

Bayside
ORANGE COUNTY

30 DAY
GRAND OPENING
PRAYER GUIDE



DAY 1 - PRAY FOR FREEDOM

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." - Luke 4:18

- ▶ Jesus, you came to set the captives free physically, spiritually and mentally. Help us to continue to bring your freedom and healing to a hurting world by the power of your Spirit.
- ▶ Father, many of your people are struggling just as much as anyone else. Rates for abortion, mental illness, depression, suicide, divorce, and addictions are all high. We want your people to experience the freedom and wholeness you died and rose for so that others will want to know our Jesus.

DAY 2 - PRAY FOR GREATER WORKS

"Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." - John 14:11-14

- ▶ Jesus, thank you that your Word shows us the works you did. You said whoever believes in you would do your works and even greater. Forgive us when we don't believe this or deny that the works you did are for us today.
- ▶ Let us be about your powerful works, not just good human works, so that God is glorified.

DAY 3 - PRAY FOR ABUNDANT GENEROSITY

"And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need." - Acts 4:34-35

- ▶ Lord may your grace be so powerfully at work in us that there would be no needy among us.
- ▶ May we be known as a generous, giving, others-focused church.

DAY 4 - PRAY FOR POWER

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

"...And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms..." - Ephesians 1:19-20

- ▶ Jesus, you have given us an incomparable power by your Spirit that lives within us, the same power that raised you from the dead. Help us to operate in that power.
- ▶ We don't want to just be religious and full of head knowledge. That would be like reading the instructions for a car with a powerful engine, but never putting the key in the ignition to turn it on. We want to experience your power at work through a real relationship.

DAY 5 – PRAY FOR FAVOR

“The God of heaven will give us success. We, his servants, will arise and rebuild!” – Nehemiah 2:20

“And God is able to make all grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him] and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8

- ▶ **Father, Scripture tells us that your grace, or favor, is not just for receiving salvation and going to heaven after we die. It is Christ empowering us to do His work on earth. When we have your favor, doors are opened, connections are made, wisdom is received; your provision, protection and power are given. Thank you.**
- ▶ **May your favor, your empowering grace, rest upon us to do your will. Your resources for us are endless. May we serve from your abundance, Lord**

DAY 6 – PRAY IN FAITH

“Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” – Matthew 21:21-22

“Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” – John 11:40

“Jesus turned and saw her. ‘Take heart, daughter,’ he said, ‘your faith has healed you.’ And the woman was healed at that moment.” – Matthew 9:22

- ▶ **Lord, give us this kind of faith to believe that when our prayers align with your Word and will, you will answer.**
- ▶ **May we live in great expectancy of your answers.**

DAY 7 – PRAY IN REPENTANCE

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.” – 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

- ▶ **God, may we humbly seek you in prayer.**
- 2. **May we live a repentant life and turn from our sinful, self-centered ways so you will be attentive to our prayers and bring healing.**

DAY 8 – PRAY FOR GOD’S GOOD GIFTS

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” – Matthew 7:7-11

- ▶ **Thank you, Father, that when we seek and knock we find entrance into your presence, and you hear and respond to our prayers with good gifts.**
- ▶ **May we keep seeking and knocking. Use us to bring your good gifts to others.**

DAY 9 – PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” – Hebrews 4:16

- ▶ Jesus, thank you for tearing the veil that separated us from God. Thank you that we can approach our Father with confidence.
- ▶ Let us visit His throne of grace often to receive empowering and equipping for all that we need.

DAY 10 – PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL FRUIT

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” – John 15:16

- ▶ Jesus, thank you for choosing us and appointing us to bear fruit that will last. Show us what fruit you want us to bear and how to bear it.
- ▶ Thank you that as we seek to bear that fruit, you will answer our prayers in your name.

DAY 11 – PRAY WITH FASTING

After Daniel and his friends fasted, Scripture says, “To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.” – Daniel 1:17

When Jesus’ disciples couldn’t drive the mute spirit out of the boy, Jesus said to them, “This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting.” – Mark 9:29

- ▶ Jesus, help us to live a lifestyle of prayer and various types of fasting for an increase in wisdom, revelation and breakthroughs.
- ▶ Help us to experience breakthroughs in our circumstances and in salvation, healing and deliverance for those for whom we are praying. You are the God of breakthroughs. Thank you, Father.

DAY 12 – PRAY FOR GODLY INSIGHT

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” – Jeremiah 33:3

“These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” – 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.” – John 16:13

- ▶ Father, we long to know your heart and your thoughts. Thank you that you long to share them with us and thank you for your Spirit who helps reveal them to us.
- ▶ May we seek you often and find the unsearchable things we do not know, the deep things of your heart and the truth that we need.

DAY 13 – PRAY WITH AUTHORITY

"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." – Luke 10:19

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" – Matthew 28:18, 20

- ▶ Thank you, Jesus, that you and your authority are always with us by your Holy Spirit that is in us.
- ▶ Don't let us waste that authority. Help us to use it wisely and powerfully to overcome all the power of the enemy.

DAY 14 – PRAY FOR PURPOSE

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:10

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." – Psalm 139:16

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

- ▶ Thank you, Father, that you have good plans and purposes for us. You created us for specific good works. You have even recorded these things in your book. Help us to live out those pages so they will be true stories, not fiction.
- ▶ Help us to disciple others (teach them to follow you, as we follow you) into their godly purposes that they might live in joy and great satisfaction.

DAY 15 – PRAY BIG

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." – Ephesians 3:20

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." – Philippians 4:13

- ▶ Father, help us to pray BIG knowing that we cannot even fathom what you are able to do for us.
- ▶ And even more amazing is that you choose to do the unimaginable through us as your resurrection, miracle-working power works in and through us! Help us to understand this and operate in your strength and power today.

DAY 16 – PRAY WITH THE TRINITY

The Father who "knows what we need before we ask." – Matthew 6:8

The Son "who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." – Romans 8:34

The Holy Spirit who "intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." – Romans 8:27

- ▶ Father, thank you that you know what we need and long to give it to us. Thank you that Jesus and your Holy Spirit are praying in alignment with your will for us. How can we fail with such powerful intercession on our behalf? Praise you!
- ▶ Help us to align with the prayers of Jesus and your Spirit.

DAY 17 - PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL EYES

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."
- Ephesians 1:17-20

- ▶ **Father, we want to know you better. We want to see fully with our spiritual eyes the hope, the riches of our inheritance, and the incomparably great power we have in Jesus. Thank you for what Jesus achieved for us that we never could. We receive it!**
- ▶ **We ask that others would see this in us and desire to have a relationship with you.**

DAY 18 - PRAY FOR OBEDIENCE

"Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.'" - John 14:23-24

"This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome." - 1 John 5:2-3

- ▶ **Father, we show our love to you and others through obedience to Your Word. May we know your Word, so we know what to obey.**
- ▶ **Would your Holy Spirit help us to obey it, and by doing so, love you and those you put in our path as well. May we be known for our love as a result of our obedience.**

DAY 19 - PRAY FOR TRUTH

"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" - John 8:31-32

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." - John 17:17

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ." - Ephesians 4:14-16

- ▶ **Father, there is no law, politician or program that can change the human heart. Only your Truth can make us more like Jesus and set us free.**
- ▶ **Give us a strong gift of faith in the truth of your Word so we can be changed into your likeness and not be deceived by the world.**
- ▶ **Give us a correct understanding of what it means to speak the truth in love. So many in the church think it's to never say anything that will offend someone, but your Truth can be offensive to those who are not living by it and are perishing. May we not "love" them into destruction. Don't let us ignore or skip over any part of your truth. Speaking your Truth is love and pointing others to the One who is The Truth and came in love is how they will be set free.**

DAY 20 - PRAY CONTINUALLY

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." - Ephesians 6:18

*"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."
- Luke 18:21*

- ▶ **Father, help us to be people who are continually communing with you in prayer, that you would call us a "house of prayer."**
- ▶ **May this church be known as people who accomplish much for the glory of God because of the time we spend in your presence in prayer.**

DAY 21 – PRAY FOR BOLDNESS

“Now, Lord...enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.” – Acts 4:29-31

- ▶ **Lord, enable us to speak your Word with great boldness.**
- ▶ **Fill us with your Spirit so that your power would be evident and accompany your Word as we speak it.**

DAY 22 – PRAY FOR A GOSPEL WITH POWER

“I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.” – Romans 15:18-19

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” – Romans 1:16

- ▶ **Lord, your power was what convinced people that the gospel message was from you. May we not preach a gospel that is devoid of your power.**
- ▶ **When your Holy Spirit came in power and your gospel message went out, many believed in Jesus and were added to the family of God. Help us to proclaim your good news with power so that many would receive Jesus as their Savior.**

DAY 23 – PRAY TO BE DISCIPLE MAKERS

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” – Matthew 28:19

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.” – John 8:31

- ▶ **Jesus, help us to be true disciple makers that teach believers to obey everything you commanded.**
- ▶ **Lord, this is hard when even in the church there are those that are ignoring your Word or choosing the parts they want to follow. But Jesus, you said we were to live by every word that came from the mouth of God. So help us to stand strong on the whole Word of God.**

DAY 24 – PRAY IN HIS NAME

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit— fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” – John 15:16

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” – John 14:13-14

- ▶ **Jesus, it is like you have given us the power of attorney to do your will here on earth. When we pray in your name while continuing to do your work, you promise that God will answer. Thank you for that assurance.**
- ▶ **Father, if we are not seeing your answers, help us to discern if it's because we are not doing Jesus's work, if we have perhaps created our own agenda and works in place of yours. Lead us always back to you.**

DAY 25 – PRAY IN HIS WILL

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” – 1 John 5:14-15

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.” – Romans 8:26-27

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- ▶ Thank you God that you have given us your Word, the one place we know for sure that it is your will. Thank you for your Spirit who helps us pray and know your will.
- ▶ Help us to pray more effectively and powerfully by praying with Scripture and praying in the Spirit. Help us to do your will through your Word: to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances.

DAY 26 – PRAY FOR THE FEAR OF THE LORD

“Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.” – Acts 9:31

“Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” – Psalm 34:11

“Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him.” – Psalm 128:1

“But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.” – Psalm 33:18

- ▶ Father there are so many blessings and benefits for those who revere you. May we be a church that is in awe of you, is strengthened, encouraged and increasing in numbers.
- ▶ May our reverence and obedience bring your favor, your presence, your empowerment and your protection.
- ▶ Your Word says that the fear of the Lord must be taught, so may we be a church that teaches your people what it means and learns it ourselves.

DAY 27 – PRAY FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS

“Obey your [spiritual] leaders and submit to them [recognizing their authority over you], for they are keeping watch over your souls and continually guarding your spiritual welfare as those who will give an account [of their stewardship of you]. Let them do this with joy and not with grief and groans, for this would be of no benefit to you.” – Hebrews 13:17

“But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone’s life, that person’s life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.” – Ezekiel 33:6

- ▶ Father, help your spiritual leaders watch over our souls well as they will have to give you an account for our spiritual welfare. Help them to see the importance of warning us about the damage and destruction that comes when we disobey your Word.
- ▶ As they do this, help us to submit to them so that they would experience joy as they are faithful to you and this great responsibility.

DAY 28 – PRAY WITH TRANSFORMED MINDS

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” – Romans 12:2

“For who has known the mind and purposes of the Lord, so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes].” – 1 Corinthians 2:16

- ▶ Father, may our minds be transformed and renewed so that we would know your perfect will, that we would operate with the mind of Christ.
- ▶ The Passion Translation says it this way, “Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you” and notes that “we are not to be squeezed into the mold of this world system that is falling apart.” Show us where we are imitating the culture around us rather than imitating Christ.

DAY 29 – PRAY FOR PREACHING WITH POWER

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” – Ephesians 6:19-20

“And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom [using clever rhetoric], but [they were delivered] in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit [operating through me] and of [His] power [stirring the minds of the listeners and persuading them], so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom and rhetoric of men, but on the power of God.” – 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

- ▶ May those who preach and teach be filled with your Spirit and power and declare your good news fearlessly.
- ▶ May their words go out and be received by the power of your Spirit so our faith would be in the power of God, not in human wisdom and words.

DAY 30 – PRAY FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” – Luke 10:13-14

- ▶ Jesus, thank you for how you love children and young people. You always have time for them. May we be the same.
- ▶ Jesus, we can hinder the children from coming to you when we don’t teach them everything your Word says about you or who they are in Christ. May we bring them into the fullness of who you are and who they are in you.

(BONUS)

DAY 31 – PRAY AGAINST THE DEVIL’S SCHEMES

“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” – Ephesians 6:10-12

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

- ▶ Thank you, Jesus, that you have given us your power, your authority, your name and your Word that we can stand against the devil’s schemes and tear down dark strongholds.
- ▶ Help us to fight with your weapons, not the world’s, and to see that people are not our enemy. Help us to discern the enemy’s lies and when he is trying to use people as a weapon against us. And help us to demolish every thought or argument that sets itself up against our God.

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