



21 Days of Prayer: Daily Prayer



CEDARCREEKCHURCH

Day 1

CLOSENESS

Today's Prayer Focus:
Drawing close to God

Today's Prayer:

Dear God, 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, changing me to be more like you.

JAMES 4:8

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Day 2

LOVE

Today's Prayer Focus:

My love for God and others

Today's Prayer:

Dear God, you said that the greatest commandment for me to follow is to love you with all of my heart, soul, and mind. Equally important is to love my neighbors as much as I love myself. Over these 21 Days of Prayer, as I connect with you, grow my heart so that I will love you more. And as my love grows for you, help me to love those around me more and more each day.

MATTHEW 22:36-39

³⁶“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” ³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Day 3

HEART

Today's Prayer Focus:

My heart

Today's 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.

PSALM 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Day 4

TRUST

Today's Prayer Focus:

Placing my trust in God

Today's 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.

PSALM 62:8

O my people, trust in him at all times.
Pour out your heart to him, for God
is our refuge.

Day 5

CONNECTION

Today's Prayer Focus:

Connection with God relationally

Today's Prayer:

Father, I come to you in prayer today thankful that I am your child. You have forgiven me and adopted me as your own. You have made me righteous and restored our relationship. I am so grateful that you are my Father. Thank you for loving me. I love you.

ROMANS 8:15

So 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."

Day 6

FAITH

Today's Prayer Focus:
Faith in God's ability

Today's Prayer:

Father God, nothing is too hard for you! Through your great power, all things are possible. All authority is yours, all might is yours, and I know that your victory will be complete. You are amazing, and I worship you. I praise you for your power and presence in my life. You are my God, and you are worthy of all praise.

JEREMIAH 32:17

O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

Day 7

WORSHIP

Today's Prayer Focus:
Worshipping him

Today's 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.

PROVERBS 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.

Day 8

BROKENNESS

Today's Prayer Focus:
Brokenness before him

Today's Prayer:

Dear God, I have missed the mark of righteousness many times. Yet while I was still separated from you, you loved me and sent your Son to die for me. Thank you, Lord. Do not allow me to act proud. Today, I offer my broken spirit to you, for you alone can make it whole. I come to you in repentance, knowing you see me as perfect because of your Son's sacrifice. Heal me, God, and teach my heart to break for what breaks yours. In your Son's name, I pray. Amen.

PSALM 51:17

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Day 9

SURRENDERING

Today's Prayer Focus:
Surrendering to him

Today's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for all you have given me: all the time, resources, relationships, and abilities. I now give them back to you. I surrender it all. For I am only a steward—it all belongs to you. God, guide my actions. Teach me to use what you have given me according to your will. Help me to listen for and obey your directions. May your will be done in me and through me.

ROMANS 12:1

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Day 10

DEPENDING

Today's Prayer Focus:

Depending on him

Today's Prayer:

Dear Lord, when things become difficult, I know that you will be walking beside me, holding me by my hand. You will cross the desert with me and weather any storm with me. When things become unbearable, I know that you will carry me to the other side. Today, I declare my dependence on you. Amen.

PSALM 121:1-2

¹ I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Day 11

FEARLESS LOVE

Today's Prayer Focus:

Loving fearlessly

Today's Prayer:

Our Lord and Savior, thank you for being a God of perfect love. Thank you for loving us first, before we accepted your salvation and before we even knew you, while we were still living in sin. Teach me to love as you love, without fear, without condemnation. Help me to offer grace to those around me, just as you first offered grace to me.

1 John 4:18-19

¹⁸ Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. ¹⁹ We love each other because he loved us first.

Day 12

CONFIDENCE

Today's Prayer Focus:

Living confidently

Today's Prayer:

Father in Heaven, thank you for loving me. I know I can trust you with all I am, and I am confident in the salvation you have given me. Help me to abide in you, to become more like your Son every day. Teach me to live like him, according to your will, working for your kingdom in all I do. May my love for you and others be perfected through your love for me.

1 John 4:16-17

¹⁶ We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

¹⁷ And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

Day 13

OBEDIENCE

Today's Prayer Focus:

Living obediently

Today's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for working within me. I am in awe of the changes you have worked in my heart before and of the changes you are currently making within me. I praise you for saving me, for making salvation possible through your Son. Help me to share this gift with others by loving you and others and by obeying your will. Teach me to desire what you desire. I trust you to give me the power to do all you ask of me.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

¹² Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.
¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Day 14

WORSHIP

Today's Prayer Focus:
Worshiping him

Today's Prayer:

Dear Father, I worship you with all my heart and soul. I want to sing your praises from early in the morning when the sun rises until late at night when the day has passed. I am so grateful to be allowed to be your child, and your love washes over me. Amen.

JOHN 4:23

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

Day 15

RELATIONSHIPS

Today's Prayer Focus:

My relationships

Today's Prayer:

Dear Lord, please help me emulate you in all my relationships with others. Please help me humble myself and think of the needs of others before my own. Help me see how I can serve those around me. Please help me make others feel like they matter and let them know that they are not alone. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Day 16

LISTENING

Today's Prayer Focus:

Listening to him

Today's Prayer:

Dear Father, I am so grateful to have you near me and guiding me with your voice, so that I may not stray from the path you have planned for me—the path that will keep me safe and bring me closer to you. Amen.

JOHN 10:4

After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.

Day 17

MY CALLING

Today's Prayer Focus:

My calling

Today's Prayer:

Dear Father, as a follower of Jesus, you have given me the right to be your child. You have set me apart and called me one of your chosen people. I can now show others your goodness and be a light to them in this dark world. Help me shine so others can see you. Amen.

1 PETER 2:9

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Day 18

COMMITMENTS

Today's Prayer Focus:
Commitments to him

Today's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you are trustworthy. I know I can rely on you, so I commit everything I have and am to you. May I carry out your will in my actions. May I bind my thoughts and behavior to your path for my life. Help me to trust you in all that I do. Teach me to listen for your voice and obey your guidance. You are the source of my strength, and my help comes from you. In your Son's name I pray! Amen.

PSALM 37:5

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

Day 19

FREEDOM

Today's Prayer Focus:

My freedom

Today's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for freeing me! You have freed me from sin and from shame. You have freed me from the law and from striving to earn salvation. You have freed me from death itself! For all those things and more, I praise you. Help me to live as someone who is free. Don't let me fall back into the posture of a slave, to fall back into serving the things that used to control me. May you be the only one I serve, for you bought my freedom and loyalty at a high price on the cross. In gratitude I ask, may your will be done in my life. Amen.

GALATIANS 5:1

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Day 20

GROWTH

Today's Prayer Focus:

My growth

Today's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I am not who I was before I met you—and it's all because of you. Thank you for the growth I have been through, and thank you that you're not finished with me yet! Teach me to be more and more like your Son every day. Help me to submit humbly to the situations you use to change my heart, even when I wouldn't choose these situations for myself. Above all else, may I grow in love for you and for others. In Jesus' name I pray! Amen.

EPHESIANS 4:15

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Day 21

PRAISE

Today's Prayer Focus:

Praising him

Today's Prayer:

Dear Father, I praise you for all you have done in my life and in my heart over these last 21 days. Thank you for drawing close to me and for leading me. Help me to continue growing and taking steps toward you throughout this year so that I might know you more and make a difference for you.

JAMES 4:8

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.