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When our eyes are off God, reality gets distorted. We forget our God is the creator of heaven and earth. We lose sight of the fact that the winds and waves still know His voice and respond instantly to His command. But God dominates the perspective of those who trust Him. Waiting on Him makes everything shrink to a size we know He can manage. Faith makes fear flee.

David also understood how to view the present in light of the past. "When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war arise against me, in spite of this, I shall be confident" (27:2-3). David used the help God gave him in the past as the basis for his confidence in the future.

David also learned that there is nothing more important or more valuable than his relationship with God. "One thing that I have asked from the Lord and that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple" (27:4). We always make ourselves vulnerable when there's something in our lives we value more than God Himself. All things come from God. How can anything be more precious than Him? God uses waiting to loosen our grip on the idols of this earth, so our hands are free to embrace Him.

Let's say with David, "Teach me Your way O Lord, and lead me in a level path" (27:10). David waited years before God made him king as He had promised. God's promise never failed. Israel waited over a millennium for their Messiah to come, and come He did, not in triumph but as a sacrificial lamb. He didn't give His disciples anything of this world. He gave us access into the next. And before He ascended to be with His Father, He promised to send His Spirit. But His people had to wait for God's time. And they did. Then, after that, God used them to remake the world.

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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 THREE) May 2018**

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*Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weary. –Isaiah 40:31*

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### Waiting on the Promises

It's always a challenge in the Christian life to let God be God. It's one of those things that goes most contrary to our nature. So, naturally, it's an area God works on. After all, what destroyed our original bond with our Creator was that refusal in the garden to trust Him and obey His will.

So, is it any wonder why God is content to let His timing differ from ours? We're in a hurry, He's not. We stamp our foot in impatience. He bides His time. We rush, He delays. The more frantic we get, the less He responds. Hm...is God up to something?

Of course He is. God knows exactly what He's doing, and the more out of touch He seems, the more we can know there's something we need to learn that He's determined to teach. And whatever the details are, the ultimate lesson God has to teach is submission to His will. Trust and obey. Let God be God. And nothing builds the submission muscle like waiting.

Faith is at the heart of waiting, because no one waits without expecting something to happen. Waiting helps us to expect God to act for our good, but in His time and for His purposes. It is essential for training us to let go of our will and our way and surrender to God's will and His way.

Psalms 27 provides several insights into the waiting process. King David, an experienced "waiter," exhorts, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord" (27:14). Here are some dynamics of the waiting process that transform it from a trying experience into a growing experience.

First of all, David let God's greatness dominate his perspective. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?" (27:1). Being absorbed by our trouble fuels our panic. We let what we fear dominate our focus, and it gets bigger and bigger.

# Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year THREE)

May 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
<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> Titus 1 <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> Titus 2-3 <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> Esther 1 <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> Esther 2 <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> Esther 3-4 <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> Esther 5-6 <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> Esther 7-8 <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> Esther 9-10 <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> Philemon 1 <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> Psalms 101-102 <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> Psalm 103 <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> Psalm 104 <i>Thank God for ...</i> The many labor-saving 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> Psalm 105 <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> Psalm 106 <i>Pray for ...</i> Faith, love, holiness, and joy to define your family's relationships within and without.	<b>15) Read:</b> Psalm 107 <i>Pray for ...</i> Opportunities to express God's love for those you serve through your job.	<b>16) Read:</b> Psalm 108 <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> Psalm 109 <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> Psalms 110-112 <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> Psalms 113-115 <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> Psalms 116-117 <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> Psalm 118 <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> Psalm 119:1-48 <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> Psalm 119:49-96 <i>Pray for ...</i> The graduates of our community: Pray for their salvation through Christ & His guidance in their lives.	<b>25) Read:</b> Psalm 119:97-144 <i>Pray for ...</i> Humble leadership, who will put God's will and the good of the people above personal ambition.	<b>26) Read:</b> Ps 119:145-176 <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> Psalms 120-122 <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> Psalms 123-125 <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> Psalms 126-128 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Your cousins.</i> May holiness, love, & joy define your relationships with them.	<b>29) Read:</b> Psalms 129-131 <i>Pray for ...</i> The needs and concerns of individuals you are aware of at school or work.	<b>30) Read:</b> Psalms 132-134 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's wisdom and justice to rule in the courts of our community.	<b>31) Read:</b> Psalms 134-135 <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>	