



*30 Days
of Prayer*

*for
Our
Church*



GREETINGS SAINT JAMES FAMILY!!

I want to begin by thanking God for the power, privilege, and produce of prayer. As I often say to you, we often talk about prayer and its importance; yet, this special 30 days of prayer for St. James Church comes out of a spirit led desire for us to witness the strength that is found in praying to the Lord.

The “30 Days of Prayer for Saint James” was given to me in the spirit over the summer as a needed journey for us. While COVID has prevented us from coming together in large form physically, spiritually the need remains for us to join our hearts, minds, and spirits together in prayer. As we pray for various topics, including ourselves, one another, our church, and its mission/ministry, I am believing God for some major moves to take place in every area of our prayer. I am additionally trusting and believing that these 30 days will strengthen our prayer lives and bring us closer together as a church family.

Taken from a model provided by the NC Baptist Convention, this prayer guide is designed to help us as a family pray specifically for matters of the heart and spirit each day. There are scripture passages that connect with the daily prayer focus for each day. In addition to the prayer guide, we are coordinating a text message tree to send daily reminders for prayer each day. Our Intercessory Prayer Team will continue to meet at the church on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday morning at 11am at the church to pray, and we invite everyone to join us via church conference telephone line (425-585-7728) on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 11am for a time of prayer.

It is my sincere prayer that at the close of this month, we will be stronger in our faith and fellowship. Above all, I pray that our eyes will be open to all that God is doing and how He is leading us. Let us remember the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14:

If my people, who are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, I will forgive their sin, and will heal the land.

Trusting & Believing God as your Servant-Leader,

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(Unless otherwise noted, all scriptures in the prayer guide are taken from the Christian Standard Bible.)

DAILY PRAYER FOCUSES

1

REPENTANCE

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight! John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mark 1:1-4

John the Baptists' job was to prepare the way for Jesus. He started by preaching repentance. If we are going to be prepared for Jesus we need to start with a heart of repentance. Ask the Father to give you a heart of repentance. Ask Him to give our church a heart of repentance. Ask Him to give our region a heart of repentance to prepare the way for Jesus to do amazing works in our church.

2

HUMILITY

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead, he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. -Philippians 2:5-8

Humility is an absence of self and a deep dependency on God's righteousness. God often gives grace to the humble and delivers people who offer humility. The Lord will reward the humble with wisdom (Prov 11:2).

Pray for yourself, our church, and region to humble themselves by seeking God's righteousness and not self-righteousness.

3

UNITY

“I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me. John 17:20-23 J

Jesus desires unity so much in His church that He prayed for it. There is a destroyer who is trying to cause disunity in every church. Pray that our church will be a body of one and that no evil will come in and cause division within our church. Pray that each member of our church seeks unity within the body. Pray especially for God to reveal and remove any spirit in our lives that seeks to cause disunity and discord among the Christian fellowship.

4

BROTHERLY/SISTERLY LOVE AMONG EACH OTHER

“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”
John 13:34-35

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Jesus says that by our love everyone will know that we are His disciples. He desperately wants us to love one another just as He has loved us. Pray that you, our church, and our region will speak love, receive love, and give love to one another.

5

HEALING IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE

And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are

performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly. Acts 4:29-31

Today people need healing from so many different things. Pray that Gods healing hand is stretched out over you, our church, and our region. That His mighty works and miracles will be seen, and people will be healed from hurts, sickness, and brokenness.

6

PEACE & REST

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Pray that you, our church, and our region will seek Jesus for peace and rest in our times of discouragement and uncertainty. Pray that you and our church family will cast all their burdens to Him and receive the peace and rest they need.

7

BOLDNESS

...proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. Acts 28:31

In him we have boldness and confident access through faith in him. So, then, I ask you not to be discouraged over my afflictions on your behalf, for they are your glory. Ephesians 3:12-13
Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19

Pray that you and our church will show great boldness in sharing the gospel in our region.

DELIVERANCE FROM OUR DISTRACTIONS

Others are like seed sown among thorns; these are the ones who hear the word, but the worries of this age, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. -Mark 4:18

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2

The enemy loves to distract us from God. Today we can easily be pulled in many different directions by distractions. Pray that you and our church family will seek Jesus first and stay focused on Him and things above. Pray that the temptation and distractions of earthly things be eliminated from our minds.

HUNGER & THIRST FOR GOD

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. -Matthew 5:6 Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up in him for eternal life." -John 4:13-14 We can hunger and thirst for many things.

Pray that you and our church have a hunger and thirst for God's word and His righteousness. Pray that those in our region who thirst but cannot quench their thirst find Jesus. Pray that they will know Jesus is the only One who can satisfy their hunger and thirst.

NEW CONVERTS

Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. For

if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. Romans 6:3-5

Pray that everyone in your range of influence would know Christ and follow in believers baptism. Some do not have their baptism on the right side of their salvation. Ask God to speak to them and that they follow in obedience. Pray for boldness in those who have been putting off their baptism that they will come forward and follow in obedience.

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DISCIPLESHIP

“Follow me,” he told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19-20

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” -John 8:31-32

God gives us the opportunity to do “life on life” discipleship, living life with someone and discipling them. Where God has you is a ministry of discipleship. Pray that our deep relationship with Christ will spill over to disciple others in our church and in our region. Pray that each member of our church will be drawn to disciple and well as be disciplined.

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A GIVING SPIRIT

The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work. -2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Tithing is an act of worship to our God and King who provides all things for us. Biblically it is giving an offering of ten percent of our income to the local church. Pray that you will become a cheerful giver and that through your tithes and offerings, both you and our church will be blessed.

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS

According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8

Every church member has a different spiritual gift, but the source it comes from we all have. The Holy Spirit enables us to use our spiritual gifts to help strengthen the kingdom of God. Pray that each member of our church uses their spiritual gifts to the best of their ability to help grow the Kingdom of God.

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THE URGENCY OF PRAYER

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

A church that is prayerless is a church that is powerless. Prayer is a key component to faith and faith is a key component to prayer. Prayer is both talking and listening. Pray for yourself, our church, and our region to spend more time in prayer and walking in God's will, abiding in Him being steadfast and immovable.

15

GREATER FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A house is built by wisdom, and it is established by understanding; by knowledge the rooms are filled with every precious and beautiful treasure. -Proverbs 24:3-4

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being

performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. -Acts 2:42-44

The early church was a place that felt like home. Pray that through our teachings, fellowship, breaking of bread (meals) and prayer our church will be a place that feels like home to people in this region.

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SPIRITUAL POWER

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what the hope of his calling is, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength. Ephesians 1:18-19

Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you the immeasurable greatness of His power toward you as a believer in Christ. Pray that others in our church will understand this power and pray the lost will see Gods great power.

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DELIVERANCE FROM SATANIC FORCES

Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." Then the devil left him, and angels came and began to serve him. -Matthew 4:10-11

Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. -James 4:7

Pray that as a church we are staying alert, watchful, and on guard for the attacks of the enemy. Pray that we will submit ourselves to God and draw closer to Him by prayer, His Word, and fellowship. Pray and intercede for the lost in our region that the Devil will flee from them.

DYNAMIC WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us; may he make his face shine upon us So that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations rejoice and shout for joy, for you judge the peoples with fairness and lead the nations on earth. Psalm 67:1-4

We don't have to have music to worship God, but what we do need humility, humbleness, and to eliminate our pride. Pray that you, our church, and our region will grow in worshipping the great God we serve. Laying aside all pride and selfishness and will reverence and respect God in every area of our lives.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MEMBERS

He humbled you by letting you go hungry; then he gave you manna to eat, which you and your ancestors had not known, so that you might learn that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3

We don't only need to feed our bodies physically, but we also must feed our bodies spiritually. Pray that every day each member of our church spends time in the presence of God. That every day they will read His word and listen to Him through His word.

GROWTH IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY & CONGREGATION

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that he has redeemed them from the power of the foe and has gathered them from the lands from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Psalm 107:1-3

Pray that God will draw people from the north, south, east, and west to our church. Pray that they will be redeemed by knowing Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they will continue in baptism and discipleship

CHURCH OFFICERS & LEADERS

LORD, lead me in your righteousness because of my adversaries; make your way straight before me. -Psalm 5:8

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. -Galatians 5:25 P

Today we will pray for every ministry leader and those who serve our church. Pray the focus of each leader will be on Jesus and that the Holy Spirit will guide them in making decisions. Pray that God's hand will be over them and that they be used for God's glory for the future generations; that many souls would be saved and lives changed.

PASTOR & FIRST LADY WORTHY

Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He won't leave you or abandon you until all the work for the service of the LORD's house is finished. -2 Chronicles 28:20

And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, - Ephesians 4:11-12

Pray for the spiritual leaders that the Holy Spirit will give them knowledge and wisdom in building up the body of Christ. Pray that they have a shield of protection, and that they will not be discouraged, but strong and courageous. Let us pray for their physical, spiritual, emotional, financial, and mental health as they serve God through serving the church and its membership.

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SOCIAL MEDIA/MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY MINISTRIES

And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel. -Psalm 32:8

Pray the focus of each member of this team will be on Jesus and that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct them in the right path as they serve the church physically and virtually. We pray for their focus in ministry service as well as their spiritual growth and focus as Kingdom citizens.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stable position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. -2 Peter 3:17-18

Let us pray today that we as a church we will grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through evangelism through Sunday School, Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, and our Virtual/Cyber Workshops.

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SJMBC YOUTH LEADERS

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. -1 Timothy 4:11-12

When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him because he was just a youth, healthy and handsome. . . David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him -1 Samuel 17:42 & 45

Today let us pray for the love, compassion, strength, and patience of our youth leadership. Pray that out of this generation we will see God use them in incredible ways to impact the life of our children, training them to become great ambassadors for God. Pray that out of our youth we will see the Kingdom of God grow.

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SJMBC YOUTH

26 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” -Luke 18:17

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. -Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

The LORD replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. -Jeremiah 1:7 (NLT)

The children in our church are a great blessing and honor to have with us. Pray that these little children will keep their child like faith. Pray that nothing will prevent them from holding tight to their child like faith. Pray that we will learn from and be encouraged by their child like faith.

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Marriages in SJMBC

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. -Ephesians 4:32

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. -Ephesians 4:2-3

Today we pray for the marriages in our church family to remain strong in faith and love always. Pray for protection over each family and for God’s peace and presence to dwell in each home. Pray for the marriages that need restored in our church family and that each marriage will put God in the center of their relationship.

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SJMBC Brotherhood

Hallelujah! Happy is the person who fears the Lord, taking great delight in his commands.... He will not fear bad news; his heart is confident, trusting in the Lord. His heart is assured; he will not fear. In the end he will look in triumph on his foes. Psalm 112: 1 & 7-8

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.
-1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Pray that every man in our church family would pray, read God's word, and seek to make Jesus boss of their lives. So that they will become the man God created them to be. Pray they will have the wisdom and leadership needed to be leaders in their church, home, and region.

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SJMBC Sisterhood

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. -2
Timothy 1:7

"How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" she asked him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would ask him, and he would give you living water." -
John 4:9-10

Today we pray that every woman in our church family would pray, read God's word, and seek to make Jesus boss of their lives. Pray that each woman will discover and walk in the security they have in Christ, so that they will become the women of God He created them to be.

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Yourself

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. -Romans 15:13

But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God's grace. -Acts 20:24

Today pray that you consider your life of no value to YOURSELF, but your purpose is to live for Jesus. Pray that God's hope, peace, and joy fills your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in every endeavor and that God will use you to be an active part of His church. Ask God to reveal to you the way He wants to use you and your gifts within SJMBC.