



**DAYS
OF
PRAYER**

Pastors Letter

Dear saints of the church,

As we take an exciting step forward together in our church's history, I want to encourage you to pray. Through this journey there are three things that will absolutely critical if we are to be who God has created us to be and do what God has created us to do. These three things are vital for our health, our encouragement, and our faithfulness.

First, is to understand that our prayer life is an intentional choice. We are so busy with this life that it takes a conscious effort to stop and pray. I ask you to consider making prayer a part of your every day life starting with the next 21 days. It is difficult to imagine a relationship that can be considered healthy without regular conversation happening between the two parties. Your spiritual health relies on your time spent with God. Our corporate health relies on your time spent with God. As we begin this journey, it's important to begin in a healthy place.

Second, it's of great encouragement to other believers when we are praying together. If we are to unite in accomplishing a God-sized task that requires sacrifice, we must start by uniting in a God-centered task that requires dedication. Will you dedicate yourself to pray for the next 21 days? Let's do this together for the encouragement of the church.

Third, prayer is an issue of faithfulness. What is our lives centered around? Let it be the Lord. Let us dedicate ourselves before Him daily. Let us hear his voice and follow wherever he leads. May we call upon him and may he find us faithful.

Join me in praying over the next 21 days for the race that is set before us (Hebrews 12:2).

Pastor Lee

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

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DAY 1

A Place of Unity

READ Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

PRAY

O Lord, what a fabulous scene! People from all nations, all tribes, all colors, all cultures — so very different, yet all before Your throne with one voice of praise. It does seem impossible when we look at the barriers and walls that exist now and have existed throughout history. But IN YOU, the impossible becomes possible. IN YOU the unthinkable becomes reality. Purify my heart, O Lord. Give me eyes to see people as you do. Forgive me for the prejudices and judgments I have made in the past. Wash me. And Lord, may we as a community of faith long to be a place of unity and reconciliation. Let it begin with me and overflow. May we model it, through Your Spirit, to our broken and divided communities.

DAY 2

A Life of Living Praise

READ Psalms 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

PRAY

We, too, earnestly seek You O God. We long for You because You are full of power and glory. We acknowledge Your love and the ways You have demonstrated that love through the years of this church's life. And I acknowledge the ways You have demonstrated that love through the years of my own life. I praise Your name this day. May my life be a living praise, indeed a continual song of praise to You.

DAY 3

Prayer for the Harvest & the Harvesters

READ Matthew 9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

PRAY

O God, our Father, our world and neighborhoods are also filled with harassed and helpless people. Give me a heart of compassion for them. Help me see them through Your eyes and not my calloused, judgmental eyes. Jesus called His followers to be workers in His kingdom. Increase my own desire to be a worker, and not a spectator. Lord, I pray that the body of believers at Palmetto Baptist Church will arise together, walking by faith, to be Your workers in this area of our city. Give us the courage, the strength and the will to do it.

DAY 4

A Prayer for Addition

READ Acts 11:21-24

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

PRAY

Lord, our world continues to build walls and separate peoples in many ways. But God, You are for ALL. We know that in our heads... help us know that in our hearts. Would You, in Your mercy and grace, fill us with Your Spirit so that we will be emboldened to speak the good news about the Lord Jesus to those around us? May we, at Palmetto Baptist Church, be a part of the wave that tears down walls and barriers between peoples. May we walk by faith, in Your grace, and show the world around us what it means to be united in Your name.

DAY 5

All I Have to Give

READ Mark 12:41-44

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

PRAY

Lord, this story can be a struggle. My humanity wants to criticize her — to say she was foolish. But You commended her! You honored her! She obviously saw beauty and joy in giving what she could. She did not allow herself to be intimidated because what she had was so small. Nor did she allow herself to believe that her little bit did not matter. It did matter! She mattered! And she gave. Help me have Your eyes O Lord. Help me see people as You see them. And help me have a generous and sacrificial heart toward You.

DAY 6

Equip Me with All Good Things

READ Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAY

Jehovah God, You are the God who does the impossible! I overflow with gratitude for the eternal covenant you sealed. I overflow with gratitude for my Lord Jesus, my great Shepherd. I pray that as You equip me with all good things for doing Your will, that I will step out in courage and in faith to serve You. Work in me, Lord. Work in Palmetto Baptist Church, Lord. Work through us and may we be pleasing to You. You indeed deserve glory... from days of old... to today... for evermore.

DAY 7

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DAY 8

Don't Lose Heart

READ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

PRAY

I do know trouble, Lord. And I confess, it often does not feel light! It feels heavy and even crushing sometimes. Forgive me for letting earthly troubles blind my eyes to what matters most. I want to be a person who walks by faith. I want to be a man/woman who can see past the temporary, earthly troubles and see straight into Your heart. I want my family, my children, to trust Your hand. I want our Palmetto Baptist Church family to “fix our eyes on the eternal — the unseen.” And as we grow in this grace, may Your name be praised!

DAY 9

Help My Unbelief

READ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

PRAY

I want to be like Paul, Lord. I want to say boldly and confidently that I, too, live by faith and not by sight, but I don't always know how. Help me learn more about what that means in my life. Help me see how to do that in this community of faith. I want to be a disciple of Yours that walks by faith and not by sight. I want to be a disciple of Yours that exercises trust in You every day. I believe that is the way to be a disciple that pleases You... help my unbelief!

DAY 10

For ALL Peoples

READ Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

PRAY

My heart overflows with gratitude that You extended Your grace to all mankind because that includes me! You have a plan to rescue everyone — no barriers — no preferred peoples — ALL peoples. What an extraordinary message we have to proclaim. Lord, increase my boldness. Increase our boldness as a community of faith. Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for the righteousness that He provides. Help me today be a man/woman of faith. Because of Jesus... in His Name...

DAY 11

A Prayer of Abundance

READ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

PRAY

○ Lord, I desire to be a generous person. I confess to You that I am tempted to hoard for myself all You have given me. I confess to You that I sometimes think the blessings in my home and around my table are because of me. Your generosity has no comparison. You pour out food and water, clothing and housing, family and friends. You poured out Your very life for me. Lord, instill in my heart the desire to be a man/woman of a generous spirit... pouring out into my family, my church, and my community with what You have poured into me.

DAY 12

Geared Toward Generosity

READ 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

PRAY

Lord, you are the Supplier. You are the Source. And You promise supply so that we can be generous people. I praise You today for the many ways You have supplied my needs throughout my life. And now, Lord, may I extend the grace You have given me to others. May my harvest of righteousness increase. You tell me in this passage that any riches in my hand are given so that I can be generous. Help me, Lord...

DAY 13

The Great Commission

READ Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

PRAY

You Lord, are the God of the impossible. You have proven that throughout scripture. This task — this call on our lives — I pray today for my own “goings.” I pray that You give me eyes to see those hungry for You. I pray that You give me boldness to speak Your name to make disciples and to help grow disciples. And I fall on my knees in gratitude that You even provide Your very presence to go with me each step of the way. I worship...

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DAY 15

The Source of Everything

READ Colossians 1:13-17

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

PRAY

Lord, I worship You today as the source of everything I know. My world, created by You and for You. It all belongs to You. You hold it together. Help me grasp the full intensity of those thoughts! You reign supreme even when I don't understand what is happening to or around me. I trust Your supreme hand. And redemption? Forgiveness? Oh my Lord, I bow in thanksgiving.

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DAY 16

A Song of Praise

READ Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

PRAY

All blessings come from Your hand, O God. And You have blessed us mightily. I join my voice with this Psalm writer and pray that Your way may be known on this earth. But Lord, I also pray that Your way be known among us at Palmetto Baptist Church. As a community of faith, I pray that we sing for joy because of You. And let it begin with me. You are our Guide. You are the Righteous One. You are worthy of all my praise. I offer it freely to You today. I pray that Your Spirit will take my limited words of praise and translate them into a mighty symphony of praise that is splendid before Your throne.

DAY 17

Keep My Motives Pure

READ Proverbs 11:24-25

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

PRAY

Lord, my culture encourages me to hold on to stuff, to trust my bank account, to place my security in my financial statement. I long for Your wisdom in these matters. You have wisdom here and now with all I possess! Maybe I need to pray that I will truly believe You. Place within me the desire to be a generous giver. It is Your heart. And Lord, keep my motives pure.

DAY 18

The Privilege of Sacrifice

READ 2 Corinthians 8:2-5, 7

For in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

PRAY

Lord, these Macedonian Christians are still a model for us today. Thank You for preserving this small detail for us. Thank You for not allowing their story to be lost to history. They counted their giving as a privilege. Forgive me when I have thought of it as duty. Overflowing joy, that's the way Paul describes them. Today, may my joy overflow and spill out on all those around me. They gave themselves first to You... and then it spilled out on those around them. Today, again, I offer myself to You first.

DAY 19

Surpassing Love for All Generations

READ Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAY

In this prayer, Paul prays very specific things for his beloved fellow Christians in the church in Ephesus. Pray this prayer today 3 times. First, pray it for yourself. Put your name on it. Second, pray it over your spouse, your children, and other family members that are a part of your household. Place their names in the middle of it. Finally, pray it one more time for the Palmetto Baptist Church community. Place us at its center.

DAY 20

A Prayer for Firstfruits

READ Proverbs 3:7-10

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

PRAY

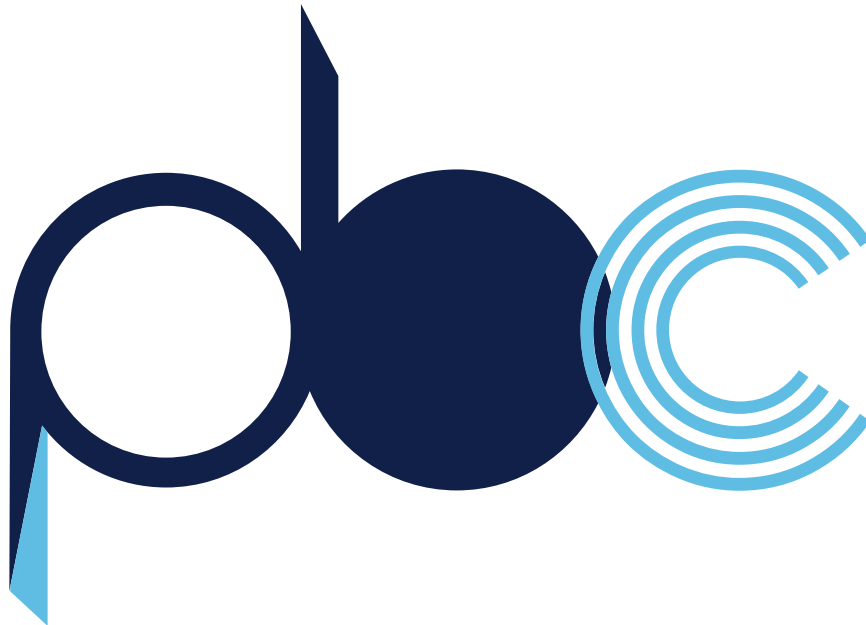
Lord, You established the principle of firstfruits long ago. Forgive me, Lord, for the times that I have relegated offerings to You as optional, if I had something 'left over'. Forgive me Lord when I have relied on my own wisdom and ignored Yours. I thank You, Lord, for the wealth you have allowed me to have. I thank You for the food and clothing and housing that Your hand has provided. Forgive me for complaining about what has NOT been given to me. I pray that You will give to me YOUR wisdom in the management of my resources. And Lord, I will offer firstfruits to You.

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