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Word of God is the story of the ages. Its setting is the heavens and the earth, and its plot centers on the relationship between God and Humanity—a relationship severed by our own choice but reestablished through the drama of redemption.

God's work is the center of the drama. His love drives the story. The story of Abraham is more than Abraham's story. It's the account of how God created a way to reach into our world to redeem it. It wasn't just Joseph's life that was endangered by his brothers. As he sat in prison, God's plan of redemption stood on a razor's edge. But what man meant for evil, God turned to good, "to preserve many people alive." Not just the Hebrew people but everyone who would be saved through them—everyone saved through Christ.

If you love history, the Bible is the Book for you. In its accounts, Israel rubs elbows with the great empires of the ancient world. Egypt of the pharaohs, the unparalleled Assyrian empire, Babylon the Great, Persia, Greece, Rome all find a place in the history of God's people.

While these vaunted civilizations impress the history buff, to God they are like a speck of dust on the scales. In the pages of Scripture, history shows the One Who "rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love." History reveals Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

As you read God's Word, look for Christ on every page.

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### Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Ask God to keep us informed by God's Word, empowered by God's Spirit, and dedicated to God's Son.
- **Local Outreach:** Corona Life Services
- **Missions:** Daniel and Linda Holmquist (EFCA Reach Global) in *Northeast India*

### 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.

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# prayer *life!*

## Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

**(Year TWO) April 2020**

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*Jesus said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. —Luke 24:25-27*

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### These Testify about Me.

The Bible is the Book of Books, but it's more than just a book. It's a testimony about God's work, which began before the world, shapes all of time, and leads to eternity. From cover to cover, the Bible tells about Jesus Christ: Creator, Redeemer, coming King.

Most would call the Bible a book of religion or philosophy—a claim to truth in the arena of ideas. Certainly, like other religious books, it contains moral values, principles to follow, prescribed rituals and sacrifices.

But God's Word doesn't stop with rituals and prescriptions for righteous behavior. It relentlessly reveals an awful truth we dare not face. It confronts the harsh, undeniable reality of sin—our utter inability, even refusal, to live by what God defines as right.

As it reveals the heartbreak of humanity, Scripture also unfolds a story of hope. A hope that God put there. It's the hope of a Redeemer, who is the Truth. He performed all the rituals, followed all the principles, and embodied God's perfect righteousness.

But Jesus was more than a perfect example. He became the perfect sacrifice. The truth is that there is nothing God expects of us that He is not willing to do Himself. He proved this when His Son died for sin. The Bible testifies to Christ's triumph over our sin, as He surrendered His will—and His life—to obey His Father.

You will never find a better work of literature than the Bible. Its verbal artistry is beyond compare. But its beauty doesn't account for why no book in history has sold more copies. The

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# Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year TWO)

April 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>I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. –Galatians 2:20</i></p>			<p><b>1) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> Northpoint Church to thrive and be an influence for Christ in Corona. Ask God to send His Spirit to empower our witness.</p>	<p><b>2) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 20 <i>Pray for ...</i> Renewed desire in the Church in America for holiness, purity, righteousness, love &amp; boldness in spreading the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>3) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 21 <i>Pray for ...</i> Strength and protection for Christians in the Muslim world. Ask God to enable them to keep the faith. Pray for the salvation of their persecutors.</p>	<p><b>4) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 22 <i>Thank God ...</i> For His creation and provision, and for bringing you the good news of salvation. God has loved you with an everlasting love.</p>
<p><b>5) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 23 <i>Pray for ...</i> Michele Balga: Ministry Support, Administration. Pray for her to be the "face of Christ" to those she serves in ministry, revealing His truth, grace, and love to each person.</p>	<p><b>6) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 24 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your in-laws or families of your friends to love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, &amp; strength &amp; their neighbor as themselves.</p>	<p><b>7) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 25 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christ to use you to reveal Himself to your friends and colleagues. Ask for opportunities and boldness for sharing.</p>	<p><b>8) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 26 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christ to be exalted in Home Gardens. May many people come to know and worship Him in that area of our city.</p>	<p><b>9) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 27 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to restore marriage in our land and lead us to reject laws and practices that undermine marriage and the family.</p>	<p><b>10) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 28 <i>Pray that ...</i> God will raise up a new generation of missionaries to lift up Jesus as Savior &amp; Lord to the ends of the earth, so everyone will know He died on the cross for all sin.</p>	<p><b>11) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 29 <i>Give thanks!</i> Jesus Christ suffered death for us, so we can have life in Him. His time in the grave freed us from the penalty of death for our sins.</p>
<p><b>12) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 30 <i>Christ is risen indeed!</i> Praise God! Glorify His name. He has conquered sin and death. <i>"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself (John 12:32).</i></p>	<p><b>13) Read:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 31 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to lead future generations of your family to Himself.</p>	<p><b>14) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> The colleague or friend you work most closely with or whom God has put on your heart. Ask God to meet their spiritual and personal needs.</p>	<p><b>15) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> The neighbors to your left and right. Ask God to use you in their lives.</p>	<p><b>16) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> Jesus, the Lamb of God to be exalted and embraced in our land, so we worship Him as revealed in Scripture, not as we imagine Him to be.</p>	<p><b>17) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> Spiritual transformation and physical healing for those suffering in the AIDS epidemics threatening many nations.</p>	<p><b>18) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5 <i>Rejoice!</i> The tomb is empty. Jesus Christ is alive, and by God's grace, your name is written in the book of life.</p>
<p><b>19) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6 God will continue to move among our leaders to make prayer a priority at Northpoint, so that our ministry is clearly driven by the wisdom &amp; power of God and not man.</p>	<p><b>20) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7 <i>Pray for ...</i> Christian character to develop in everyone in your home (Galatians 5:22-23)</p>	<p><b>21) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> The colleague at work you have the most difficulty with. May they see the love of Christ in you and hear of His love from you.</p>	<p><b>22) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to reveal His love to the families of our community, especially those who are broken and dysfunctional (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).</p>	<p><b>23) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to give His people faith &amp; unity in prayer, <i>So that with one mind and one voice [we] may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> Pray for revival &amp; renewal.</p>	<p><b>24) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Protection for those undergoing persecution for their faith. Pray for strength to remain faithful. Pray for Christ-like love for their persecutors.</p>	<p><b>25) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12 <i>Praise God!</i> The King of Creation came to be with us. Our rejection did not stop Him and death could not defeat Him. Jesus Christ is Lord!</p>
<p><b>26) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> Corie Saunders, Administrator &amp; Finance: Ask God to use the management of His money to enhance the work of Christ &amp; magnify His name.</p>	<p><b>27) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 14 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your spouse and children or your closest friends: Seek the Holy Spirit's filling for Christ-like character and bold witness.</p>	<p><b>28) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15 <i>Pray for ...</i> Leaders, coworkers and friends at work. Pray that they will know Christ &amp; His love. Ask for opportunities to show it to them.</p>	<p><b>29) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 16 <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.</p>	<p><b>30) Read:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 17 <i>Pray for ...</i> Godly influences in the businesses of America. May integrity and Christian truth dominate their motives, methods, and actions.</p>		