

## 21-Day Fast and Pray January 23, 2019

Tonight, we turn our prayer to the global harvest and the worldwide church. I believe the best way to pray this Kingdom-focused, enormously critical prayer is to find and follow the pattern of the early church.

### **I. We should pray that God's name will be lifted up in the earth.**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached Jesus. The sermon focused on Jesus, exalted Jesus and *"While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word." – Acts 10:44 ESV*

*"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."  
– John 12:32 KJV*

### **II. We should pray that God will enlarge His kingdom in the world.**

*"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."  
(Matthew 6:10)*

Pray that the gospel would race on ahead, that's its truth would be sent and its teachings honored everywhere.

*"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you."*

*- 2 Thessalonians 3:1*

**III. We should pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to be poured out in the earth.** We need the Holy Spirit active in our midst and God wants to give us this important and life-changing gift.

*"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" – Luke 11:13*

**IV. We should pray that the true gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed everywhere with all boldness and love.**

*"[Pray] at all times in the Spirit . . . and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel." -Ephesians 6:18–19*

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*“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness.” -Acts 4:29*

### V. We should pray for signs and wonders.

*“And now, Lord, . . . grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness . . . while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” -Acts 4:29–30*

*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. -James 5:17–18*

### VI. We should pray for the healing of wounded comrades.

Ministry is warfare and many have been injured in battle. I now meet people virtually everyday who have walked away, dropped out or just given up the fight because they are wounded and no one seems to care. Our response is recorded in James 5:

*Let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. -James 5:14–15*

### VII. We should pray for the casting out of demons.

We can stick our heads in the sand and pretend that demon possession is not real while hell ravages our families, or we can go on the offensive.

*“And he said to them, ‘This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.’” -Mark 9:29*

*When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.*

*– Mark 1:32*

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*Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed. – Acts 5:16*

### VIII. We should pray for miraculous deliverances.

There is a repeated pattern of miraculous deliveries in the Old and New Testaments. We need to pray for God to deliver again.

So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. . . When he realized [he had been freed], he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

- Acts 12:5, 12

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake. - Acts 16:25–26

### IX. We should pray that God will supply his warriors with everything we need for victory.

*“Give us this day our daily bread.” -Matthew 6:11*

*“And **my God shall supply** all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19 NKJV*

**X. We should always pray earnestly.** To pray earnestly means that we are not just going through the motions. It means that we are fully engaged, desperately imploring the Father, pressing in, persistent, relentless and passionate. This kind of prayer is the opposite of *indifferent*.

*“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.” – Jeremiah 29:13*

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*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. – James 5:16*

*In my distress I called upon the Lord,  
And cried out to my God;  
He heard my voice from His temple,  
And my cry came before Him, even to His ears. – Psalm 18:6*

*For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. – Psalm 66:17*