



21-DAY PRAYER GUIDE



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A note from Pastor Cody...

First Baptist Family,

I hope each of you, every single person, in our First Baptist family will join us in this “21 Days of Prayer.” As we move into a season where we are seeking the Lord’s will, wisdom, direction, favor, and provision in this New Year, we need to each be on our knees and our faces asking the Lord to show us His plan. We’ve worked very hard in recent months and years to bring a vision to our church that we are very excited about. But we want to be certain this is God’s will for us! Will you join us as we pray together?

Each day, set aside 10-15 minutes to read the passage of Scripture, and then read and pray through the “Prayer Emphasis” suggestions I’ve written out for us. There is a page for you to make notes about the Scriptures you are reading or your prayer times with the Lord.

Also, each day, I will be doing a short audio podcast to accompany our Scripture readings and prayer emphases. It will be a way for me to guide us together, but honestly it will be little more than me reading some of the Scriptures and then carefully giving some brief explanation and prayer points from each passage.

You can find the web address to the audio podcast below:
firstbaptistcovington.com/podcasts

I look forward to leading us through these important “21 Days of Prayer”!

*Love in Christ,
Pastor Cody*

WEEK 1 - January 8-14



January 8 - Ephesians 3:14-17

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Like Paul, pray that God would strengthen us in this New Year, that together we would know and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help us all have a new, deeper understanding of Christ's indwelling of us through faith, so that we would truly be "rooted and grounded in love."

January 9 - Ephesians 3:18-21

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that God would help us be further strengthened to know and to demonstrate the all surpassing love of Christ. Pray that in doing so we would be experiencing the fullness of God and giving glory to him as a church, for He is the only one who has the power to work among us to do more than we could ever imagine.

January 10 - Ephesians 4:1-6

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that God would help us understand our unity in Christ, and that we would strive to keep that unity with humility, gentleness, patience, and love. Ask God to help us walk in a worthy manner as we begin a New Year.

January 11 - Ephesians 4:7-12

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that we would recognize God's grace in gifting all of us at FBC with different gifts, that we would cherish diversity in our unity. Thank God for Christ's triumphant victory in distributing gifts to his people. Pray especially for FBC's pastoral leadership who have the job of "equipping the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

January 12 - Ephesians 4:13-16

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that we would be mature believers at FBC, that we would be firm in our doctrine, and that we would be willing to speak truth in love even when it's hard. Ask God to help us be a body that has each of its parts equipped and working properly.

January 13 - Ephesians 4:17-24

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that God would help us live for Him as we should, putting on the "new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Ask the Lord to help us put off our "old self" and to enlighten our minds that we may know Him more and more.

January 14 - Ephesians 3:14-17

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Seek the Lord's face and ask that He would help you/us: speak the truth; not be sinfully angry; work hard and live generously; have a grace-filled mouth; not grieve God's Spirit; put away sinful thoughts, actions and attitudes; and be kind and forgiving - knowing the God's forgiveness of us in Christ is the fountain from which all these other things flow.

WEEK 2 - January 15-21



January 15 - Colossians 2:6-7

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Similar to Day 1, take today to really focus on our vision of being “Rooted”. Pray about how you are to walk in Christ and be “built up in him”. Ask the Lord to help you, your family, and our church truly focus on the importance of being rooted in Scripture, prayer, worship, and in the church itself.

January 16 - Matthew 28:18-20

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray about your, and our church’s, reaching efforts. This second word of our core values is so important for us during a season when we are, out of necessity, focusing on our internal needs. Ask the Lord to help us also stay focused on his mandate to make disciples among all the nations, recognizing his authority and presence with us, as we share and teach others here in Covington and around the world. Let us be “reaching” through personal evangelism, biblical hospitality, community engagement, and church planting and global missions.

January 17 - 2 Timothy 2:1-2

- **Prayer Emphasis:** As you think about Paul’s words to Timothy about how he should disciple men who would disciple men, pray that God would make us a church of thriving, intentional, programmed and/or organic discipleship. Pray that mature believers would help other believers grow in godliness. Focus on our efforts to be “replicating” through family and personal discipleship, small groups, and leadership development.

January 18 - James 1:5, 3:13-17

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Ask the Lord to give each of us, and especially our church leadership, wisdom from above. We are commanded to ask God when we lack wisdom, and there are many efforts being undertaken and decisions being made that require collective, godly, wisdom. Pray specifically for the Lord to grant that we would walk together in meekness, purity, peaceableness, gentleness, reasonableness, sincerity, impartiality and that we would overflow with good fruits.

January 19 - Hebrews 13:17

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that the Lord would give us wisdom as we seek a new Worship Pastor. Pray that He would be first a godly man who can lead and serve well, but that he also be musically competent and understand the importance of congregational worship for our church vision. Ask the Lord to help our body encourage and support him, be submissive to his leadership and help make his ministry a joy!

January 20 - Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that God would truly unite our hearts to fear His name as it relates to developing a biblical view of musical worship. Ask the Lord to give us a heart to obey him as a congregation, as we seek to unite our worship, and bring our praises to Him in the forms of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Ask that Christ’s word would dwell in us each week as we sing together that our hearts would overflow with thankfulness.

January 21 - Isaiah 57:15

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray today that God would simply help you meditate on his glorious character, his high, holy, eternal ways. Ask that as God reveals Himself to you more and more in His Word that it could make you more like Christ would continually revive your spirit!

WEEK 3 - January 22-28



January 22 - Psalm 145

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray once more today that God would allow you to soak in these verses that tell of his majesty and glory. Ask Him to help you long to praise Him for His greatness, that we would speak of His grace and mercy and love. Pray that we would see God as our Savior and faithful provider who truly satisfies all our desires.

January 23 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Consider how the Corinthians overflowed with joy and generosity in contributing to the relief needs of the saints, even though they were afflicted and poverty stricken. Pray that God would enable us to have hearts to give of our means and beyond our means if that is His will, and ask that He would keep us mindful that our church must continue to care for those less fortunate than us through our ministries and missions. Pray that God would help us “excel” in whatever act of grace He puts before us.

January 24 - 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

- **Prayer Emphasis:** See how Paul encourages these believers to consider the example of Jesus, who became poor for our sake so that we might become rich. Pray that God would help us see this spiritual reality, and that it would turn all of our hearts towards being more faithful and generous stewards of all that God has given us. Ask the Lord to give us many opportunities to bless and serve others even as we grow larger and stronger at FBC.

January 25 - 2 Corinthians 9:1-9

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that the Lord would help us be ready as a church to steward our time, talent, and treasure for him, in whatever way He asks. Also pray that when His will and His timing are right for our Growing Together efforts, that we will be ready to all participate together. Ask the Lord to help us “sow bountifully”, to be prayerful and intentional in our giving, and to give us abundant joy and cheer as we give.

January 26 - 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Pray that God would grant us to be generous in every way, so that it produces thanksgiving, praise, and glory to God. Ask that the Lord would move among us, and provide for us, that we will all be able to say, “Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”

January 27 - Colossians 2:7, 4:2

- **Prayer Emphasis:** When Paul reminded the church at Colossae to be “rooted and built up in him” he also told them they should be “abounding in thanksgiving”. Ask the Lord to help us be immensely thankful for all He has done to provide for First Baptist Church for 200 years! Yearn for God to help us “continue steadfastly in prayer”, being watchful in all our prayers with hearts that overflow with thanksgiving.

January 28 - Philippians 4:19

- **Prayer Emphasis:** Just as Paul encouraged the Philippians with the truth that God would “supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”, ask the Lord to continue to do the same for all of our faith family here at First Baptist Covington. Pray that God would not only continue to be faithful in meeting all our spiritual needs in Christ, but that he would also faithfully and miraculously provide all of our physical needs for our “Growing Together” campaign.



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