

21 Days of Prayer

For 2020

Week 2

DAY 8. Phil 4:13 [The Message] Sunday 12th January 2020

I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.

Paul had good days and bad, but the bad days didn't sink him. He knew that God was providing everything that he needed, even when he didn't yet have it. That's why he had joy and peace, even when writing from prison. No circumstance would conquer Him.

PRAYER: Thank you, Father that you know what I need, and will supply at the right time. Thank you for the times when I feel empty, that I have the opportunity to trust you. Thank you for the times when I have much and can share with those who don't have. Thank you that I am complete in you.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Hunter: June; Jacob: Mohan & Jeenu; Julia and Elisa; Jerome: Wilondja & Kabo; Kashindi, Simo and Pesi; Juster: Peter & Pamela

MINISTRIES: Sunday School: Superintendent, Lyndell; more teachers and helpers.

DAY 9. Isaiah 43: 19 Monday 13th January 2020

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

When we look ahead in life for what to do, we usually look back to the past to see what we have done before. We are taking our ideas from a limited pool. We might make a few changes, but we have the same thing in a different colour. The Lord

speaks of a new thing. He is the Creator, who made the world with its vast array of life, where not one fingerprint or snowflake is the same. His solutions are like a road in the wilderness, and a river in the desert, bringing life.

PRAYER: Father God, let your creative, life-giving thoughts shape the year before me. Show me the new things that you want to do to bless others and reveal yourself.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Kashindi: Mawazo; Shukuru and Salehe; Kennedy: Darren & Tierney; Rohan, Jared and Inara; Kibukila/Lumande: Kibukila & Eliza; Apendeki, Sangani, Lumande, Kashindi and Ivoni

MINISTRIES: Sunshine Gang: Pam & Peter, June, Rae & Jim

DAY 10. Amos 9:14-15

Tuesday 14th January 2020

I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God.

The Lord brought Israel back to their land, several times. The most recent was May 14, 1948, when they were declared a nation once again, by U.S. President Harry S. Truman. So Israel stands as a testimony today that God keeps his promises. He will not fail you when you put your trust in Him.

PRAYER: Thank you God, that you keep your promises, even when they can seem impossible. I trust in You to fulfil your promises to me, as I remain true to your Word.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Kim: Sean & Anna; Minjae; Klatt: Brian; Leong: Andrew & Pam; Christopher, David and Susan; Littlewood: Daniel

MINISTRIES: Life Cells: new groups & members; regular and consistent in attendance

DAY 11. 1 Samuel 30:6b

Wednesday 15th January 2020

"... but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

David was in trouble. When David was on the run from King Saul, he pretended to be on the side of an enemy king, but was rejected and sent home, only to find all their families had been taken in a raid by another enemy. If that wasn't bad enough, some of his own men wanted to stone him. Where could he turn? He turned to the Lord, and made the decision to trust God. That turned the day and they gained strength to rescue their families by God's help.

PRAYER: Father, in spite of the difficult challenges that I face right now, when so much seems against me, I thank you that you are not. I turn to you and will trust you today.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Lobley: Judith; Lund: Natalie; Martin: Jared & Samantha; Gabriel and Ezekiel;
Matthews: Brian & Vicki; Emily, Aidan and Gemma

MINISTRIES: Kingsley College & Kingsley Community Training: students studying Wesleyan Theology this semester

DAY 12. Psalms 46:1-3

Thursday 16th January 2020

¹ *God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.*

² *So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.*

³ *Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!*

This was a song written for the Jewish people to sing when life got difficult, to remind them that the Lord was always there to help them. Whatever you face, the Lord wants to help you to discover His wisdom and strength that will be more than enough.

PRAYER: For the unknown and unforeseen, thank you, Lord that you are sufficient and You are ready to help. When those times come, remind me to trust in You.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Matthews: Gordon & Cheryl; Mialano: Furaha; Undji Enoch; Mialano: Martha; Chantal, Andre and Bernadette; Millican: Mickee

MINISTRIES: Church Office: Kay Nicol and Church Property: Ashley Nuttall

DAY 13. Psalm 127: 1-2

Friday 17th January 2020

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. ² In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves.

We can spend a lot of time, money and lose a lot of sleep trying to be safe and prevent bad things from happening, but the reality is that only the Lord can protect us from these things. The Lord wants us to depend on Him, rather than systems that will ultimately fail and disappoint, because He won't!

PRAYER: Lord, show me if I am trying to build my own house, and how to let you build my house/life. I want to know, today, the peace that comes trusting you.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Mohotti: Srikanthie; Morcom: Jim & Anne; Morgan/Brockbank; Barry & Joy; Mulanda: Selemani & Tobongye; Agnes, Masimango, Banabake, Andre, Juliette, Joseph and Emmanuel

MINISTRIES: Weekly Worship, Chris Leong and Worship Teams in church

DAY 14. Matthew 11:28-30

Saturday 18th January 2020

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

We all get tired. Even holidays can make us tired. Good things can make us tired. Surprisingly, it is not inactivity that refreshes us, but being connected with Christ in a yoke – that lets him direct us. We don't have to be worn out by the responsibilities of life, trying to make everything happen and succeed, when He is in charge of our lives.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I give you the concerns that weigh me down

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Muscat: Judith & Morris; Mwinyi/Kosgie: Shabani & Bene; Anifa; Nicol: Geoff & Kay; Nathanael; Nicol: Julie-Marree

MINISTRIES: Weekly 2pm Swahili Service

DAY 15. Isaiah 43:1

Sunday 19th January 2020

But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

A new year lies before you. The challenges can be overwhelming. This is the time to remember that God has a plan for you: first, He created you, so He knows what you are capable of and what will be good for you. He also knows your limits, so He will allow things to stretch you, but not break you. He has already invested so much in you, so He won't give up on you either.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you that you know me personally and have good plans for my life. Help me to trust you with your leading and timing for what lies ahead.

CHURCH FAMILIES:

Pray for Mickee and the family and pastor Ken Rutherford with Frank's funeral today. Nuttall: Ashley; Ethan; Bethany, Alyssa, Lillian and Jeremiah; Nwankwo: Maxwell & Cynthia; Isabella, Melanie and Angel; Orzani: Steve & Jeanine

MINISTRIES: Weekly 3pm Ayr Service