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This strange set of affairs—our longing for life and willingness to inflict death on the innocent—makes no sense. But the Bible explains that it comes from our alienation from God, the Source of life. We brought death when we sinned against Him. That's the ugly spiritual truth about our race.

We deserve death. It is the natural consequence of our disobedience and God's just judgment on our actions. As awful as shed blood is—as much physical pain and emotional turmoil as it brings, the shedding of blood represents the justice of God. Sin is awful. It defies God and destroys man. God cannot let it stand. God must judge sin. Blood must be shed.

Blood brings hope. All that blood in Old Testament worship belonged to a substitute. God had a plan, which lay hidden in His worship. Someone else would pay for our sins with His blood. A day would come when God would provide complete forgiveness through the blood of His Son. The rivers of blood coming from untold thousands of bulls and goats and lambs killed in the Old Testament would become the wine—the fruit of the vine—Christ offered in the New Testament.

As you read Leviticus this month, notice man's sin. Notice all the blood that was shed for forgiveness. Notice and give thanks. Jesus did not shrink back in horror from shedding His blood. He laid down His life for our sin. His blood satisfied the Father's just wrath, so we can know the His infinite love.

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#### Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** May God give our leaders power for ministry, protection from sin, and growth in His grace.
- **Local Outreach:** Relay for Life
- **Missions:** Peter and Melanie Morris, (EFCA Reach Global): *Costa Rica*

#### 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 ONE) May 2018

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*When every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God commanded you." And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. —Hebrews 9:19-22*

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#### Our Hope

The sight of blood gives a shock. Blood symbolizes pain and harm. It grosses us out. We turn away from blood with a wince. So why does blood figure so prominently in Old Testament worship?

Blood stands for life. "The life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11). As long as blood stays in the body, it delivers life-giving nourishment and oxygen to each member and cleans waste from the system. Damage to the body causes blood to flow, and losing too much blood inevitably leads to death. This physical fact leads us to the spiritual significance of blood throughout God's Word.

We are dead in our sins. This fact is hard to recognize, when 7 billion people are swarming all over the earth. But 4,500 years of human history give abundant evidence of a profound dysfunction in our race. All the people living and moving on this planet mask the dreaded reality each one must face. Death. No one leaves this world alive. Death is God's judgment on our sin. God's Word helps us to make sense out of this world. While we long for life, we cannot avoid death, and what is more, we inflict death on others (or at least we'd like to from time to time).

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# Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year ONE)

May 2018

<b>Sunday:</b> Church & Ministry	<b>Monday:</b> Home & Family	<b>Tuesday:</b> School or Job	<b>Wednesday:</b> Neighbors & Community	<b>Thursday:</b> Nation	<b>Friday:</b> World & Kingdom	<b>Saturday:</b> Praise for God's Blessings
<i>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ...</i>		<b>1) Read:</b> Leviticus 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> Leaders, coworkers and friends at work. Pray that they will know Christ & His love. Ask for opportunities to show it to them.	<b>2) Read:</b> Leviticus 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our church so we can reach the lost of our community. Pray that our neighbors will be on our hearts.	<b>3) Read:</b> Leviticus 5 <i>Ask God to ...</i> "Hear us, forgive us, and heal us, for His Great name's sake" (Daniel 9:19), as we call on Him during this National Day of Prayer.	<b>4) Read:</b> Leviticus 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> The strength & effectiveness of the Church in India & Sri Lanka. Seek God's protection for Christians and the growth of the Church.	<b>5) Read:</b> Leviticus 7 <i>Rejoice!</i> All things are in God's control, and nothing happens that God's love & wisdom don't consider, approve, & work together for good.
<b>6) Read:</b> Leviticus 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> Josh Figueroa: (Piano Accompanist). Pray for a heart of worship, so the quality of his work exalts Christ and leads us to do the same.	<b>7) Read:</b> Leviticus 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your in-laws or families of your friends. May the Holy Spirit form Christ-like character into each person.	<b>8) Read:</b> Leviticus 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> Those you serve where you work or your teachers at school. May God bless them with every spiritual blessing in Christ.	<b>9) Read:</b> Leviticus 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Northpoint Church to thrive by leading people in Corona to Christ. May we show Christ's love in word and deed.	<b>10) Read:</b> Leviticus 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> Godly influences in the businesses of America. May integrity and Christian truth dominate their motives, methods, and actions.	<b>11) Read:</b> Leviticus 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> The physical, spiritual, & emotional safety of our troops, especially those from our church. Seek a positive outcome to the war on terror.	<b>12) Read:</b> Leviticus 14 <i>Thank God for ...</i> The many laborsaving devices that make life so much easier & enjoyable for you. Ask God to lift up the name of Jesus Christ on the internet.
<b>13) Read:</b> Leviticus 15 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Carolee Jefferson: Ministry Assistant, Students.</i> Ask God for wisdom in her ministry, so God will use her to touch lives, so that they grow.	<b>14) Read:</b> Leviticus 16 <i>Pray for ...</i> Faith, love, holiness, and joy to define your family's relationships within and without.	<b>15) Read:</b> Leviticus 17 <i>Pray for ...</i> Opportunities to express God's love for those you serve through your job.	<b>16) Read:</b> Leviticus 18 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christ to be exalted in Home Gardens: May many people in that part of Corona come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.	<b>17) Read:</b> Leviticus 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> Confess our sin as a nation that has rejected God's rule over us. Ask God to turn America's heart to honor Him & our wills to obey Him.	<b>18) Read:</b> Leviticus 20 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's Word to infiltrate & influence Russia & the former Soviet states. May the true Church be strong and influence society.	<b>19) Read:</b> Leviticus 21 <i>Praise God for ...</i> The beauty of God's creation and His goodness to you. The beauty of our world reveals the beauty of our God and Creator
<b>20) Read:</b> Leviticus 22 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Amber McEwen: Ministry Assistant, Adults.</i> May Christ reveal His transforming grace in her interactions with others.	<b>21) Read:</b> Leviticus 23 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your parents and brothers and sisters. May God hold them close, reveal Himself to them, and keep them in His will.	<b>22) Read:</b> Leviticus 24 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's provision for those who have no job. Ask for trust and absolute peace to flow from Him into their hearts.	<b>23) Read:</b> Leviticus 25 <i>Pray for ...</i> The graduates of our community: Pray for their salvation through Christ & His guidance in their lives.	<b>24) Read:</b> Leviticus 26 <i>Pray for ...</i> Humble leadership, who will put God's will and the good of the people above personal ambition.	<b>25) Read:</b> Leviticus 27 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Gospel to spread in the Middle East, transforming hearts & turning people to Christ. Ask God to protect His children in Muslim lands.	<b>26) Read:</b> Acts 1 <i>Praise God for ...</i> His daily provision, and for bringing you the good news of salvation. Notice His spiritual & physical blessings and bless His name.
<b>27) Read:</b> Acts 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> Taylor Mendoza, Interim Director of Student Ministries, to devote himself entirely to the Ministry of God's Word and to prayer (Acts 6:4).	<b>28) Read:</b> Acts 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Your cousins.</i> May holiness, love, & joy define your relationships with them.	<b>29) Read:</b> Acts 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> The needs and concerns of individuals you are aware of at school or work.	<b>30) Read:</b> Acts 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's wisdom and justice to rule in the courts of our community.	<b>31) Read:</b> Acts 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's superintendence over the Supreme Court, so they honor God & our Constitution in their decisions.	<i>... by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. -2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:3-4</i>	