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*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

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## Essentials for Vital Prayer

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

- **Need:** Realize that you are in a desperate plight. You live in a fallen world, and you're cutoff from the One who made you—your only supply. Look to your Creator, and trust Him alone to provide.
- **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 your Provider.
- **Confession:** Admit to God (and to yourself) that you are a sinner, guilty before your Creator. Allow God's Spirit to search your heart and mind for any thoughts, words, actions, or habits that violate His will, as expressed in Scripture. Ask Him to forgive you in Jesus name.
- **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.

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## Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** God to give our church a united heart and clear vision of our role in His kingdom work in Corona and the world.
- **Local Outreach:** Settlement House and Empty Bowls, helping the homeless.
- **Missions:** Pastor Antonio Camarillo (Barnabas Association): Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Carranza, near Mexicali, Mexico

## 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) January 2020**

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*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<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15

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## Bible Reading Basics

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

- **Observe what the Bible says.** Ask factual questions: Who is it about? What's happening? When and where does it take place? Are you reading a story, a letter, a proverb, poetry, prophecy, or law? Does the language paint a picture, outline events, explain, argue, illustrate, or command? Know the context of the passage. 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 the text 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 the 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 Christ alone for salvation and hope for this life and the next.

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

# Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year ONE)

January 2020

<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
<p><i>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. –Isaiah 55:10-11</i></p>			<p><b>1) Read:</b> Genesis 1 <b>Pray for ...</b> Creative ways &amp; good opportunities to get to know your neighbors and let Christ's love shine on them through you.</p>	<p><b>2) Read:</b> Genesis 2 <b>Pray for ...</b> The leaders of our state &amp; federal governments to obey God's will and turn their hearts to honor Him as Lord and Savior.</p>	<p><b>3) Read:</b> Genesis 3 <b>Pray for ...</b> The Lord to reign in the affairs of men throughout the world. May God's justice, righteousness, truth, and grace cover all the earth.</p>	<p><b>4) Read:</b> Genesis 4 <b>Praise God for ...</b> The way He provides for your daily needs and answers your every prayer.</p>
<p><b>5) Read:</b> Genesis 5 <b>Pray for ...</b> Tony Chute, our Interim Pastor, to point us to Christ, unite us as a congregation, and equip us to serve His kingdom.</p>	<p><b>6) Read:</b> Genesis 6 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to protect your spouse (or your parents) and children (or siblings) and keep them in His will.</p>	<p><b>7) Read:</b> Genesis 7 <b>Pray for ...</b> The integrity &amp; success of your workplace or school: May God's Spirit use you to lead others to follow in His ways.</p>	<p><b>8) Read:</b> Genesis 8 <b>Pray for ...</b> The salvation of your neighbors across the street. Ask God for opportunities to connect with them.</p>	<p><b>9) Read:</b> Genesis 9 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to bring the Gospel to every household in America &amp; to guide you to someone He wants to reach through you.</p>	<p><b>10) Read:</b> Genesis 10 <b>Pray for ...</b> The Lord to reign in the affairs of the nations of Europe, &amp; North, Central, &amp; South America.</p>	<p><b>11) Read:</b> Genesis 11 <b>Give Praise ...</b> To God for the beauty of creation and His sovereign goodness in your life.</p>
<p><b>12) Read:</b> Genesis 12 <b>Pray for ...</b> Our search for a Lead Pastor, to feed us from God's Word and lead us in His will, doing God's work God's way, by God's power.</p>	<p><b>13) Read:</b> Genesis 13 <b>Pray for ...</b> Your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint) to grow in God's grace &amp; display it to others.</p>	<p><b>14) Read:</b> Genesis 14 <b>Pray for ...</b> Your leaders, coworkers and friends at work to come to know Christ &amp; His love.</p>	<p><b>15) Read:</b> Genesis 15 <b>Pray for ...</b> The neighbors you interact with most regularly: Ask God to create moments when you can tell them of your hope in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p><b>16) Read:</b> Genesis 16 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to transform our education system, media, &amp; businesses, so they honor Christ &amp; uphold the truth.</p>	<p><b>17) Read:</b> Genesis 17 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to raise up new generations of missionaries to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.</p>	<p><b>18) Read:</b> Genesis 18 <b>Thank God</b> List five things in your life that God has given you, then thank Him for each one.</p>
<p><b>19) Read:</b> Genesis 19 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to use Taylor Mendoza, Pastor of Student Ministries, to lead our students to love Christ, trust Him, and follow His ways.</p>	<p><b>20) Read:</b> Genesis 20 <b>Pray for ...</b> God's eternal blessing for your extended family: uncles, aunts, cousins, &amp; their families.</p>	<p><b>21) Read:</b> Genesis 21 <b>Pray for ...</b> Ask Christ to reveal Himself through you to your fellow students or those you serve through your job.</p>	<p><b>22) Read:</b> Genesis 22 <b>Pray for ...</b> Spiritual, physical, and emotional safety for local community workers, city leaders, teachers, police &amp; fire departments.</p>	<p><b>23) Read:</b> Genesis 23 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to use His blessings on our nation to serve others &amp; glorify Himself, so that our wealth &amp; freedom serve others and honor Him.</p>	<p><b>24) Read:</b> Genesis 24 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to protect &amp; build His Church in Middle East &amp; to establish liberty, stability, &amp; peace in that region.</p>	<p><b>25) Read:</b> Genesis 25 <b>Thank God for ...</b> Your family and friends. They are special gifts from God to you.</p>
<p><b>26) Read:</b> Genesis 26 <b>Pray for ...</b> Our search for a Pastor of Outreach, to equip us to reach our community and the world, bringing people to saving faith in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p><b>27) Read:</b> Genesis 27 <b>Pray for ...</b> Future generations of your family to come to faith in Christ early, walk with Him all their lives, and enjoy Him forever.</p>	<p><b>28) Read:</b> Genesis 28 <b>Pray for ...</b> Make a list of people with whom you work closely and pray for their salvation.</p>	<p><b>29) Read:</b> Genesis 29 <b>Pray for ...</b> The families of your children's friends. May they come to know Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask God to use you.</p>	<p><b>30) Read:</b> Genesis 30 <b>Pray for ...</b> Godly influences in the businesses of America. Pray that Godly principle will guide their practices, not just the dictates of the marketplace.</p>	<p><b>31) Read:</b> Genesis 31 <b>Pray for ...</b> The liberation of North Korea and the conversion of its people to Christ. Pray that God's light will shine brightly in that dark land.</p>	