



15 Days of Prayer

January 5-19, 2025

SERMON NOTES | JAN. 5, 2025

2 Kings 19:14-20

Hezekiah's prayer in these verses is powerful. In a time of crisis, he immediately seeks the LORD, laying his burdens before Him in prayer. And the LORD – *The God Who Hears* – hears his prayer! Hezekiah isn't perfect, as we'll see today, but we can learn a lot from him about who God is and what it means for us to be people of prayer who trust the Lord to do what only He can do.

- T *Take it to the Lord in prayer*
- R *Recognize Who you're praying to – the All-Powerful, Sovereign God*
- U *Unload your problems and concerns on God*
- S *Seek His help and His will*
- T *Treasure God's glory*

JANUARY 5, 12 **PRAY FOR A HUMBLE HEART LIKE JESUS**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal sin in your life and that you'd have a heart that seeks after holiness.
- Pray that we would be humble people before the Lord, that He would break any pride we have in our lives.
- Pray for a renewed passion for the Lord and for a hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- Pray specifically for someone who has mistreated you. (If you can't yet, pray and ask God to bring you to the place where you can pray for that person.)
- **Read:** Romans 12, Psalm 149.
- **Memorize:** "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)
- **Remember:** "God uses men [and women] who are weak and feeble enough to lean on Him." (Hudson Taylor)

JANUARY 6, 13 **PRAY FOR A THANKFUL HEART LIKE JESUS**

- Thank the Lord for what He's going to do in your heart and through the prayers of the church family over these 15 days.
- Thank the Lord for His grace and mercy in your life, and for setting you free through Christ's work on the cross.
- Count your blessings and name them (literally, name them) one by one.
- Pray specifically for the same person you prayed for yesterday who has hurt you. (Continue to seek the Lord if you're not yet able to pray for him/her.)
- **Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5, Psalm 9.
- **Memorize:** "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
- **Remember:** "The criteria for coming to Jesus is weariness. Come overwhelmed with life. Come with your wandering mind. Come messy." (Paul Miller)

JANUARY 7, 14 **PRAY FOR A LOVING HEART LIKE JESUS**

- Ask God to give you a love for your enemy and those who have hurt you.
- Pray for a growing love for your spouse and your brothers & sisters in Christ.
- Pray for restoration in strained or broken relationships.
- Ask God how you can show self-sacrificial love to someone else this week (but only if you're willing to follow His Spirit's leading when He tells you).
- **Read:** 1 John 4, 1 Corinthians 13.
- **Memorize:** "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." (1 John 4:7)
- **Remember:** "It is a good rule never to look into the face of man in the morning till you have looked into the face of God." (Charles Spurgeon)

JANUARY 8, 15 **PRAY FOR A MISSION-MINDED HEART LIKE JESUS**

- Pray for gospel growth: That passionate disciples would be made at SCBC.
- Ask God to help you (and us as a church family) overcome spiritual obstacles that stand in the way of reaching people for Christ.
- Pray for our missionaries as they proclaim the gospel where they serve and that they would be strengthened and encouraged this year.
- Pray for strong, mission-minded marriages and families.
- Pray that persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Christ.
- **Read:** Romans 10, Psalm 67.
- **Memorize:** “How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Ro. 10:14)
- **Remember:** “Only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.” (C.T. Studd)

JANUARY 9, 16 **PRAY FOR A CARING HEART LIKE JESUS**

- Ask God for a heart that truly cares for others, even those who have mistreated you in some way.
- Pray for those in our church family who are suffering. Ask God how He can use you to come alongside them in their suffering (and be willing to do it).
- Ask God for a heart that puts the interests of others ahead of yourself.
- Ask God to bring a person or family in our church to your mind that you can care for, or come alongside, in some way. And care for them in that way.
- Ask God to bring someone to your mind who you can encourage this week.
- **Read:** John 13, Philippians 2.
- **Memorize:** “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34)
- **Remember:** “If we are true intercessors, we must be ready to take part in God’s work on behalf of the people for whom we pray.” (Corrie ten Boom)

JANUARY 10, 17 **PRAY FOR A PURE HEART LIKE JESUS**

- As you pray today, ask God to mold you into becoming more like Jesus in every way. Pray for pure and holy thoughts and desires.
- Ask God for a growing discontentment with your sinful desires, that your heart would long for more of Christ.
- Pray specifically for the same person you prayed for who mistreated you.
- **Read:** Psalm 51, James 4.
- **Memorize:** “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)
- **Remember:** “Nothing is well done without prayer for the simple reason that it leaves God out of the account.” (E.M. Bounds)

JANUARY 11, 18-19 **PRAY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, THAT CHRIST WOULD BE HONoured AND GLORIFIED IN ALL THAT GOES ON AT STONEY CREEK**

- Pray for continued unity, spiritual renewal and growth.
- Pray that we would be a caring, hospitable, and welcoming church family.
- Pray for Spirit-driven pastors-elders, deacons, and ministry leaders.
- Pray for those in our church family that are struggling physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Pray for strong, healthy marriages and families.
- Pray that we as a church family would boldly share the gospel with our neighbours – pray for your friends and neighbours, that the cross would be unveiled to them.
- Pray for the Spirit's leading in all our ministries – that people would come to faith in Christ and be disciplined well.
- Pray for spiritual fruit in all our ministries.
- Pray for our summer children's camps this summer, that children would have eyes opened to the truth of the gospel.
- Ask God to continue to send out labourers into His harvest from SCBC.
- Pray for hope and healing in Christ for those who are grieving.
- Ask for the Spirit's leading as you seek reconciliation with those who have hurt or mistreated you.
- **Read:** Hebrews 10, Acts 2:42-47.
- **Memorize:** "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- **Remember:** "We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all." (Oswald Chambers)

Why 15 Days of Prayer?

Prayer must be fundamental to everything we do. If we aren't praying, we're just spinning our wheels in religious activity. We can do nothing without the power of God working in and through us, which is why we see the early church gathering together often to pray. So, at the beginning of each year, it's our desire to devote dedicated days of prayer to the Lord:

To seek His will and His blessing over this year to come.

Our 15 Days of Prayer will end on January 19th – the anniversary of the prayer meeting that started this church (January 19, 1928).