, "I'm in the best shape of my life in my 40s. I'm grateful for my body, which makes me want to continue to care for it well, specifically through the foods I eat, exercising, and getting the rest I need."



5. Take Notes. Successful people are used to increasing their productivity by freeing their minds from diverse and varied thoughts. To do this, they usually record all their ideas in a notebook.

6. Learn How to Say "No". You can effectively support friends and family, but don't let those situations turn into obligations. Keeping a clear vision, and strategy helps you confidently say no because while they are worthwhile, they don't fit with what God called you to do. Different seasons in our life require different priorities. This isn't being calloused, it's being a good steward and focusing on what God wants you to do.

7. Pray. Mitchell J. Neubert and three colleagues at Baylor University investigated the connection between faith and the propensity to start a business, by examining data from a survey that queried 1,714 U.S. adults about their religious habits. They found that entrepreneurs prayed more frequently than other people and were more likely to believe that God was personally responsive to them.

Biblical Fasting: How to Fast

by Pastor Jodiann Schott

Sunday night, January 2nd until January 6th, our church family will be participating in a congregational Solemn Assembly. Because of its many benefits, fasting in a variety of forms (absolute and partial) will be encouraged. Consider fasting together with your family or small group. This invites you to share in God's wisdom, guidance, and blessing on the church family as together we ask God to bring revival. In conjunction with fasting, we will meet together during the week. We have included a schedule of prayer times on Page 5 of the magazine.

Fasting is hard. It sounds much easier in concept than it proves to be in practice. It's surprising how 'on-edge' we can become by missing a meal. A caution to new fasters; start slow. Many set their goals too high and find themselves breaking their fast long before the next meal, causing discouragement. Though, fasting can seem simple—the world, our flesh, and the devil all conspire against us.

To start down the path to fasting, here are some simple instructions:

Start small.

Do not attempt too much at one time. If it's your first time fasting, begin by fasting one meal for a few days, then two meals, and then try a daylong fast. Perhaps eventually you might try a two-day juice fast.

A juice fast is abstaining from all food and beverage, except juice and water. This form of fasting provides you with nutrients and sugars. However, you will still feel the effects of going without solid food. It is not recommended that you abstain from water during a fast of any length.

Plan what you'll do instead of eating.

Fasting isn't merely an act of self-deprivation, but of spiritual discipline to seek more of God's fullness in one's life. Instead of

eating, you should spend that time in prayer and reading God's Word. Aim to read a specific book of the Bible or keep a prayer journal.

As you fast, identify and ask God for a specific spiritual purpose. Then, read scriptures pertaining to that prayer request.

Try different kinds of fasting.

Fasting from food is not necessarily for everyone. Some health conditions keep even the most devout from the traditional course. Fasting is not limited to abstaining from food. You could abstain from anything which is legitimate in and of itself for the sake of some special spiritual purpose.

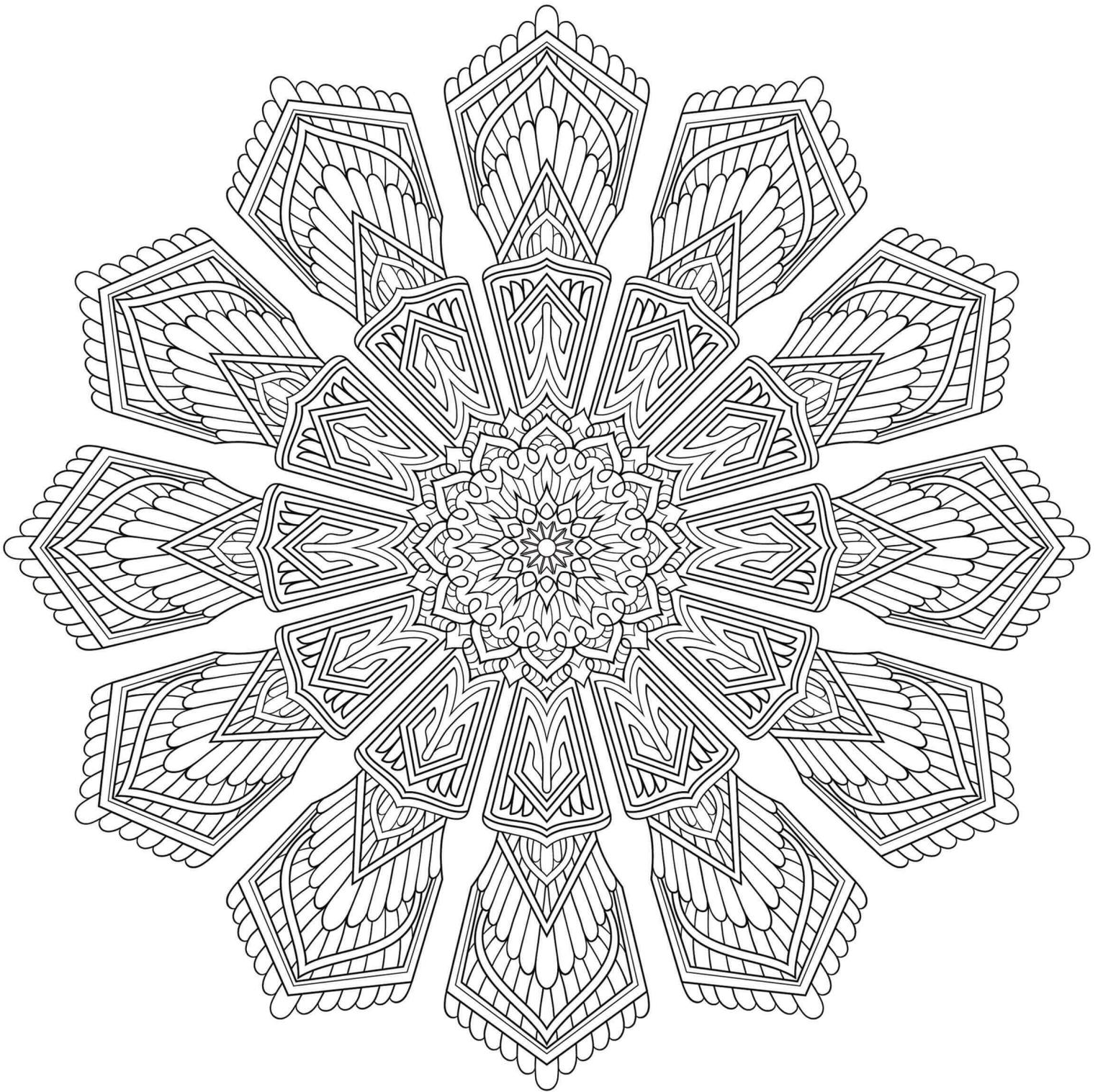
If the better part of wisdom for you, in your health condition, is not to go without food, you may

consider fasting from television, your computer, social media, or some other regular enjoyment. The intent is to bend your heart toward the greater joy of Jesus. Instead of these other activities, invest your time in prayer or reading scripture.

Consider how it will affect others.

As you plan your fast, consider those around you. Do not expect your family to join you. If you have regular lunches with colleagues or dinners with family or roommates, let them know ahead of time.

Christian fasting turns our attention to Jesus and deepens our longing for closeness with Him. It aims to take the pains of hunger and transpose them into desperation for the face of God.



Kitchen Hacks

Store cucumbers at room temperature. This is the best way to store them. Cucumbers are sensitive when stored in temperatures below 50 degrees and may suffer chilling injuries including pitting, faster decay, and excess water.

Cucumber Freshness & Shelf Life

Store cucumbers away from other fruits and vegetables. This will make them last for up to a month.

Make Lettuce Last Weeks

Take a big piece of aluminum foil to cover the entire head of lettuce. Wrap it tight and put it in your fridge. This method works for romaine lettuce, iceberg lettuce, bibb lettuce and more!

POTATO STORAGE

SORT BEFORE STORING. Separate out sprouting, green or potatoes with black patches, and use them up as quickly as possible. Buy potatoes with soil on if you can rather than washed. Store potatoes in a roomy brown paper bag to keep light out. It must be spacious enough to keep them ventilated. Add an apple in the bag, to release ethylene from the apple helping prevent sprouting or rotting. (Who knew?) Do NOT wash them before storing. Do NOT store them with onions. Do NOT store them in fridge.

WHERE TO STORE POTATOES. The ideal place is nice and dark. Light turns potatoes green. Keep them in a steady cool temperature between 7 and 13 degrees Celsius (45 - 55 degrees Fahrenheit). Potatoes that come in perforated plastic bags help sustain humidity.

ACROSS

- 1) Groundwork
- 6) Churchill's symbol of triumph
- 11) Chesapeake in Maryland
- 14) Without substance
- 15) Place for the highborn?
- 16) Finished food
- 17) Financing
- 19) Words starting many park signs
- 20) Pauline's woes
- 21) Stew server
- 23) Like fillets
- 26) Aquamarines and emeralds
- 27) Makes joyful
- 28) Bygone Toyota model
- 30) Charged atoms
- 31) Lapwing
- 32) Mentalist's claim
- 35) Luxury hotel feature
- 36) Small upright pianos
- 38) Sticky stuff
- 39) Royal flush necessity
- 40) Elbow to the ribs, perhaps
- 41) Fever and shivers
- 42) If everything goes right
- 44) Most congenial
- 46) Mix of two songs into one
- 48) Noisy insects
- 49) Printing press part
- 50) Produced, as a play
- 52) What one dots?
- 53) Ostracisms
- 58) "Fat ___ and Little Boy" (1989)
- 59) Not for minors
- 60) Like some Pennsylvania buggy drivers
- 61) "___ no use"
- 62) To the manor born
- 63) Maiden of mythology

DOWN

- 1) Lobster-house wear
- 2) Collected sayings
- 3) Diego's start
- 4) Calligrapher's containers
- 5) Composed
- 6) Sound, as reasoning
- 7) Successfully pitch
- 8) Eye part containing the pupil
- 9) Martini component
- 10) Overlooks
- 11) Curving outward at the knees
- 12) Ring-shaped reef
- 13) Some invitation replies
- 18) Smelters' raw materials
- 22) Art, today
- 23) Believer of a sort
- 24) Become one on the run?
- 25) Slippery peels
- 26) Londoner
- 28) Guiding principle
- 29) Fancy washstand vessel
- 31) Sloppy critters
- 33) Big name in marches
- 34) Erato is their Muse
- 36) Beyond the city limits
- 37) Type of school
- 41) West Point or Annapolis
- 43) Fill in ___ blank
- 44) Near in time or place
- 45) Pat of an O'Neill title
- 46) Florida city
- 47) Small Highland village
- 48) Society division
- 50) Give the cold shoulder
- 51) Cashier's responsibility
- 54) Ruckus
- 55) Matchstick-removing game
- 56) One-sixth of a fl. oz.
- 57) Finger-to-lips sound

VOID WHERE PROHIBITED

By Kyle Kelly

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10 Things to Pray for Your Adult Children

Let's face it; even though our children have grown up and have homes of their own, we still love them and care about their lives just like when they were little children.

However, that doesn't mean they don't need us, it means that they need us in a different way. Adult children's lives are moving at high speed and they are busy figuring life out. Therefore, they need our prayers more than ever and more often than we might think. We shouldn't let ourselves to fall into worry, but instead remember God wants us to bring our children to Him.



"They need our prayers..."

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." **Philippians 4:6***

We'll leave it in God's hands; He's got this.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you don't know what to pray-pray anyway in the spirit speak in tongues trusting God will pray though you."

Mark 11:24

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."

Romans 8:26



Here is a suggested list of topics and verses to pray over your adult children.

1. Pray that they walk in the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

2. Pray that they will hear God's voice.

Deuteronomy 28:1 "If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth."

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

3. Pray they make wise choices.

Proverbs 11:14 "Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety."

4. Pray for their protection.

Psalms 34:7 "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."



5. Pray for their provision.

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

6. Pray they will develop Godly friendships and relationships.

Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

7. Pray they will grow in the understanding of God.

Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”



8. Pray they find a good church home.

Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

9. Pray for their health.

3 John 1:2 “Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.”

10. Pray for their personal commitment to put God first in their life.

John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

Personalize it. What are your prayers for your child(ren)? Write them below and find a corresponding verse.

Pray for _____

Pray for _____

Prayer Journal Prompts

List of people and their needs to pray for this week:

 _____

 _____

 _____

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Write a letter from you to God...

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY PRAYER TRACKER

Dear Heavenly Father,

Colour in the hands!



Sunday



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday

Personal Prayer List (asking God for myself)

_____	_____
_____	_____

KIDS CAN PRAY

kids prayer guide

Customize each emoji to fit the prayer!

Name: _____

First Solemn Assembly?

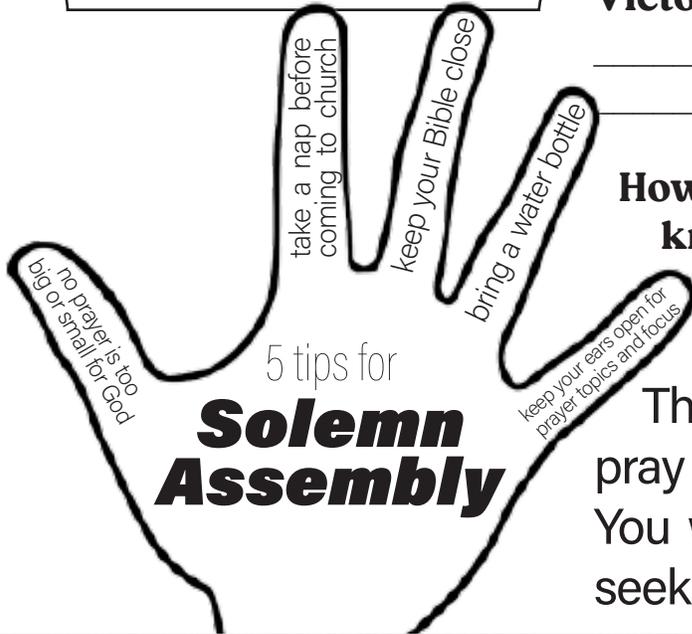
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What is your prayer over yourself this year?

Victories you want to see God do in 2022:

How is your relationship with God? Did you know, He hears you every time you pray? Look up Jeremiah 29:12-13 and complete it below:

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, _____.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.



Fill in the details beside each prayer topic and check off each item after you've prayed!

- Family _____
- Pets _____
- Extended family _____
- Friends _____
- The World _____
- School _____





Wearing it upside down gives it a trendy baggy look with a cropped back 🍷

TikTok
@styextox

Re-Style --- that --- Sweater!



\$ MO' MONEY \$

BEYOND THE DISCIPLINE OF BUDGET AND SAVINGS, here is a clever way to have some "me money". Each day stash the suggested amount in your piggy bank or secret hiding place. At the end of the month you will have saved \$250.00!

\$250
IN 30 DAYS!

\$5	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$10	\$5
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Budgets & Benjamins

Budgets & Benjamins



Teach Your Children to Pray

Teaching children to pray is a vital part of introducing them to Jesus and reinforcing their relationship with God.

Our Lord gave us prayer as a direct line of communication with Him. Getting children comfortable with prayer helps them understand that God is always close and accessible. Children can start learning to pray even before they learn to speak by simply watching you pray. As they grow, a great place to begin is The Lord's Prayer.

Teach Prayer as a Conversation

Be sure your children understand that prayer is simply a conversation with God, using our own words. Matthew 6:7 says, "When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again." (NLT) In other words, we don't need formulas. Each child can and should speak to God, for He is glad to hear their voice.

Let Your Kids See You Praying

The best way to begin educating your children about prayer is to pray in their presence. Just as you seek out instances to teach them about manners, sportsmanship, or humility, do the same with prayer! While praying in the morning or before bed is common and valuable, God wants us to come to Him with all things and at any time. So, while together with your kids, use every opportunity throughout the day to pray for a variety of needs.

Here is a prayer model to follow when teaching your kids about prayer:

1. Begin by thanking God for being with you and for providing for your family. Thank Him for His great, unconditional love and express your reverence for all that He is.
2. Ask God to forgive your mistakes. James 5:16 says, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (NLT)
3. Present your needs and requests to God. Then close, thanking and praising Him for specific provisions and blessings.



The Lord's Prayer

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This month's Birth Flowers are carnations and snowdrops.



Birthstone: Garnet. The word "garnet" comes from the 14th century Middle English word gernet, meaning "dark red." The word is derived from Latin granatum,

which means "seed," and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to the red seeds of the pomegranate.

FREE POSTER on PAGE 6 →

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Simple Broth Recipe

Simmer your favourite vegetables until soft, strain, and season to taste.

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Mary - the Mother of Jesus

