

21 DAYS of PRAYER + FASTING



**DAILY PRAYER GUIDE
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Join with The Foursquare Church as we gather worldwide for 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting to kickstart 2017 by seeking the Lord, remembering His promises by reading daily devotionals inspired by Psalm 119, and interceding for our world.

This is our second annual 21 Days of Prayer + Fasting—initiated by U.S. Foursquare President Glenn Burris Jr. and Foursquare’s Global Council Co-Chair and Sri Lankan National Leader Leslie Keegel—inviting more than nine million Foursquare pastors and members to participate.

The following daily devotionals and prayer points can help guide your times with the Lord as we press in corporately to His presence, starting Jan. 1, 2017.

To have these devotionals and prayer points sent directly to your inbox daily in January, sign up at 4sq.ca/PrayerSignUp2017.

To hear more about this initiative from the heart of our president, visit 4sq.ca/GlennOnPrayer2017.

To discover more about The Foursquare Church in the U.S., visit foursquare.org.

DAY 1

STAY ON COURSE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:1-8.

“You’re blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God. You’re blessed when you follow His directions, doing your best to find Him. That’s right—you don’t go off on your own; you walk straight along the road He set. You, God, prescribed the right way to live; now You expect us to live it. Oh, that my steps might be steady, keeping to the course You set; then I’d never have any regrets in comparing my life with Your counsel. I thank You for speaking straight from Your heart; I learn the pattern of Your righteous ways. I’m going to do what You tell me to do; don’t ever walk off and leave me.”

—Psalm 119: 1-8 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Let us walk on the path laid out for us by the Lord, that we might be greatly blessed. When the Lord leads us, we do not have any regrets.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, teach me to walk in Your paths.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, give us courage as Christians to be salt and light wherever we are. May the church be awakened to a fresh oil of anointing by the Holy Spirit.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for those who have not yet responded to the gospel. Show them the course You have set, the steps to take to enter into Your presence.

DAY 2

STUDY THE MAP OF HIS WORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:9-16.

“How can a young person live a clean life? By carefully reading the map of Your Word. I’m single-minded in pursuit of You; don’t let me miss the road signs You’ve posted. I’ve banked Your promises in the vault of my heart so I won’t sin myself bankrupt. Be blessed, God; train me in Your ways of wise living. I’ll transfer to my lips all the counsel that comes from Your mouth; I delight far more in what You tell me about living than in gathering a pile of riches. I ponder every morsel of wisdom from You; I attentively watch how You’ve done it. I relish everything You’ve told me of life, I won’t forget a word of it.”

—Psalm 119:9-16 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

May we resolve this day to read, meditate and treasure His Word in our hearts. This will keep us cleansed always.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, teach me to treasure Your word in my heart.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, I pray for the leaders of church networks, denominations and local churches, who follow the counsel that comes from Your mouth, and for the leaders of global, national and local ministries.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, guide the words and actions of our leaders in national, state and local governments. May they follow Your ways of wise living.

DAY 3

FOLLOW HIS DIRECTIONS

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:17-24.

“Be generous with me and I’ll live a full life; not for a minute will I take my eyes off Your road. Open my eyes so I can see what You show me of Your miracle-wonders. I’m a stranger in these parts; give me clear directions. My soul is starved and hungry, ravenous!—insatiable for Your nourishing commands. And those who think they know so much, ignoring everything You tell them—let them have it! Don’t let them mock and humiliate me; I’ve been careful to do just what You said. While bad neighbors maliciously gossip about me, I’m absorbed in pondering Your wise counsel. Yes, Your sayings on life are what give me delight; I listen to them as to good neighbors!”

—Psalm 119:17-24 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When we honor the Lord and His Words, He prospers us in everything we do and gives us clear directions.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, teach me to honor You in everything I do.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, open our eyes to see what You see. Let us notice those who are homeless and poor, those who are widowed and orphaned, and teach us how to minister among them.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for all those who are marginalized and isolated, whether in my own community or around the world. May they feel loved and accepted.

DAY 4

CLING TO HIS PROMISES

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:25-32.

"I'm feeling terrible—I couldn't feel worse! Get me on my feet again. You promised, remember? When I told my story, You responded; train me well in Your deep wisdom. Help me understand these things inside and out so I can ponder Your miracle-wonders. My sad life's dilapidated, a falling-down barn; build me up again by Your Word. Barricade the road that goes nowhere; grace me with Your clear revelation. I choose the true road to somewhere; I post Your road signs at every curve and corner. I grasp and cling to whatever You tell me; God, don't let me down! I'll run the course You lay out for me if You'll just show me how."

—Psalm 119:25-32 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When things go wrong, and life seems difficult, and troubles overwhelm us, it's time to grasp on to the words He has given us. His Word and His Spirit in us will help us stay on course.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, when things get hard, and everything seems to go wrong, help me to cling to Your Word.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, may children be disciplined to follow Your deep wisdom and equipped to grow into young men and women of faith. Give parents wisdom and spiritual guidance, in moments of great joy as well as in times of trial.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, help teens and single parents worldwide to further discover Your plans and purposes. In times when they couldn't feel worse, build them back up.

DAY 5

FOCUS ON HIS WORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:33-40.

“God, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course. Give me insight so I can do what You tell me—my whole life one long, obedient response. Guide me down the road of Your commandments; I love traveling this freeway. Give me a bent for Your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot. Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way. Affirm Your promises to me—promises made to all who fear You. Deflect the harsh words of my critics—but what You say is always so good. See how hungry I am for Your counsel; preserve my life through Your righteous ways!”

—Psalm 119:33-40 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

May we have a heart for God's words of wisdom. Let's allow the eternal promises of God's Word to keep us from focusing on the changing material things of the world.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, please help me stay focused on the eternal Word of God.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, may our global Foursquare family be freshly commissioned for disciple-making. Divert our eyes from what doesn't matter. Remind us of Your promises, and send us out to bring Your hope to those around us.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, give us insight to bring Your Word to the nations. May new people groups worldwide be reached with the gospel, and may new nations be opened with Spirit-led leadership.

DAY 6

GUARD YOUR LIFE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:41-48.

“Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation, exactly as You promised; then I’ll be able to stand up to mockery because I trusted Your Word. Don’t ever deprive me of truth, not ever—Your commandments are what I depend on. Oh, I’ll guard with my life what You’ve revealed to me, guard it now, guard it ever; and I’ll stride freely through wide open spaces as I look for Your truth and your wisdom; then I’ll tell the world what I find, speak out boldly in public, unembarrassed. I cherish Your commandments—oh, how I love them!—Relishing every fragment of Your counsel.”

—Psalm 119:41-48 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Psalmist prayed for God’s love to shape him, or form his life. As we stand spiritually formed and shaped in His Word, we can stand against the mockery of the world. As we totally depend and stand on the Word, we will be guarded always from all vulnerabilities to sin.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, remind me to guard my heart from the attacks of the enemy.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, thank You for missionaries who boldly share Your love and truth. May they and their families experience heaven’s blessing. Provide new resources to be released to fund missionary efforts around the globe.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, the harvest is ready, as You have said. May multitudes be anointed and sent into the global harvest to bring to others what You have revealed to us. Send us to the nations, and also show us how to reach those You are sending from the nations across our own borders.

DAY 7

REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAID

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:49-56.

“Remember what You said to me, Your servant—I hang on to these words for dear life! These words hold me up in bad times; yes, Your promises rejuvenate me. The insolent ridicule me without mercy, but I don’t budge from Your revelation. I watch for Your ancient landmark words, and know I’m on the right track. But when I see the wicked ignore Your directions, I’m beside myself with anger. I set Your instructions to music and sing them as I walk this pilgrim way. I meditate on Your name all night, God, treasuring Your revelation, O God. Still, I walk through a rain of derision because I live by Your Word and counsel.”

—Psalm 119:49-56 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We need to constantly remind ourselves of the life-giving promises of God. His promises rejuvenate us despite the ridicule the world tries to bring on us. Let us make melody unto Him, and our souls will be encouraged in Him. Let it be our practice to meditate on His name and treasure the revelation of His words.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, revive me through Your great promises.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, rejuvenate Your servants. May local church staff and volunteers—and their families—feel revived and anointed. May national Foursquare staff and teams sense a renewed calling and passion. May the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel board of directors receive wisdom and demonstrate godly discernment.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, reveal Yourself to those who are not following Your directions. Bring righteousness into governments of the nations, integrity in justice systems, protection against trafficking in ports of entry, and healing into broken families.

DAY 8

GET BACK ON HIS TRAIL

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:57-64.

“Because You have satisfied me, God, I promise to do everything You say. I beg You from the bottom of my heart: smile, be gracious to me just as You promised. When I took a long, careful look at Your ways, I got my feet back on the trail You blazed. I was up at once, didn’t drag my feet, and was quick to follow Your orders. The wicked hemmed me in—there was no way out—but not for a minute did I forget Your plan for me. I get up in the middle of the night to thank You; Your decisions are so right, so true—I can’t wait till morning! I’m a friend and companion of all who fear You, of those committed to living by Your rules. Your love, God, fills the earth! Train me to live by Your counsel.”

—Psalm 119:57-64 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Our God fulfills every promise He made in His Word. He is gracious and kind to us, just as He promised. At times when our feet tend to stray, we must take a careful look into His Word and get our feet back on the trail. We must submit ourselves to God and allow Him to train us by His counsel.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, I pray that my feet would not stray from Your path.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, give fresh vision and strength to our Foursquare district supervisors. Let Foursquare Missions International experience waves of Your favor and grace. Bring the Foursquare national church the sense of a new day of expansion into places where strongholds will not bar us.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, bring breakthrough against the powers of darkness in regions with government restraints against sharing Your Word and societal opposition to the gospel. I pray for open doors, so Your presence may flood these nations and bring revelation, reconciliation and salvation to those who need Your love.

DAY 9

ASK GOD TO TRAIN YOU

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:65-72.

“Be good to Your servant, God; be as good as Your Word. Train me in good common sense; I’m thoroughly committed to living Your way. Before I learned to answer You, I wandered all over the place, but now I’m in step with Your Word.

You are good, and the source of good; train me in Your goodness. The godless spread lies about me, but I focus my attention on what You are saying; they’re bland as a bucket of lard, while I dance to the tune of Your revelation. My troubles turned out all for the best—they forced me to learn from Your textbook. Truth from Your mouth means more to me than striking it rich in a gold mine.”

—Psalm 119:65-72 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Psalmist was desperate for God to train him. When God trains us, we become good, as He is. Our troubles and trials make us turn around for the better, for we turn to His Word during our times of desperation. His Word becomes more precious to us than silver and gold.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, teach us Your ways, and show us Your paths.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, You are good. Be with those persecuted for their faith in You. May they experience new strength and courage, even as they face adversity.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for those oppressed by others; may they experience a new freedom from their oppressors. Also, bring deliverance through Jesus Christ to those held captive by oppressive addictions.

DAY 10

FIX YOUR MIND ON HIS COUNSEL

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:73-80.

“With Your very own hands You formed me; now breathe Your wisdom over me so I can understand You. When they see me waiting, expecting Your Word, those who fear You will take heart and be glad. I can see now, God, that Your decisions are right; Your testing has taught me what’s true and right. Oh, love me—and right now!—hold me tight! Just the way You promised. Now comfort me so I can live, really live; Your revelation is the tune I dance to. Let the fast-talking tricksters be exposed as frauds; they tried to sell me a bill of goods, but I kept my mind fixed on Your counsel. Let those who fear You turn to me for evidence of Your wise guidance. And let me live whole and holy, soul and body, so I can always walk with my head held high.”

—Psalm 119:73-80 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God has formed us with His own creative hands and has breathed on us the breath of life. Day by day, as we cry unto Him, He breathes His wisdom over us. When God’s people observe us waiting daily on Him to hear His voice, they are encouraged. God’s decisions are right; His testing exposes our weak areas and brings us closer to the truth. Since God’s promise is to love us, we need to draw near to Him and allow Him to pour His love on us. Praise God, we are not led by the trickery of the wicked, but we dance to the tune of His revelation. Therefore, we are made whole and are holy.

TODAY’S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, I pray that You would breathe Your breath on me.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, may the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifest strongly to build up the body of Christ. May the fruits of the Holy Spirit manifest to give credibility to our gospel witness. Guide us and hold us tight as we testify to Your goodness.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for miracles to abound across the earth that result in turning non-believers into Christ-following believers. In regions where language barriers and cultural acceptance of other religions may try to stop Your message, may Spirit-led miracles bring revival and testify that You alone are God.

DAY 11

STAND ON HIS WORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:81-88.

“I’m homesick—longing for Your salvation; I’m waiting for Your word of hope. My eyes grow heavy watching for some sign of Your promise; how long must I wait for Your comfort? There’s smoke in my eyes—they burn and water, but I keep a steady gaze on the instructions You post. How long do I have to put up with all this? How long till You haul my tormentors into court? The arrogant godless try to throw me off track, ignorant as they are of God and His ways. Everything You command is a sure thing, but they harass me with lies. Help! They’ve pushed and pushed—they never let up—but I haven’t relaxed my grip on Your counsel. In Your great love revive me so I can alertly obey Your every word.”

—Psalm 119:81-88 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

His saving grace is that which satisfies and sustains us; we are home in Him. Those who long to experience His promises wait with expectation relentlessly. When the wicked try to distract us, we should focus on Him and not be shaken. Our enemies will keep pushing us to make us tired and finally give up; but we must resolve to never give up, but to hold on to His counsel. As we stand on His Word and obey it, His love will revive us.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, help me not get distracted, teach me to stay focused in You.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, revive us. Bring unity across denominational lines to strengthen the message of the gospel. Make discipleship a primary focus for every movement, church and believer. Let worship arise in the hearts of all believers to do spiritual warfare in the heavenlies.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for those in need of Your healing—physically, emotionally and spiritually—to experience Your Spirit’s restorative power. Bring a spirit of unity to church workers, so they may be agents of fruitful change, pulling down divisive and destructive strongholds in Your name, in their regions.

DAY 12

LOOK FOR HIS WORDS OF WISDOM

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:89-96.

“What You say goes, God, and stays, as permanent as the heavens. Your truth never goes out of fashion; it’s as up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up. Your Word and truth are dependable as ever; that’s what You ordered—You set the earth going. If Your revelation hadn’t delighted me so, I would have given up when the hard times came. But I’ll never forget the advice You gave me; You saved my life with those wise words. Save me! I’m all Yours. I look high and low for Your words of wisdom. The wicked lie in ambush to destroy me, but I’m only concerned with Your plans for me. I see the limits to everything human, but the horizons can’t contain Your commands!”

—Psalm 119:89-96 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God’s Word is firmly established, as the heavens. His Word never changes; it remains forever the same. Ever since He got the earth going, His Word has remained faithful and dependable. When we find delight in God’s Word, we never give up during hard times. His wise and timely words of advice save us during hard days; we never forget His words. Despite the plans of the wicked to destroy us, we focus and rest secure in His plans for us. God’s plans go beyond human limitations.

TODAY’S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, teach me to stand my ground on Your never-changing, unwavering Word.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, let humility be evidenced in leaders; may this result in deep spiritual growth and strength. Let mercy be at the forefront of the church’s message.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, may Your love flood the whole earth. Let love be practiced at all times; let it break down the barriers of hate and division that threaten to destroy. Let Your Spirit enter all places and relationships, even where it seems impossible.

DAY 13

PONDER THE WORDS OF GOD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:97-104.

“Oh, how I love all You’ve revealed; I reverently ponder it all the day long. Your commands give me an edge on my enemies; they never become obsolete. I’ve even become smarter than my teachers since I’ve pondered and absorbed Your counsel. I’ve become wiser than the wise old sages simply by doing what You tell me. I watch my step, avoiding the ditches and ruts of evil so I can spend all my time keeping Your Word. I never make detours from the route You laid out; You gave me such good directions. Your words are so choice, so tasty; I prefer them to the best home cooking. With Your instruction, I understand life; that’s why I hate false propaganda.”

—Psalm 119:97-104 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We love the revealed word of God and meditate on it all day. His Word is forever pertinent; it defeats the commands of the wicked. When the Word becomes our source of wisdom, we become far more equipped than our secular teachers. Yes, we become wiser than the sages and wise men of ancient times. We make sure to watch our steps lest we fall into ditches and ruts of evil. This enables us to stay always connected to His words. Because He gives us good direction for our lives, we need not go on time-consuming detours.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, I seek Your direction and the fullness of Your wisdom.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, give us wisdom for every conversation we have with non-believers. May Your Word be sown into good soil for an abundant harvest. Release dreams in believers that elevate hope and show us Your love.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for those who are influenced by worldly agendas, false religions and ruts of evil. May Your Word penetrate hearts and minds. Bring hope and victory over all forces that attempt to come against the knowledge of God.

DAY 14

COMMIT YOURSELF TO HIS COURSE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:105-112.

“By Your words I can see where I’m going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. I’ve committed myself and I’ll never turn back from living by Your righteous order. Everything’s falling apart on me, God; put me together again with Your Word. Festoon me with Your finest sayings, God; teach me Your holy rules. My life is as close as my own hands, but I don’t forget what You have revealed. The wicked do their best to throw me off track, but I don’t swerve an inch from Your course. I inherited Your book on living; it’s mine forever—what a gift! And how happy it makes me! I concentrate on doing exactly what You say—I always have and always will.”

—Psalm 119:105-112 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God’s Word is a light to us as we journey along this long, arduous path of life. Although sometimes it looks like our lives are falling apart, He holds our lives together. As He teaches me His holy truths, He also garlands me with His promises. Though our enemies do their best to throw us off track, we are unmoved, we stay focused. God’s Word is our treasured inheritance, it’s ours forever, it is an indescribable gift, which makes us forever glad. We will always be committed to doing what He says.

TODAY’S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, help me to live daily trusting in Your treasured inheritance.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, teach us how to better release women in new dimensions of ministry leadership, to embrace different generations with mutual respect and admiration for God’s grace and anointing in each age group, and to have ethnic integration in every community to demonstrate God’s plan for unity.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for those who feel like their world is falling apart. Give wisdom to leaders of nations that face food crises, rampant disease, violent conflict, corruption or even genocide. May believers worldwide receive kingdom vision and bring God’s comfort, peace and reconciliation to those in dire need.

DAY 15

SEEK QUIET TIMES WITH GOD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:113-120.

"I hate the two-faced, but I love Your clear-cut revelation. You're my place of quiet retreat; I wait for Your Word to renew me. Get out of my life, evildoers, so I can keep my God's commands. Take my side as You promised; I'll live then for sure. Don't disappoint all my grand hopes. Stick with me and I'll be all right; I'll give total allegiance to Your definitions of life. Expose all who drift away from Your sayings; their casual idolatry is lethal. You reject earth's wicked as so much rubbish; therefore I lovingly embrace everything You say. I shiver in awe before You; Your decisions leave me speechless with reverence."

—Psalm 119:113-120 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We leave no room in our lives for hypocrisy but pursue passionately after the perfect revelation of the Word. As we set ourselves apart to seeking God quietly, His Word will renew us. We should cast out the influence of evil people in our lives in order to concentrate on God's instructions daily. As God takes His stand to be by our side, according to His promises we will experience abundant life, and will not be disappointed in our hope. As the presence of God abides with us, our lives will have clear definition in Him. God will soon expose the wicked and reject them as we lovingly embrace God's eternal Word. We continue to revere our God because of the amazing decisions He makes on our behalf.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, grant me Your grace to live Your truth and shun evil.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, give Your followers daily discernment into the invisible kingdoms and insights into spiritual warfare.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, I pray for resources to be released for translating the gospel into every tongue, for every tribe. Send us new ideas and fresh vision to break through cultural obstacles to the gospel worldwide.

DAY 16

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:121-128.

“I stood up for justice and the right; don't leave me to the mercy of my oppressors. Take the side of Your servant, good God; don't let the godless take advantage of me. I can't keep my eyes open any longer, waiting for You to keep Your promise to set everything right. Let Your love dictate how You deal with me; teach me from Your textbook on life. I'm Your servant—help me understand what that means, the inner meaning of Your instructions. It's time to act, God; they've made a shambles of Your revelation! Yea-Saying God, I love what You command, I love it better than gold and gemstones; Yea-Saying God, I honor everything You tell me, I despise every deceitful detour.”

—Psalm 119:121-128 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When we stand up for justice and the right, God comes to our aid. God is always with us, and therefore we will not be taken advantage of. God's promises always come to pass, although we humanly sometimes think that His answers are delaying. His marvelous love and His words will always define how He deals with us. As we walk with God in deep intimacy, He will lead us into deep things related to His holy instructions. God deals with people who dishonor His truth in a timely manner. We must honor God's every command and despise deception.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, help me to know the difference between truth and deception so that I may not be deceived.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, I pray for unity of vision, collaboration of mission and relationship-building among Foursquare pastors and ministry leaders. May the Holy Spirit stir our hearts and minds to a fresh commitment to continue the work of the gospel and to bring revival that breaks down all barriers.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, open the eyes and hearts of people trapped in false religions and ideologies. For those living trapped in fear and isolation, invade their world with love. Let people devastated by world events feel the covering of Your presence and strength.

DAY 17

LET GOD'S LIGHT SHINE

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:129-136.

“Every word You give me is a miracle word—how could I help but obey? Break open Your words, let the light shine out, and let ordinary people see the meaning. Mouth open and panting, I wanted Your commands more than anything. Turn my way; look kindly on me, as You always do to those who personally love You. Steady my steps with Your Word of promise so nothing malign gets the better of me. Rescue me from the grip of bad men and women so I can live life Your way. Smile on me, Your servant; teach me the right way to live. I cry rivers of tears because nobody’s living by Your book!”

—Psalm 119:129-136 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Word of God is powerful. It causes miracles to happen always, and therefore obedience to His word is our utmost persuasion. When He opens our eyes to the depths of His Word, we see how it brings light and hope into our lives. We seek desperately with hunger and great thirst to apply His Word into our lives. Because we love Him, He in His great kindness turns our lives around. Our steps are made firm on the promises of His word that nothing evil penetrate our souls. He delivers us from the desires of the wicked so that we can live our lives according to His way. His smiles of approval motivate us to live the right way. We are constantly reduced to tears as we observe those who do not make an effort to obey His Word.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, enable me to share Your Word with someone who has not personally experienced Your love.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, I pray for ministers’ families and their needs—for support, protection and resources. Bring a new sense of boldness and anointing to lay leadership and the unique role that they have. I ask for favor for churches and the local municipalities in which they serve.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, in nations where your gospel message has already reached, in areas where great strides in evangelism have been made, may the gospel re-ignite people and resonate even deeper. Bring people to know You more closely, deliver people who do not follow Your ways, and let people experience Your everlasting love.

DAY 18

TRUST GOD'S DECISIONS

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:137-144.

“You are right and You do right, God; Your decisions are right on target. You rightly instruct us in how to live ever faithful to You. My rivals nearly did me in; they persistently ignored Your commandments. Your promise has been tested through and through, and I, Your servant, love it dearly. I’m too young to be important, but I don’t forget what You tell me. Your righteousness is eternally right; Your revelation is the only truth. Even though troubles came down on me hard, Your commands always gave me delight. The way You tell me to live is always right; help me understand it so I can live to the fullest.”

—Psalm 119:137-144 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God is always right; therefore, His decisions are perfect. If not for God’s protection and favor on us, the enemy’s attacks would have made us fall. The promises of God are tested and tried, and are proven to be faithful; we, His servants, love them wholeheartedly. We remember to obey God’s Word, because it is the only truth. Though troubles come upon us without warning, His Word gives us great comfort and delight. When we live according to God’s revealed Word, we are able to live life to the fullest.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, please help me to understand that Your decisions over my life are always correct.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, strengthen pastors, ministry leaders and volunteers, and those being called to ministry. I pray for multicultural training opportunities for their personal growth, for financial resources to infuse kingdom work—from rural regions to urban hubs—and for intentional, influential discipleship among youth.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, let those living in anger and unforgiveness experience encounters with You, Jesus. May those with broken hearts and sadness be filled with hope again. Give happiness and life to those who feel emptiness and sorrow.

DAY 19

CRY OUT TO GOD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:145-152.

"I call out at the top of my lungs, 'God! Answer! I'll do whatever You say.' I called to You, 'Save me so I can carry out all Your instructions.' I was up before sunrise crying for help, hoping for a word from You. I stayed awake all night, prayerfully pondering Your promise. In Your love, listen to me; in Your justice, God, keep me alive. As those out to get me come closer and closer, they go farther and farther from the truth You reveal; But You're the closest of all to me, God, and all Your judgments true. I've known all along from the evidence of Your words that You meant them to last forever."

—Psalm 119:145-152 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When we cry out to God early and desperately, we are saved and enabled to live out His Word. When we stay awake, sometimes all night in prayer meditating on His promises, His love reaches out to us. God inclines His ear to us and keeps us very much alive. The enemy sometimes draws nearer each day to attack us, but we are drawn closer to His revealed truth and to Himself. The Word of God is proven to last forever.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, awake us from our spiritual slumber, and enable us to pray like You did.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, strengthen Your servants who are enduring persecution, ridicule and challenges at the hands of the enemy. Make them perseverant; guard their hearts; restore their spirits. Give them words of healing grace, peace and love to speak to those who do not yet know You.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, speak to our world leaders; may they listen to Your voice. I pray that nations would experience a fresh awakening to Your presence and purposes. Allow even businesses to sense a need for a cause beyond profits, one that is God-ordained.

DAY 20

TRUST IN GOD'S WORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:153-160.

“Take a good look at my trouble, and help me—I haven’t forgotten Your revelation. Take my side and get me out of this; give me back my life, just as You promised. ‘Salvation’ is only gibberish to the wicked because they’ve never looked it up in Your dictionary. Your mercies, God, run into the billions; following Your guidelines, revive me. My antagonists are too many to count, but I don’t swerve from the directions You gave. I took one look at the quitters and was filled with loathing; they walked away from Your promises so casually! Take note of how I love what You tell me; out of Your life of love, prolong my life. Your words all add up to the sum total: Truth. Your righteous decisions are eternal.”

—Psalm 119:153-160 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In the midst of our trials and temptations, when we stand on His Word consistently, He sees us through. Our assurance of salvation means nothing to those who dishonor God’s Word. God’s mercies are innumerable; we are revived in them. Although we are intimidated often by the thought of our enemy, we are never moved because His hand guides us. Those who dishonor God’s Word walk away casually from His promises. He takes into account how we love His Word; He rewards us with life in fullness.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, please strengthen me in Your Word, that I may not yield to temptation.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, do not let Your church be swerved from the mission You gave to us. May we be effective in establishing kingdom work, and may the work of Your church continue to grow and be fruitful. Encourage us to continue to faithfully pursue Your call and stand on Your Word, no matter what challenges we face.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, may world economies be released to resource ministry. Let us, worldwide, steward the earth—this resource You gave to us—with wisdom. I pray for colleges and universities; may they become centers of new moves of the Holy Spirit, who has the power to transform students and faculty.

DAY 21

FACE TRIALS BOLDLY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 119:161-168.

"I've been slandered unmercifully by the politicians, but my awe at Your words keeps me stable. I'm ecstatic over what You say, like one who strikes it rich. I hate lies—can't stand them! — But I love what You have revealed. Seven times each day I stop and shout praises for the way You keep everything running right. For those who love what You reveal, everything fits— no stumbling around in the dark for them. I wait expectantly for Your salvation; God, I do what You tell me. My soul guards and keeps all Your instructions— oh, how much I love them! I follow Your directions, abide by Your counsel; my life's an open book before You."

—Psalm 119:161-168 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Though our persecutors slander us unmercifully, we remain unmoved because of God's Word. His word encourages us and brings great joy because His truth is rich in promises. We detest the lies of the enemy but love and treasure God's revealed truth. The Psalmist says he takes time, seven times a day, to praise God for the way He causes everything in life to run perfectly well. Those who take time to celebrate God's ways never stumble as in the dark; everything is worked for good. When we wait expectantly, continually on His Word, we will be rewarded by the joy of salvation. We, His people, will be careful to guard our souls by abiding in His preserving instructions. Integrity and transparency to His Word cause us to abide in His counsel continually.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, give me the grace to look to You and be bold in the face of harsh persecution.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, may Your love be the driving force behind all we do, Your faith be the foundation of our spiritual journeys, and Your hope be the inspiration that launches us into all Your promises.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, may all tribes, tongues and nations experience Your love and hear the gospel. Open the eyes, ears and hearts of those who have yet to embrace Your message. Let them experience Your salvation and tell of it to others.

FINAL THOUGHTS

SING PRAISE TO THE LORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:
READ PSALM 119:169-176.

“Let my cry come right into Your presence, God; provide me with the insight that comes only from Your Word. Give my request Your personal attention; rescue me on the terms of Your promise. Let praise cascade off my lips after all, You’ve taught me the truth about life! And let Your promises ring from my tongue; every order You’ve given is right. Put Your hand out and steady me since I’ve chosen to live by Your counsel. I’m homesick, God, for Your salvation; I love it when You show Yourself! Invigorate my soul so I can praise You well; use Your decrees to put iron in my soul. And should I wander off like a lost sheep—seek me! I’ll recognize the sound of Your voice.”

—Psalm 119:169-176 (MSG)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When we sincerely call upon Him, our cry comes right into His presence. He provides us with ability to gain insight into His Word. He personally attends to our yearnings and fulfills His promises. When we choose to live by His counsel, He makes us steady and always stable. When we desperately seek His presence and fullness, He invigorates our souls. We will not wander away from His presence, for we, His sheep, will hear the voice of our shepherd.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

1. A PRAYER FOR MY LIFE:

Dear Lord, thank You for enabling me to intercede for my family, the global church and the world.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH:

Lord, thank You for being our shepherd. Help us to live by Your counsel.

3. A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD:

Lord, thank You that all who call upon Your name may live. May Your name be known in all the earth.