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ones through the desert, gave them manna every morning and all the water they needed. He is the One who guides us every day and gives us everything we need.

The Lord had a purpose in everything He let happen to Israel, good or bad. His wisdom and purpose guided how He answered their prayers, just as they guide His answers to ours. All those centuries that Israel waited for the Babe in Bethlehem serve as a reminder. Though God's timetable is long, His promises never fail.

As our culture systematically rejects the way of Christ passed down from our forefathers, we pray urgently for its renewal. Trust your God as you pray and wait. His perfect purpose guides the way and the time He answers our prayers. He will complete His work in us, His people, so He can use us to reach our nation.

The Bible we read every day teaches us that the God who was faithful in the past is faithful today. He doesn't say, "Yes," to all of our prayers, but He always meets all of our needs. God shows us His faithfulness in Scripture, so we can see it in our lives.

As you read God's Word, notice God's purpose as He works with His people, and trust His purpose in your life: *"that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ"* (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:7).

As you live each day, celebrate how He has cared for you in the past, and trust Him to care for you in the future. As you pray, remember. The God who kept his promises to Israel is certain to keep His promises to you.

So keep trusting. Great is His faithfulness!

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### Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send us into our portion of His world to win souls for Christ.
- **Local Outreach:** Christmas in Corona, brining Christmas and Christ to those in need
- **Missions:** Church growth and support in Tuba City, Arizona

### 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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## Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

### (Year TWO) December 2021

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*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people. –Luke 2:67-68*

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### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Advent has begun—a period of waiting. During this season, we reenact that time when Israel waited in the dark, anticipating their Messiah's arrival. "When will it be?" "I can hardly wait!" "Come, Messiah, come!" were the prayers in every faithful heart.

Will it be? Waiting is hard and it's so easy to doubt. How can we know He will come? During an extended time of waiting, some might say, "My grandfather prayed to his dying day but never saw the Messiah come." Or, "My mother still prays, I still pray, and nothing happens. Will He come? Can I trust a God who takes so long?"

Of course we know the answer. More than two thousand Christmases later, there's no question about the arrival of the Christ Child. We know the story and quote the passages by heart.

*For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord* (Luke 2:11).

*My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a Light of revelation to the gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel* (Luke 2:30-33)

We know God keeps His promises. The Bible tells us so. And that fact links our Bible reading to our prayers. God's Word is a testimony to His faithfulness to fulfill His plan for the good of His people. We cultivate the habit of Bible reading so we can learn to see God at work. *These things happened to them as an example, and they are written for our instruction* (Romans 10:11).

We've read that the Lord delivered Israel out of Egypt. That same God is faithful to His people today. He led His chosen

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# Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year TWO)

December 2021

<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>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. –Isaiah 7:14</i></p>			<p><b>1) Read:</b> Daniel 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to burden our hearts to reach the lost in our community, just as He reached out to us by sending Jesus.</p>	<p><b>2) Read:</b> Daniel 7 <i>Pray for ...</i> Confess our sin as a nation that has rejected God's rule over us (Luke 19:14). Ask God to exalt Christ this Christmas.</p>	<p><b>3) Read:</b> Daniel 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> The liberation of North Korea &amp; the conversion of its people to Christ. Pray for protection &amp; strength for the persecuted Church.</p>	<p><b>4) Read:</b> Daniel 9 <i>Give God Praise ...</i> For the abundance we enjoy in America. Rejoice in God's provision of all the good in your life.</p>
<p><b>5) Read:</b> Daniel 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> Nick Juarez, Pastoral intern: Ask God to equip him for service and use him to lead others to follow Christ.</p>	<p><b>6) Read:</b> Daniel 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your siblings. Ask God to keep them in His care and lead them in His will.</p>	<p><b>7) Read:</b> Daniel 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> The integrity and success of your school or place of work.</p>	<p><b>8) Read:</b> 1st Thessalonians 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to accomplish His purposes through our city government. Pray that those who know Christ will share and show His love to others.</p>	<p><b>9) Read:</b> 1st Thessalonians 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> Revival in the Church in the United States, driven by God's love, guided by His Word, empowered by prayer, and expressed through evangelism.</p>	<p><b>10) Read:</b> 1st Thessalonians 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> The triumph of the Gospel in the hearts of people throughout Latin America, bringing peace to troubled regions.</p>	<p><b>11) Read:</b> 1st Thessalonians 4-5 <i>Praise God for ...</i> The Light that shines in the darkness. Rejoice that the darkness cannot ever overcome it. –John 1:5</p>
<p><b>12) Read:</b> Joel 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> Corie Saunders, Administrator &amp; Finance: Ask God to use her to enable our church to honor Christ with our resources.</p>	<p><b>13) Read:</b> Joel 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your aunts and uncles. Ask God to draw them to Himself and provide all they need.</p>	<p><b>14) Read:</b> Joel 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> The movement of God's Spirit in the lives of those you work with, so they will be filled with joy this Christmas.</p>	<p><b>15) Read:</b> Amos 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> The incarnate and resurrected Christ to reveal Himself to your neighbors through you.</p>	<p><b>16) Read:</b> Amos 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to turn America's heart to seek Jesus, like the Magi of old, to obey His Word, and honor His will.</p>	<p><b>17) Read:</b> Amos 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> Jesus Christ to be exalted to first place in all denominations of the Church worldwide. May we worship Him as did the shepherds &amp; wise men.</p>	<p><b>18) Read:</b> Amos 4 <i>Praise God for ...</i> His perfect and eternal gift. Rejoice in "God with us" and the "grace upon grace" we receive in Jesus.</p>
<p><b>19) Read:</b> Amos 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> Sam Nguyen, Pastoral Intern Pray for the grace of the Child Christ to flow from him as he spreads the truth of God's Word.</p>	<p><b>20) Read:</b> Amos 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> Ask the Lord to create a deep, Christ-exalting bond between you &amp; your family that displays God's character in your lives.</p>	<p><b>21) Read:</b> Amos 7 <i>Pray for ...</i> The joy of Christ to flow through you to everyone around you, so they come to know Him and His love.</p>	<p><b>22) Read:</b> Amos 8-9 <i>Pray for ...</i> The growing Muslim population in our area. Ask God to reveal the risen Christ and His love to them through us, His people.</p>	<p><b>23) Read:</b> 1st Timothy 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to revive the Church in the New Year, so that His Church will grow, as hearts that oppose Christ come to bow before Him and rejoice in His reign.</p>	<p><b>24) Read:</b> 1st Timothy 2-3 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to establish His rule in our country, by filling the Church with His Spirit, &amp; giving us strong Godly leaders, who identify first with Jesus Christ.</p>	<p><b>25) Read:</b> 1st Timothy 4 <i>Return Thanks for ...</i> God's indescribable gift. Every good &amp; perfect gift comes through Christ.</p>
<p><b>26) Read:</b> 1st Timothy 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> Dani Tiqui, Ministry Assistant, Children, to build Christian truth into the lives of the children of Northpoint.</p>	<p><b>27) Read:</b> 1st Timothy 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your family in Christ. Ask God to spread the love of Christ throughout your circle of Christian friends, so you can share it with others.</p>	<p><b>28) Read:</b> 2nd Timothy 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> The peace of God that passes all understanding to fill you to overflowing, so Christ shines through you to others.</p>	<p><b>29) Read:</b> 2nd Timothy 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> The truth of Christmas to shine in the churches of Corona throughout the entire year.</p>	<p><b>30) Read:</b> 2nd Timothy 3 <i>Pray that ...</i> The revival God brings will exalt Christ above all, reach deep into individual hearts, extend around the world, &amp; last for years to come.</p>	<p><b>31) Read:</b> 2nd Timothy 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> Commit the New Year into the Lord's hands, trusting His care for you and guide during the coming year.</p>	