

21 DAYS OF PURPOSE

INTRODUCTION

There is a sense that God is calling our church to walk in God's purposes at a greater dimension. Whenever God calls His people He prepares His people. This 21 Days of Purpose is a heart response to God's leading to say yes to His greater purpose and greater glory for our lives and for our church. Our hope and prayer with 21 Days of Purpose is to awaken God's purpose in your life by helping you to taste and see God is good and challenging you to help others taste and see that God is good! The 21 Days of Purpose Plan consists of three areas: prayer, fasting and action.

1. PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer! Through prayer we can grow closer to God as well as grow in the purposes of God for our lives. Throughout the 21 Days of Purpose we will be praying on various topics focused on growing closer to God, growing in our identity and growing in our purpose towards others.

2. FASTING

Fasting is a special activity that we do in order to focus and pray into something that God is highlighting in our lives. These days, fasting normally involves giving up something we need, something enjoy, or something that takes up our time in order to make room to focus and pray. What and how you choose to fast is up to you!

3. ACTION

We have put together a great list of "21 Things to Do." The goal is for you to do all of these simple tasks during our 21 Days of Purpose. Some of these tasks are aimed at helping you to grow closer to God and more in your identity. Other tasks are aimed at serving and loving others.

INSTRUCTIONS

PRAYER WITH PURPOSE

When God's people pray God moves! It is powerful when God's people pray together with the same focus. We encourage you to pray as much and as long as you can. But, don't forget, that longer prayer doesn't always mean more power! Short prayers with faith can be just as powerful and pleasing to God!

To help you, we have developed a special prayer plan for these 21 Days of Prayer that will help us to move forward with expectation together as a church. The prayer plan is to help us to be blessed personally and to be a blessing to others. There are two parts to the Prayer Plan:

1. Each week will cover a different theme: Week 1, we will be praying for ourselves personally. Week 2, we will pray for our community. Week 3, we will pray for the world around us!
2. Every Monday and Wednesday and Friday will have a theme as well. The three themes are: "Miracle Monday", "We Are Church Wednesday" and, "Five for Five Friday"

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FASTING WITH PURPOSE

Fasting is a powerful act of faith and sacrifice that we do so that we can focus on God and pray more. We believe that fasting carries a special grace to release the power and presence of God in our lives. We must keep in mind that fasting is not all about suffering! More suffering doesn't make fasting more powerful, but it is faith in God's grace, promise and plans that makes the difference. We want to invite you to choose how you fast and how often you will fast.

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ACTION WITH PURPOSE

In Isaiah 58:5-9, God makes it clear that fasting is not about self-righteousness and that it is not just about what we don't do, but also about what we do. With that in mind, we want to make sure that we take "action" that will both help us to taste and see that God is good and also help others to taste and see that God is good through us! We have compiled a list of "21 Things to Do With a Purpose." This is a list of 21 things we are challenging you to do within the 21 Days of Purpose. You can do them in any order, you can do them at anytime, and you can get creative with them as much as you want!

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PRAYER PLAN

SPECIAL THEME

MONDAY: "Miracle Monday"

Every Monday we are going to pray for miracles because we serve a God of miracles! God uses miracles with a purpose. Miracles can help people to know God's love and to help them believe in Him. Here are some things you can pray for:

- Pray for anybody that you know that needs healing of any kind big or small. You can pray for people you personally or people you don't know personally: you can pray for family and friends, you can pray for those you work with, or you can pray for cities and nations, like "God, release Your miracles in North Korea!"
- Pray for more and more miracles to be released in and through your life. Pray that God will give you a heart of compassion to see people healed. Pray that God will help you to have faith and excitement for miracles.
- Pray for more and more miracles to be released in and through our church. Pray that many people will encounter God powerfully at our church. Pray that many people will be saved, set free and delivered through the miracle power of God!

WEDNESDAY: "We Are Church Wednesday"

Every Wednesday we are going to pray for our church! God loves the Church and we should too! Specifically we will be praying for God's purposes to be fulfilled in our church.

- Pray that God Himself will build our church for His glory. Pray that our church will follow God's leading in all things.
- Pray that our church will overflow with God's love, power and grace as we faithfully share the Good News of Jesus.
- Pray for the vision & mission of our church. Pray that it will not be us to fulfill it, but it would be God through us. Pray that God will expand our vision and mission to reach and touch many nations.
- Pray that God will grow our church so that more and more people will taste and see that God is good and have their lives changed by Jesus. Pray that many people will be saved and discipled.
- Pray for the leadership and volunteers of our team and that God will raise up more leaders and we will see more and more people serving God's vision for our church.
- Pray that God will provide overflowing resources of people and materials so that we can overflow God's blessings to others.
- Pray for our extended online community. Pray for the people outside of Korea who are part of our extended online community.
- Pray for godly community. Pray that we will be a church that people safe and loved. Pray that people who don't think they belong in church can find a church home here. Pray that we will love the world around us like Jesus. Pray for the unity of our church. Pray that our church will stand together by God's grace with no division.

FRIDAY: Five for Five Friday

Every Friday will be "Five for Five Friday." This means that we will pray for five people for five minutes. Specifically, we are asking you to pray for five people who are not saved yet.

- Make a list of five people that you will pray for each Friday.
- You can pray for people you personally or people you don't know personally
- You can pray for individuals or you can pray for a group of people. Here is a sample "Five for Five" List:

1. My mom
2. My brother Bob
3. My friend 광수
4. My coworker Alice
5. The country of China

PRAYER PLAN

WEEK 1

WEEK ONE THEME: OURSELVES.

This first week we are going to focus on praying for God's purposes towards us personally.

DAY 01. MON 4/1 (MIRACLE MONDAY)

Pray for first love. Pray that God will continue to be your first love in your life.
(Revelation 2:4-5; 요한계시록 2:4-5)

DAY 02. TUES 4/2

Pray for spiritual revival. Pray that your heart and spirit are fully alive with joy in God's purposes.
(Psalm 85:6; 시편 85:6)

DAY 03. WED 4/3 (WE ARE CHURCH WEDNESDAY)

Pray to know God's Presence more.
(Genesis 28:16; 창세기 28:16-17)

DAY 04. THURS 4/4

Pray to know God's voice better.
(John 10:27; 요한복음 10:27)

DAY 05. FRI 4/5 (FIVE FOR FIVE FRIDAY)

Pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit for His purpose.
(Acts 11:23-24; 사도행전 11:23-24)

DAY 06. SAT 4/6

Pray to have God's heart for God's mission.
(2 Peter 3:9; 베드로후서 3:9)

DAY 07. SAT 4/7

Pray for God's dreams and visions. Pray for God to release His dreams and visions into Your life for His purposes.
(Acts 2:17; 사도행전 2:17)

PRAYER PLAN

WEEK 2

WEEK TWO THEME: OUR COMMUNITY.

This week we will focus on praying to those closest around us: our family, friends, and church.

DAY 08. MON 4/8 (MIRACLE MONDAY)

Pray to have God's heart for the people in your life.

Pray that you will see them as God sees them and love them as God loves them.

DAY 09. TUES 4/9

Pray for your parents.

Honor your parents. Pray and give thanks to God for your parents. Pray God's blessing on their life. Pray God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done in their lives. If they are not saved, pray for their salvation.

DAY 10. WED 4/10 (WE ARE CHURCH WEDNESDAY)

Pray for you family. Pray for your brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

DAY 11. THUR 4/11

Pray for your friends.

DAY 12. FRI 4/12 (FIVE FOR FIVE FRIDAY)

Pray for your church.

Pray for God to bless our church and use our church for His glory. Pray that we will be a church that is pleasing to God. Pray that we will have great unity and harmony in the love of God.

DAY 13. SAT 4/13

Pray for the people around you.

Pray for the people you work with, go to school with, etc. Pray for your neighbors and people you see in public.

DAY 14. SUN 4/14

Pray for God to use you more and more to fulfill His purposes for those around you.

Pray that you will have opportunities to help them to know Jesus more. Pray that you will have opportunities to share the love of Christ with them.

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WEEK 3

WEEK THREE THEME: OUR WORLD.

This week we will focus on praying for God's purposes in the world around us.

DAY 15. MON 4/15 (MIRACLE MONDAY)

Pray for God's heart for the world around you.

Pray that God will give you a vision and passion for your city, nation, and for all nations. Pray that you will love the world around you as God does.

DAY 16. TUE 4/16

Pray for more harvest workers.

Pray that there will be more and more Christians in the world who are doing God's work in their lives.

DAY 17. WED 4/17 (WE ARE CHURCH WEDNESDAY)

Pray for the city that you live in.

Pray for God's Kingdom to come and His will be done in that city. Pray for revival in the city. Pray for the orphan, widow and the poor of the city.

DAY 18. THURS 4/18

Pray for the nation you live in (and the nation you are from).

Pray for revival for the nation. Pray for the leaders of the nation. Pray for the needs of the country.

Pray that many people will be saved and be disciples of Jesus in the country. Pray for the churches in the country.

DAY 19. FRI 4/19 (FIVE FOR FIVE FRIDAY)

Pray for the nations of the world.

Ask God if there is a specific country He wants you to pray for. Pray for revival in every single nation of the world.

DAY 20. SAT 4/20

Pray for the Next Generation.

Pray for the children and youth of our city, nation and of all nations. Pray for them to know God even at a young age. Pray that they will experience revival while they are young. Pray that many will be saved and dedicate their lives to Christ.

DAY 21. SUN 4/21

Pray for God to use you more and more to fulfill His purposes for the world around you.

Pray for a heart for missions. Pray for opportunities to go on missions. Pray about giving financially towards missions. Pray about a country that God might send you in the future.

BONUS: Pray for Israel. Pray for God's purposes to be fulfilled in and through Israel. Pray for revival in the nation of Israel. Pray that many Jewish people will be saved. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

FASTING PLAN

What you fast, how you fast, how much you fast is up to you! Foundationally, we believe we should pray and ask for God's guidance on how we should fast. But, also, God gives and leaves room for wisdom from His word and experience. So, here are a few words of advice as you choose your fasting:

1. Take care of your body and health. Especially when it comes to food, studies have show that intermittent fasting - done in a healthy/safe way - has health benefits. With that said, we must emphasize that you should fast in a healthy and wise way. Do not choose a fasting that could harm your body or that is too much for you to handle. Be honest with yourself and take into consideration where you are in terms of your health and plan accordingly!

2. Take care of your responsibilities. Again, especially with regards to food, when we are not eating it can affect our energy and attention levels. It can also affect your mood. When done in a healthy way, come people do experience times of more energy and focus. But, prolonged fasting or fasting during busy/stressful times can also make things more difficult for us. Consider your responsibilities (work, school, relationships, church, etc) and your upcoming schedule and then plan your fast with prayer in a healthy way.

3. Basically, don't kill yourself. Remember that fasting is not all about suffering! Although it is good to challenge yourself with the fast, do not challenge yourself so much that you are setting yourself up for failure. Choose something that can be difficult but not too difficult. Remember that fasting is more about your heart than about the activity.

Here are a few examples of fasting you can do:

- Fast multiple days. Example: fast for 3 days in a row
- Fast once a week. Example: fast every Wednesday
- Fast a meal. Example: Fast dinner Monday through Friday.
- Fast from media. Example: don't watch TV, movies or Youtube for a week
- Do a Daniel Fast. Only eat fruits and vegetables.
- Fast from a bad habit. For example, fast saying complaining. Fast from gossiping.
- Fast from a hobby. For example, fast from playing sports.

Get creative! You don't have to be limited to this list. You can choose what you fast and how much you fast. Just make it meaningful!

ACTION PLAN

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1. Pay for someone's meal
2. Have coffee with someone at church and get to know them better
3. Tell someone in your family you love them
4. Say sorry
5. Compliment somebody
6. Write down your testimony
7. Show appreciation to a leader at church
8. Show appreciation to a volunteer (teammate) at church
9. Show appreciation to a leader at work/home/school
10. Show appreciation to a coworker
11. Show appreciation to someone in your family
12. Invite someone to church
13. Bless your enemies. Pray for someone who hurt you/wronged you.
14. Be nice to someone you don't know. Open the door for someone. Give up your seat on the bus for someone.
15. Do a chore at home without being asked.
16. Give to someone in need.
17. Write a bible verse and give it to someone
18. Do something to appreciate yourself.
19. Write down 21 things that you are thankful about yourself and/or your life
20. Write a letter to your past self.
21. Memorize 3 verses about God.
22. Write down ten things you can praise God for.

BONUS

1. Volunteer
2. Be a small group leader next term
3. Join a Small Group