

DAYS OF PRAYER

JANUARY 9 - 29

Paul details in Romans 12 how to walk by the Spirit and to allow the Holy Spirit to bear fruit in our lives. We are then made aware of how He wants to change our thoughts, our beliefs and our actions over time. Verses 9-21 are directives for us to be challenged by and to then, by the help of the Spirit in us as believers, to walk in. Let the Spirit each day make you aware of where you are obeying in a particular area and where you need to focus more attention. We will also learn more during this time about God's design for prayer.

1/9 "Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me." **Psalm 25:4,5** Let this be your prayer as we begin this 21 days of focus on learning God's design for prayer.

1/10 "Prayer is the means by which you will be freed from your earthbound, timebound thinking to participate in eternity. True prayer releases His power so that His power can accomplish more than we can ask or even imagine." (Live a Praying Life by Jennifer Kennedy Dean). Ask God to show you how to pray today.

1/11 Romans 12:9 "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good." Pray through each part of that verse and ask God if there is anything you are not doing according to His Word.

1/12 Romans 12:10 "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." Ask God to show you the relationships in which to practice these directives today.

1/13 Romans 12:11 "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord." Am I being lazy in the purposes of God or am I passionate about what He is calling me to do and to serve His church?

1/14 Romans 12:12 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." This verse is a great summary of how we can renew our minds in the Truth. As we rejoice in the hope Christ gives us, we can be patient in our struggles. Prayer will then be a constant part of our lives and not a compartmentalized part of our lives just when we need something.

1/15 "Prayer is a process. It is during the process of prayer that God does His mightiest work. If this were not so, then God would have set up prayer to work like a vending machine: put in a request, get out an answer. God has a loving and productive reason for the process of prayer." (Live a Praying Life by Jennifer Kennedy Dean). Ask God how you have been viewing prayer.

1/16 Today we focus on praying for our Uyghur neighbors. Consider Uyghur youth and the lack of hope they feel. Ask for God's grace that their situation would improve and that they would find their hope in Christ. Uyghur prayer guide page 39.

1/17 Romans 12:13 "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." Ask God how He gifted you to contribute to the needs of those in the body of Christ.

1/18 Romans 12:14 "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them." What are your thoughts and attitudes toward those who may disagree with you or say things against you?

1/19 Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Are you a helpful comforter to those who need it? Are you able to rejoice with others instead of only focusing on your own needs?

1/20 Romans 12:16 "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight." This verse speaks of pride vs. humility. How are you viewing yourself and is pride keeping you from living in harmony with others?

1/21 Romans 12:17 "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all." Your thought life will eventually become what you believe, feel and act on. Make sure you are thinking on Truth from Scripture so that your eventual actions are honorable.

1/22 Today pray "Let Your kingdom come in this situation; let Your will be done in this situation on earth the way Your will is done for this situation in heaven. ... Jesus let Your will be done to glorify Your Name." (Live and Praying Life by Jennifer Kennedy Dean). Allow God to change your desires about a situation to become what His best is for that situation.

1/23 Today we pray for our Uyghur neighbors. Consider the Uyghur families separated in re-education camps. Ask God to reunite these families. Pray that these detention camps would be closed. Uyghur prayer guide page 19

1/24 Romans 12:18 "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." "We can act responsibly with the things we have the right and ability to control" Neil Anderson. Ask God how you can do your part to live peaceably in a certain relationship.

1/25 Romans 12:19 "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." We must never try to avenge ourselves. Ask God in what ways, either overtly or covertly, you have been trying to avenge yourself for a wrong suffered.

1/26 Romans 12:20 "...if your enemy is hungry feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Is there a need you can meet for someone you would rather ignore?

1/27 Romans 12:21 "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Allow the Spirit to remind you how to respond when your flesh would want to act in anger or selfishness.

1/28 "Open my eyes that I may see; give me acute spiritual perception; enable me to taste Thee and know that Thou art good. Make heaven more real to me than any earthly thing has ever been." A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God. Ask God to help you to see beyond the earthly things today.

1/29 Colossians 4:2 "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Ask God to help you to continue to be steadfast in learning about prayer and in practicing prayer in 2022.



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