

"IT'S TIME"

The author of Ecclesiastes writes in Ecclesiastes 3:1...

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

As we turn the calendar on 2021, we believe that God is calling us to a season of prayer and fasting to begin new year. Specifically, we believe Jesus is calling us to seek God for three things: **Protection, Direction, and Revelation.**

21 DAYS
OF *prayer*
AND
fasting

We invite you to join in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting from Sunday, January 9th through Saturday, January 29th.

Weekly Prayer Focus

Praying for Protection: January 9th – 15th

Anytime we start taking spiritual territory from the Enemy through evangelism, spiritual growth, and gospel-centered acts of mercy and justice we're guaranteed to come under spiritual attack. Peter writes in 1 Peter 5:8...

"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

This week we will focus on praying for spiritual protection for: the church, pastors, church leaders, our families, our community, missionaries, and global church leaders as they seek to live and lead the church on mission.

Praying for Direction: January 16th – 22nd

God wants to provide direction to us personally and guidance to His church, not only about what we should do, but also about what we should believe to be true. John writes in John 16:13...

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth."

This week we will focus on praying for the Spirit's direction for: our lives, our families, our congregation, all churches, our community leaders, our denominational leaders, our governmental leaders.

Praying for Revelation: January 23rd – 29th

God wants to speak a fresh word of revelation to His Church, and in this season, we need a fresh word maybe more than ever. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

*"it is written:
"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

This week we will focus on praying for fresh revelation for: ourselves, our families, our church leaders, our pastors, our community leaders, and our global church leaders.

PRAYER VERSES FOR EACH WEEK

WEEK ONE: PROTECTION

Exodus 14:13-14

"And Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.'"

1 Samuel 14:6

"Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, 'Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.'"

Psalms 34:17-18

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."

Psalms 72:4

"He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."

Ephesians 6:13

"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."

Hebrews 13:6

"So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"

WEEK TWO: DIRECTION

Psalms 25:4-5

"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Psalms 16:7-8

"I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Psalm 32:8-9

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you."

John 16:13

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

WEEK THREE: REVELATION

Deuteronomy 29:29

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Proverbs 29:18

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;
But happy is he who keeps the law.*

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

Ecclesiastes 7:13-14

*Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider:
Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing that will come after him.*

Deuteronomy 8:3

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

Daniel 2:21-22

*He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.
He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness,
And light dwells with Him.*

FASTING INFORMATION

TIMING OF A FAST

This fast is part of 21 Days of Prayer, a season of focused prayer and fasting as a church family. During this season of 21 Days of Prayer, we encourage fasting as a spiritual next step that can bring clarity and revelation into your life.

You can also choose to fast at other times of the year as you seek God. You may also choose to fast at other times during the year for your own spiritual development.

It's very typical to fast a single meal, a whole day, or three days or more. The timing of your fast is not as important as the strength of your focus on God as you fast.

TYPES OF FASTS

Your personal fast should present a level of challenge, but it is very important to know your body, your options, and most importantly, to seek God in prayer and follow what the Holy Spirit leads you to do.

COMPLETE FAST

In this type of fast, you drink only liquids, typically water with light juices as an option. This type of fast is for experienced fasters.

SELECTIVE FAST

This type of fast involves removing certain elements from your diet. One example of a selective fast is the Daniel Fast, during which you remove meat, sweets, and bread from your diet and consume water and juice for fluids and fruits and vegetables for food.

PARTIAL FAST

This fast is sometimes called the "Jewish Fast" and involves abstaining from eating any type of food in the morning and afternoon. This can either correlate to specific times of the day, such as 6:00 am to 3:00 pm, or from sunup to sundown.

SPIRITUAL FAST

This fast is a great option if you do not have much experience fasting food, have health issues that prevent you from fasting food, or if you wish to refocus certain areas of your life that are out of balance. You might choose to stop using social media, watching television, or another activity for the duration of the fast.