

# **RESET 2021**

## ***21 Days of Prayer and Fasting***

### ***Week Three***

#### **Monday, Jan. 18: *Expect God to Answer***

Are you expecting the works of God to be displayed in our nation? Then take your place now in prayer; for it is prayer that will produce the spiritual awakening our nation so desperately needs. God is moving and America will be saved if God's people who are called by His name will seek first His righteousness and pray in the light of His Word.

***"Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you My message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.***

Jeremiah

18:2-4

R.C. Sproul wrote, "The Spirit brings order out of chaos and beauty out of ugliness. He can transform a sin-blistered man into a paragon of virtue. The Spirit changes people. The Author of life is also the Transformer of life."

This year, The United States of America will celebrate 255 years of American history. Thank God for the foundation of "liberty and justice for all" that our nation was built on!

Pray that America would remain a place of freedom and justice for the oppressed, and that the American people would turn to God our Father in times of plenty as well as in times of need.

You see, the potter must remake his vessels when there is a flaw in the clay that will cause it to crack later or when the color smears and he cannot get it to blend perfectly. He knows his craft and he knows when to take it down from his wheel and start all over to remake it into a fine vessel that will appeal to customers and serve the one who buys it.

In the same way, God knows us intimately - He did create us, after all - and knows how to shape us into who He created us to be. He uses different ways - often tests and trials - to make us more like Jesus.

The process is lengthy and often painful, but we will be amazed by God's handiwork in the long run if we simply submit to His loving hand.

#### PRAYER:

*Father, sometimes I get scared. I feel unable to meet the challenges in front of me. Help me remember that You are working in and through me. Father God, I realize that it is better to obey You than man. As we face the days ahead of us — when laws passed by high courts may conflict with the law of God — give us the courage to stick by Your law and do what You say. This will take great strength of will, so I ask You, Holy Spirit, to give me the inward fortitude to do what is right, regardless of what the world around me says. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen!*

## Tuesday, Jan. 19: *Right Now Faith*

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

Hebrews 11:1

Aboard a ship that was sinking, a woman stood with her blind husband as she grasped for the rescue boat. But an officer pushed the man toward the back of the line, yelling, "Women and children only in these boats!" The wife pleaded with him, explaining that he was blind and that she wouldn't get on the boat if her husband couldn't go with her. The officer then waved them both onto the rescue boat.

The man's hope was in his wife whom he could not see, but he trusted her in faith because he knew her and knew the love she had for him. In the same way, we cannot see God here on earth, but we can hope in what we cannot see because of the promises that He has made to us in His Word.

### PRAYER:

*Father, I can't see You, but I know You're real and at work in my life. I ask You to teach me when to step aside so that You can step in to do what I cannot do. Help me to speak the right words, to say those words with the right attitude, and to speak them under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. But also help me to know when words are not enough. Help me stay sensitive to You and to be bold to allow You to move through me in supernatural ways to confirm that the message is accurate and true. Thank You for the reassurance of Your presence and love. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen!*

## Wednesday, Jan. 20: *The Threshold of Breakthrough*

When you're on the brink of a breakthrough — that's often when the devil attacks to try to stop you."

*So He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" After He got up, He rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became absolutely calm.*  
Matthew 8:26

Many of Jesus' disciples were fisherman, and they knew from experience that the Sea of Galilee was notorious for its sudden storms. The squall recorded in Matthew 8:23–27 was especially furious. As the high winds whipped up the sea into disturbing waves, the disciples grew frightened and they panicked.

While all this was happening, Jesus was sleeping calmly in the back of the boat. The disciples finally had to wake Him because they were certain they were about to drown! Jesus woke up calmly and told the storm to be still. And it obeyed Him. He then looked at His disciples and asked why they had such little faith! They were simply speechless. What did Jesus know that they didn't know? Ultimately, He understood the true worst-case scenarios in life are death and an eternity without God. He also knew that His work on the cross would deliver us from these worst-case scenarios. Anything else life throws at us is a snap compared to these. No wonder He was at peace. And that's exactly how we can experience peace in the midst of storms.

### PRAYER:

*Father, I pray that the knowledge of Your eternal love and protection will so pervade my heart that I can walk through life's storms with confidence in You. I thank You that the Word of God thoroughly furnishes me to rise above the trials of this hour. There is no doubt that turbulent waters are in front of us, but the Word of God makes me well-equipped and outfitted to sail through the densest darkness and to sail across the greatest storms. Without Your Word, I am ill-equipped to travel long distances or to survive strong storms, but with Your Word working in my life, I have all the spiritual gear I need to make it all the way to my ultimate destination. Thank You for giving me Your Word — In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen!*

## Thursday, Jan. 21: Your Heart's Desire

***Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.*** Psalm 37:4

“They who love God with all their hearts, find that His ways are ways of pleasantness, and all His paths are peace. Such joys, such brimful delights, such overflowing blessedness, do the saints discover in their Lord.” C. H. Spurgeon

If you are a parent, then you are familiar with the innate desire to give gifts to your children, things that will make them happy. In fact, you may even have to check your impulse to spoil them. As our Heavenly Father, God too enjoys giving His children gifts. In Matthew 7:11, Jesus says, ***"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!"***

Of course not every prayer will be answered the way we expect or want. God won't give us what is not in our ultimate best interest, and He won't give us what would distract us from Him. But He does desire us to live joyfully. And that knowledge should inspire us to pray boldly—and to rejoice that we have such a wonderful God.

A splinter in your thumb may be a small thing, but there is nothing too small when it concerns your child because if it affects him, it affects you too. Now, no matter how old you are today, you are still God's child, so don't think that your problem is too small for God. If it is important to you, it is important to your Father too. Always remember that He is your Abba, Father!

### PRAYER:

*Father, in Jesus' Name, thank You for working in my heart. I delight in You. Lord, I thank You that I am not a spiritual orphan in this world. You didn't abandon me or leave me to figure out everything on my own. You sent the Holy Spirit to be my Teacher and Guide. So right now I open my heart wide to the Holy Spirit, so He can be the Helper You sent Him to be in my life. I give You thanks for sending this divine Helper, and I ask You to teach me how to lean upon Him more and more in the course of my life. And thank You for the gifts You give. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen!*

## Friday, Jan. 22: Take Joy In Who You Are

*He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will.*

Ephesians 1:4–5

Helen Keller once said: “Resolve to keep happy and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”

Someone may think he or she can put you in your place with a sarcastic slam in your direction, a joke at your expense, an unfair criticism, or some other form of putdown. But no one can make you feel bad about yourself if you march into life with an unconquerable joy; a joy that looks in the face of hardship and opposition and smiles.

Where does that joy come from? How can you develop that inner peace and confidence that doesn't allow the pettiness of life to rob you of joy? Simple. It's coming to the point in life that you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the one opinion that really matters - the only opinion that really matters - is what your Heavenly Father thinks of you. Since He loves you so much, you have much to be joyful for!

### PRAYER:

*Father, I walk in joy today, knowing You know me best and love me most. Thank You for the example of faithful endurance Jesus displayed when He suffered the pain and the shame of the Cross for me. Jesus kept His eyes fixed on the joy set before Him, knowing He would occupy His seat at the right hand of the Father reserved for Him once His victory was complete. When You raised Jesus from the dead, Father, You raised me up also to be seated in Him. Lord Jesus, I worship You, and I fasten a steady gaze on You so that I will finish my course with joy to the glory of God! In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen!*

## ***Saturday, Jan. 23: It's Time to Stand***

***Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you.*** Jeremiah 1:17

From the words of theologian John Wycliffe “The gospel alone is sufficient to rule the lives of Christians everywhere. Any additional rules made to govern men's conduct added nothing to the perfection already found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Eric Liddell, known as the "Flying Scotsman," was an Olympic runner—and a minister of the gospel. He took a strong stand when he refused to compete in a race because the meet was held on a Sunday. Rather than running, Eric was at church preaching as the games continued without him. He was faithful to what he knew was God's will in his life.

Since that day in 1924 his testimony has ministered to thousands of people, young and old, as they have struggled to determine the right thing to do in similar circumstances to those Eric faced. Eric later went on to be the winner of the 400 meter race at the 1924 Summer Olympics held in Paris—he chose to honor God with his decisions, and he was blessed with success. His passion for running was evident, but his love and commitment to Christ, who gave him the ability to run, was foremost in his heart and mind.

When you know God's will in a specific area of your life, do you obey? Do you receive the blessing He has for you?

**PRAYER:**

Father, I am not always quick to obey. Help me to see the wisdom and experience the riches of living for You! In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen.

## Sunday, Jan. 24: Keep the Conversation Going

*The LORD says, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24*

“We should speak to God from our own hearts and talk to Him as a child talks to his father.” Charles H. Spurgeon

Words are not the only way to talk to God. Tears, sighs, and even silence can communicate with your Heavenly Father in the same way that a look on your face can communicate what you're feeling to a friend. Those who know you well can understand what runs even deeper than words, just by being in your presence.

The Creator of the universe is always in your presence—although that's easy to forget at times. Even though He knows your every thought, prayer reminds you that God is near. It prompts you to include Him in every aspect of your day, in even the little details.

When you wake up, before you fall asleep, whether you're feeling fearful or joyful...anytime is the right time to talk to God.

### PRAYER:

*Father, Thank You that You are always with me, no matter where I am or what I am doing. Help me to include You in every aspect of my life. Lord, forgive me for the times I get so busy that I neglect my prayer life. I really want this inconsistency in my life to be broken; I want my prayer life to get stronger and more stable. I realize that when I don't spend time alone with You, I make it difficult for You to tell me what You want me to know. Inconsistency is a work of the flesh, so I am asking You to help me break this pattern and learn how to make prayer one of the most important pillars of my life. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen!*