

He descended to a place of pain and disease. Absolutely pure, He entered a world of toxic evil.

Alone in the world, Jesus faced the powers of darkness and the absolute hatred of sinful man. With nothing but love for humanity, He accepted our rejection. Even though He was entirely innocent, He faced the infinite wrath of a holy God. One with His Father, He allowed Himself to be forsaken.

The Bible describes the physical effects of His act of obedience (Luke 22:39-46). He writhed on the ground in anguished prayer. Blood seeped out of His pores from his inner struggle. He didn't want to obey and told God His preference. "Remove this cup from me." God's will repulsed Him.

But He obeyed. When He surrendered to the Roman soldiers, Jesus entrusted Himself to His Father's good will. As the executioners stretched out His arms to nail them to the cross, He was embracing God's eternal plan. And with it, all who would come to Him.

The first garden explains the world we live in. Have you been to a funeral lately? Had your heart tugged by tragedy close to home or been grieved by news of some innocent soul caused to bear the unbearable, endure the unendurable? Have you cried out, "Why!" over corruption or evil that goes unchecked? Starvation? Injustice? Oppression? Hatred or slaughter?

Every travesty on earth, each pain suffered, every evil endured has its origin in the first garden—in Adam's simple, avoidable choice to taste that fruit in direct defiance of God's will.

But the man trembling in the second garden defied the forces of hell. His surrender conquered all evil. God's obedient Son is Man's true champion and eternal hope. By Jesus' obedience, we who believe will live forever (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:21-22).

That is the story of history and the heart of God's Word.

#### Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill Northpoint, so that Christ's presence among us is undeniable and powerful.
- **Local Outreach:** Peppermint Ridge Love Walk
- **Missions:** Dr. Celestin Musekura: Africa

#### Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at [prayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:prayer@northpointcorona.org)
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service

Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.



# prayer life!

## Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

### (Year THREE) June 2018

*Not My will, but Yours be done.* —Luke 22:42

#### A Tale of Two Gardens

The Bible is the story of all time. Its history recounts events from the dawn of the world. Its prophecies unveil events at the end of this world and give glimpses of the next. But most importantly, it puts all reality into true perspective. History is the love story of God for man.

The Bible's true story can well be described as a tale of two gardens. All of history revolves around two men who each made a choice in a garden. Each decision has implications that reverberate through all time, across the globe and affect our lives today.

The first man lived in paradise. Food was abundant. His every view was a feast to the eye. He knew perfect health and had no concept of pain, illness, hunger, or lack. Everything about his world suited him completely, and his Creator was a word away.

This man was entirely innocent and lived in a world without evil. Everything he knew and desired was only good. The same was true of his wife, who was perfect in every way. No aspect of life, offered them a wrong choice—except for one.

In His infinite love and wisdom, God gave this first man a prohibition. He denied him the fruit of one of the countless trees in his garden paradise. What kind of fruit it was doesn't matter. The nature of the tree is irrelevant, but the command not to eat its fruit was crucial. It represented the question of authority—who would be in charge—and embodied two essentials of fellowship with God—trust and obedience.

Adam didn't trust or obey. In essence, the first man said to God, "Not Your will but mine be done." He severed his ties to the Lord who gave him life. Death has reigned on earth ever since.

Adam needed nothing, but he grasped for more. He had no complaint but felt God was holding out on him. He possessed no sin nature but knowingly violated God's will. In Adam, every human sinned. In him, we all died (Romans 5:12).

But there's a second garden in history. The man in this garden left paradise. He said good-bye to the abundance of God's presence to face a choice that brought unbearable anguish. From perfect paradise,

## Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year THREE)

June 2018

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: School or Job	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
<p><i>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"</i>  <i>–Hebrews 13:5-6</i></p>					<p><b>1) Read:</b> Psalm136  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The peace of Jerusalem. May Israel honor Jesus Christ, their Messiah, as LORD.</p>	<p><b>2) Read:</b> Psalms137-138  <b>Thank God for ...</b>            Christ's death on the cross for your sin. You have no greater good than this historical fact.</p>
<p><b>3) Read:</b> Psalm139  <b>Pray for ...</b>  <i>Taylor Mendoza, Interim Director of Student Ministries:</i> Ask Christ to use Taylor to reveal Jesus Christ to our students, so they know and love Him more.</p>	<p><b>4) Read:</b> Psalm140  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Your church family (friends at Northpoint). May God deepen your bond of unity with old and new friends at our church.</p>	<p><b>5) Read:</b> Psalms141-142  <b>Pray for ...</b>            A chance to share Christ with someone at work. Ask the Spirit to speak the eternal Truth of the Gospel through you.</p>	<p><b>6) Read:</b> Psalm143  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The Holy Spirit to fill and revive the churches of our community. May Christians proclaim and live the Gospel in clarity and power.</p>	<p><b>7) Read:</b> Psalm144  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Godly leaders in the Legislative Branch of government. May the laws they make honor the law of Christ.</p>	<p><b>8) Read:</b> Psalm145  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Northpoint's summer ministry teams. Ask God to equip them to minister by the power of the Spirit &amp; to prepare hearts to receive the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>9) Read:</b> Psalm146  <b>Give thanks for ...</b>            The Holy Spirit living inside each believer, giving us His love, direction, and power for life and ministry.</p>
<p><b>10) Read:</b> Psalm146  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Our search for a Lead Pastor. Ask God for wisdom &amp; clear direction to a man who walks with Christ, as revealed in Scripture, &amp; will lead us to do the same.</p>	<p><b>11) Read:</b> Psalm147  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The reputation of your family. Ask God to make true Christian love increasingly evident in your home.</p>	<p><b>12) Read:</b> Psalm148  <b>Pray for ...</b>            A spirit of cooperation and mutual support among your colleagues. Pray that it will exalt Christ.</p>	<p><b>13) Read:</b> Psalms149-150  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Corona Life Services: May God redeem the souls of unwed mothers and their children.</p>	<p><b>14) Read:</b> Proverbs 23  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Divine guidance for our president and the Executive Branch. "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps" (Prov. 16:9).</p>	<p><b>15) Read:</b> Proverbs 24  <b>Pray for ...</b>            North Korea. Ask God to liberate its people and lead masses of individuals to Christ as Lord and Savior.</p>	<p><b>16) Read:</b> Proverbs 25  <b>Express your eternal gratitude for ...</b>            God's provision of your daily needs &amp; answering your every prayer with all His wisdom, love, &amp; power.</p>
<p><b>17) Read:</b> Proverbs 26  <b>Pray for ...</b>  <i>Brent Whitefield:</i> Pastor, Missions &amp; Outreach. Ask God to use him during the remainder of his tenure at Northpoint to equip us to share Christ effectively with others.</p>	<p><b>18) Read:</b> Proverbs 27  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Future generations of your family: May they love the LORD with all their heart, soul, &amp; strength &amp; their neighbor as themselves.</p>	<p><b>19) Read:</b> Proverbs 28  <b>Pray for ...</b>            God's blessing on those in authority over you. May they know God's blessing and the One from whom all blessings flow.</p>	<p><b>20) Read:</b> Proverbs 29  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The homeless of Corona: May they come to know Christ's love &amp; provision through the love &amp; ministry of God's people to them.</p>	<p><b>21) Read:</b> Proverbs 30  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The heart of American society. Pray that Christ will be proclaimed and embraced as Savior and Lord, so we honor Him as a people.</p>	<p><b>22) Read:</b> Proverbs 31  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The island nations of the Pacific Ocean. Ask God to strengthen &amp; expand the many churches He has planted over this vast area.</p>	<p><b>23) Read:</b> James 1  <b>Praise God for ...</b>            The freedoms we enjoy in America. Rejoice in the Lord. Ask God to enable us as a nation to honor His will &amp; follow His ways.</p>
<p><b>24) Read:</b> James 2  <b>Pray for ...</b>  <i>Scott Williams:</i> Pastor, Adults &amp; Families. Pray for him to be strong in Christ &amp; able to build others up in Him. May God use him to strengthen lives &amp; marriages at Northpoint.</p>	<p><b>25) Read:</b> James 3  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Christ-like character to develop in everyone in your home (Galatians 5:22-23). Ask God to help you model His character and love to others.</p>	<p><b>26) Read:</b> James 4-5  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Opportunities to express God's love for those you serve at your job. Pray for sensitivity to God's Spirit and boldness to share the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>27) Read:</b> Song of Songs 1  <b>Pray for ...</b>            God to burden our hearts to reach the lost of our community. Pray for faith to believe that God will lead &amp; use you to reach them for Christ.</p>	<p><b>28) Read:</b> Song of Songs 2  <b>Pray for ...</b>            The Church in America to be strong and to influence our country's culture for Christ, by spreading the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>29) Read:</b> Song of Songs 3  <b>Pray for ...</b>            Moral transformation and physical healing for those suffering in the AIDS epidemics that threaten so many nations.</p>	<p><b>30) Read:</b> Song of Songs 4  <b>Thank God ...</b>            For our country and the freedom we enjoy. Confess our sin of national pride. Rejoice! You are a citizen of heaven forever, through faith in Christ.</p>