

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. – *Matthew 7:7-8*

Essentials for Vital Prayer

Prayer is the Christian's Declaration of Dependence. When we pray, we reestablish the reality of our complete dependence on God our Creator. Four elements are essential for life changing communion with God.

Gratitude: Notice what God is doing in your life and say, "Thank You." Make the connection between what happens in your life and God's working. Honor Him as Creator and Provider.

Confession: Admit to God (and to yourself) that you are a sinner, guilty before your Creator. Search your heart and mind for any thoughts, words, actions, or habits that violate God's perfect will, and ask Him to forgive you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Request: Ask God to supply what you need, using all His wisdom, love, and power. Trust Him to do what is best, no matter how He answers. Bring everything to God in prayer. You can tell Him everything, ask Him for anything, trust Him in all things.

Fellowship: Treasure your time in God's presence. Let the things He does teach you how wonderful He is. Allow God to make Himself the love of your life.

Prayers for Our Church

May God give Northpoint Church and its leadership a united heart and clear vision of our role in His kingdom work in Corona and the world.

Monthly Missions Focus

Pray that God will use Corona Life Services to save the lives of unborn children and lead them and their mothers to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to minister to you personally. Prayer requests can be emailed to prayer@northpointcorona.org or submitted by phone or Response Card. Prayer Team members are available following every worship service and at many all-church events. Additionally, you can call the Church Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to have your prayer request put on the Northpoint Prayer Chain email.



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JAN 2014 - Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide (Year ONE)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

– *2 Timothy 2:15*

Bible Reading Basics

As you read the Bible, engage your mind. Understanding will develop into character, as you consistently apply the following principles.

Observe what the Bible says. Answer factual questions: Who? What? When? Where? Is the passage you're reading a story, a letter, a proverb, poetry, prophecy, or law? Does the language create a picture, give a description, explain, argue, illustrate, or command? Know the context of the passage you're reading. Identify main and supporting ideas. Notice repetitions, comparisons, and contrasts.

Interpret what the Bible means. What do you need to understand? Why is it important? Consider the outcome of events in stories. How does God evaluate what happened? What does the Bible describe as true or false? Good or bad? Wise or foolish? Trustworthy or deceptive? What truth does it reveal about God, Man, life, the world, the past or future?

Apply what the Bible teaches. Look for truths to believe, commands to obey, promises to trust. Consider positive examples to follow and negative ones to shun. What should your mind know, your heart value, or your will choose? Relate Scripture to your own life. Identify directions to pursue and dangers to avoid.

Look to Christ in its pages: Jesus Christ is the one true God. He is the one Who speaks through the pages of Scripture. He alone tells us the truth of our origin, our fall into sin, God's perfect standards and just judgment. The Bible leads us to Him alone for salvation.

God's Word is effective. It changes lives by leading people to Christ, the Author. Read the Bible regularly, so you can come to know and love Him. Draw close to Him. Obey His Word.

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year ONE)

January 2014

| Sunday: Church & Ministry | Monday: Home & Family | Tuesday: School or Job | Wednesday: Neighbors & Community | Thursday: Nation | Friday: World & Kingdom | Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings |
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| | | | <p>1) Read: Genesis 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to accomplish His purposes through our city government, so we can live tranquil lives and be examples of godliness.</p> | <p>2) Read: Genesis 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to revive the Church in the United States, filling us with the Holy Spirit, the knowledge of God, & His love through Jesus Christ.</p> | <p>3) Read: Genesis 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to transform lives through the ministry of our partner church in Ethiopia.</p> | <p>4) Read: Genesis 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> Thank God for His constant faithfulness, even when things seem hopeless.</p> |
| <p>5) Read: Genesis 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> John Sloan, the Preaching Pastor, to feed us from God's Word and lead us in His will.</p> | <p>6) Read: Genesis 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your parents and brothers and sisters: May God provide what they need so they grow in His grace.</p> | <p>7) Read: Genesis 7 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your spiritual example and testimony, so those around you will see Christ in you.</p> | <p>8) Read: Genesis 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> Creative ways & good opportunities to get to know the neighbors to the left & right of your home. Pray for Christ's love to shine through you.</p> | <p>9) Read: Genesis 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> The leaders of our state & federal governments to have wisdom to obey God's will. Pray that He will turn the heart of California's leaders to honor Him.</p> | <p>10) Read: Genesis 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Lord to reign in the affairs of men throughout the earth: May God's justice, righteousness, truth, and grace cover all the earth.</p> | <p>11) Read: Genesis 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Praise God for His provision for your daily needs and answers to your prayers</p> |
| <p>12) Read: Genesis 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use Scott Williams, Adult Pastor to equip us for service & cultivate our fellowship as Christians.</p> | <p>13) Read: Genesis 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to protect your spouse (or your parents) and children (or siblings) and keep them in His will</p> | <p>14) Read: Genesis 14 <i>Pray for ...</i> The integrity and success of your school or workplace: May God's Spirit use you to lead others to follow in His ways.</p> | <p>15) Read: Genesis 15 <i>Pray for ...</i> The salvation of your neighbors across the street. Ask God for opportunities to connect with them.</p> | <p>16) Read: Genesis 16 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to bring the Gospel to every household in America. Ask God to guide you to someone He wants to reach through you.</p> | <p>17) Read: Genesis 17 <i>Pray for ...</i> The nations of Europe, North, Central, & South America: May Lord reign in the affairs of men throughout these regions.</p> | <p>18) Read: Genesis 18 <i>Pray for ...</i> Praise God for the beauty of creation and His sovereign goodness in your life.</p> |
| <p>19) Read: Genesis 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> Brent Whitefield, Pastor of Outreach: Ask God to use him to lead & equip Northpoint to reach out to our community & grow by adding new believers.</p> | <p>20) Read: Genesis 20 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint): May they grow in God's grace & display it to others.</p> | <p>21) Read: Genesis 21 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your leaders, coworkers and friends: May they come to know Christ & His love</p> | <p>22) Read: Genesis 22 <i>Pray for ...</i> Pray for the neighbors to you interact with most regularly: Ask God to create moments when you can tell them of your hope in Christ Jesus.</p> | <p>23) Read: Genesis 23 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to transform our education system, media, & businesses, so they uphold Biblical truth.</p> | <p>24) Read: Genesis 24 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to raise up new generations of missionaries to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.</p> | <p>25) Read: Genesis 25 <i>Pray for ...</i> List five things in your life that God has given you, then tell God thanks for each one.</p> |
| <p>26) Read: Genesis 26 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use our Youth Pastor, Jonathan Clubb, to lead our students to Christ, to trust Him, love Him, and follow His ways.</p> | <p>27) Read: Genesis 27 <i>Pray for ...</i> Seek God's eternal blessing for your extended family: uncles, aunts, cousins, & their families.</p> | <p>28) Read: Genesis 28 <i>Pray for ...</i> Ask Christ to reveal Himself through you to your fellow students or those you serve through your job.</p> | <p>29) Read: Genesis 29 <i>Pray for ...</i> Community Workers, city leaders, teachers, police & fire departments. Pray for their physical, spiritual, & emotional safety.</p> | <p>30) Read: Genesis 30 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use His blessings on us to serve others & glorify Himself, so that we use our wealth to serve others and honor His will.</p> | <p>31) Read: Genesis 31 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Church in Middle East. Ask God to protect & build His church, while working to establish liberty, stability, & bring peace & stability in that region.</p> | <p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow!</p> |