

Prayer Focus

January 2019

January 6th to January 12th

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **2 Corinthians Chapter 5 v17**

We thank you Lord God that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait."

January 13th to June 19th

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

Philippians 3 v13

We pray you will make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able and let your gifts flow freely through us so that you will be honoured by our lives and others will be drawn to you. We ask for your wisdom, strength and power to be constantly present within us.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

January 20th to January 26th

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. **Jeremiah 29 v11***

Lord God, we pray that you will keep your words of truth planted firmly within us. Help us to keep focused on what is pure and right and give us the power to be obedient to your word. We pray for your blessings and that that you will help us make every plan that you have birthed in our heart succeed. Help us to be generous and kind looking to the needs of others and not consumed by only our own. May the fruits of your Spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Shine your light in us, through us and over us. May we make a difference in this world for your glory and purposes and help us to reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

January 27th to February 2nd

*Therefore repent and return so that your sins may be wiped away in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord **Acts 3 v19***

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc in our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence. We ask that you make all things new in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

To you be glory and honour in this New Year and forever.

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