

21 Days of Prayer for the
Next Generation

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FORWARD AND INVITATION

OVER 3,000 YEARS AGO, a shepherd boy who had become king of a nation proclaimed, “*One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts*” (Psalm 145:4). Over 2,000 years ago, a descendant of David, who is the King of Kings and humbly entered into human history, called twelve young adults saying, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men,” (Matthew 4:19), and “You will see greater things than these...Truly truly I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man” (John 1:51).

You and I are here today, and you are holding this book because of the Father’s faithfulness displayed through the generations. St. John Chrysostom once declared, “Let everything take second place to our care of our children, our bringing them up to the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” We stand on the shoulders of preceding generations and carry the sacred privilege and responsibility to follow Jesus and “commend His work” to the next generation.

21 Days of Prayer for the Next Generation is a resource designed to equip you not only in how to pray, but also to encourage lifelong engagement with the next generation, so that we may continue to join the Lord’s work in building His multi-generational Church. While some specifics are mentioned for our current younger gener-

ations (such as Gen Z and Gen Alpha), we believe the principles discussed will apply to many generations to come. The Lord has compiled a wonderful constellation of multigenerational authors to guide you over the next 21 days in Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer for the next generation. After taking the time to slowly read through the Bible-based devotional, you are invited to pray along with the author of the chapter by accessing our library of audio prayers. Additionally, an appendix provides a worship-based prayer guide to help you pray more deeply as an individual, in a small group, or within your church.

Thank you for your willingness to invest the next 21 days in prayer for the next generation. We believe that your prayers will be seeds sown in the soil in the lives of students, young adults, and children that will bear lasting and God-glorifying fruit, “*that the next generation might know them [the glorious deeds of the Lord], the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God*” (Psalm 78:4, 6).

INTRODUCTION

WHY WE MUST FOCUS ON THE NEXT GENERATION

I REMEMBER LEARNING FROM a young age what is often titled “The Lord’s Prayer.” I used to recite it religiously on a daily basis. I even have tender memories of praying it with my dad at nighttime before going to bed, or whispering it under my breath while riding the bus to school. Yet when I was a young adult, the paradigm of my understanding of the Lord’s Prayer was awakened. Rather than simply reciting it from time to time, it began to revolutionize my relationship with Jesus as it provided a rhythm of how to pray in the very same way Jesus did. It is indeed the foundational model of what we call Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer. If that concept is new to you, this book will be a great introduction and guide!

Alongside reshaping the way I pray, the four rhythms of the Lord’s Prayer have also greatly influenced why I believe we must focus on the next generation. Take a moment and slowly read Matthew’s account of Jesus’ model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Notice the personal plural pronouns. This not only emphasizes the priority of a corporate expression of prayer, but also, I believe, an experience of prayer that is multigenerational. From this paradigm, we have not only four movements of worship-based prayer, but also four reasons why we must focus on the next generation.

REASON 1: Looking Upward in Reverence...Because God Commands It!

As we look upward at who God is and how He has made Himself known to us in the Scriptures, we can see clearly what God focuses on. God's commands are a reflection of His character. Simply put, another way to explain why we should care about the next generation is that *God does*. We were all at one time in the category of the "next generation," and we are all here today because of the way others from preceding generations cared about us. In other words, we have all been recipients of the care and focus of older generations.

This is the way God has designed it. The very heart of heaven is multigenerational. God built deep care and focus on the next generation into the DNA of the family. God, as our Father, has adopted us in Christ to belong to a host of other spiritual brothers and sisters. In Christ, we have a familial obligation to care for and focus on discipling our younger siblings.

REASON 2: Looking Downward in Response...Because the Kingdom Depends on It!

How did God bring the kingdom of heaven to earth? He sent His beloved Son, Jesus, to build His church with a small bunch of ragamuffin young adults. In fact, Jesus Himself would be considered what we call today a next-generation leader. As He began his public ministry around the age of 30, we could even call him our Millennial Messiah!

It's interesting to note the age of the disciples that Jesus selected. His selection wasn't arbitrary, but divinely intentional. There's a lot of evidence that would lead us to conclude that Jesus' disciples were what we would categorize as "young adults."

First, most disciples were younger than their Rabbi, which would put the rest of the disciples at an age younger than 30. Secondly, in Jewish culture, a young man's discipleship training under a rabbi would usually begin between the ages of 13 and 15. If this pattern were consistent with the followers of Jesus, some of them may have joined Jesus as early as age 13 and would have still been teenagers at the time of His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Now, to be sure, God does not need anyone to accomplish His purposes. While He doesn't need us, He *wants* us. God, in His wisdom, set up life in a way that He gets more glory by involving us in the process of fulfilling His purposes. The same is true in the church today. The next generation doesn't just contain future leaders of the church; it also contains present leaders in the church. We must involve them in the church now to equip them for future leadership, and this is crucial because the kingdom depends on it.

REASON 3: Looking Inward...Because They Need It!

The statistics are sobering. According to a recent national study conducted by the Barna Research Group, only 10% of Christian twentysomethings have what they would call "resilient faith." Yet, as a millennial myself who has had the privilege of working and ministering closely with other millennials and Gen Z'ers, I can tell you they long for meaningful multigenerational connections. What better place to meet that need than through the local church?

One of the aspects I love most about the next generation is that they dream and believe big. Sometimes they can be a little overly idealistic, but it's inspiring! However, the next generation needs mentors to apply wisdom to their idealism. They also need models of worship that are a lifestyle and not just an event. Jesus didn't say

to His disciples, “Come and listen to me,” He said, “Follow me.” You and I have a unique opportunity to invite a younger generation to follow us, as we follow Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:1).

REASON 4: Looking Outward...Because There's a Battle Waging For It!

A sobering reality is that there's someone else who's focused on the next generation as well, and his name is Satan. He is always seeking to thwart God's purposes, and one of his tactics is to inflict us with a generational myopia where we are consumed by self-focus. God's kingdom and church are beautifully diverse, and one of the expressions of that diversity is that of being multigenerational. Yet Satan seeks to silo the church in its neat and comfortable compartments. Satan wants to segregate, but the Holy Spirit wants to integrate.

So there's a battle waging...

The enemy is focused on the next generation and has schemes to steal, kill, and destroy. The next generation is literally clicking and scrolling their way into inclining rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide. The enemy has launched an onslaught of distraction, comparison, and compromise to the coming generation.

But Jesus has a plan, and a better one, too. I believe Jesus is raising up a remnant among the next generation who will be a part of ushering in spiritual awakening and revival in our land. You and I have an integral part to play as God calls, equips, empowers, and releases praying disciples and pastors with a laser-like focus and commitment to seek first the Kingdom of God above all else. This is not about hype or emotionalism; rather, I see a holy and humble hunger for the Lord in this next generation, and we can partner with Jesus in helping raise them up!

In fact, this is what Strategic Renewal is all about—equipping 6:4 pastors committed to prayer and word-powered ministry, encouraging 6:3 disciples marked by good reputation who are filled with the Spirit and wisdom, and who together are envisioning an awakening like we see in Acts 6:7. These next 21 days are designed to help you not only begin to notice and pray for the young people in your home, church, and community, but also to watch as the Lord opens up new opportunities to encourage, equip, and empower them toward their God-given purpose.

CHAPTER 1

**SPIRITUAL FATHERS, MOTHERS,
AND GRANDPARENTS**

Thai Lam

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. (Psalm 145:3–7 ESV)

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:7–8 ESV)

As a father of three teenagers, I am constantly challenged by how my kids have a front-row seat as I talk about following Jesus and then endeavor to walk out my Christian faith daily. For better or worse, my kids witness the good examples, the bad habits, the godly moments, the leadership shortfalls, and the humbling apologies. But all in all, my hope is that as they hear my words and watch

my life over the years and decades, they would see the goodness of God in a broken-but-redeemed man, who is clinging to Jesus and growing in a Godward life.

The same realities exist in the life of the church. Young disciples are watching the generations before them—how they love and trust God, how they treat strangers and family, what’s most important in their lives, and so much more. These older and more seasoned saints have the opportunity to become spiritual mothers and fathers to the next generation if they would turn their hearts and open their lives to young people in their midst and testify of God’s character, His ways, and His works as they have witnessed. Then, the next generation would have the chance to consider the outcome of the older generation’s way of life and potentially imitate their faith.

For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. (1 Corinthians 4:15–16 ESV)

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:1–2 ESV)

Today, young disciples have access to countless Christian podcasts, YouTube sermons and Sunday morning teachings that can be helpful tutors for their faith. But that is not the same as journeying with and being discipled by spiritual fathers and mothers in the faith.

Paul tells us that though we as believers can have many impactful teachers, we do not and cannot have many spiritual mothers and fathers. In a local church context, pastors may have many congregants that attend weekly, but they can only have a limited number of leaders that they are mentoring and investing in deeply.

Jesus taught crowds, ministered to individuals, and disciplined twelve. If the Son of God had many followers but only twelve disciples, what does that say to us today? As much as we may desire to have greater Kingdom impact by reaching bigger crowds and more people, Jesus' leadership was different—He spent the minority of His time with the many and the majority of His time investing in a few. We, too, need to prioritize being spiritual fathers and mothers who are sowing into a few hungry, young disciples who in turn are maturing and growing into disciple makers. The next generation needs accessible and engaged spiritual fathers and mothers!

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction. (Malachi 4:5–6 ESV)

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared. (Luke 1:16-17 ESV)

In the last two verses of the Old Testament, the prophet Malachi prophesies about John the Baptist's forerunner ministry and warns us of the potential of judgment if the hearts of the older generation are not turned to the younger generation and the hearts of the young are not turned to the old. Additionally, the Gospel of Luke further highlights that John the Baptist would be used by the Lord to turn the hearts of fathers and mothers to sons and daughters as well as the "disobedient to the wisdom of the just" so that their generation would be prepared for the Lord's coming.

Today, there are more than 250 million college students on over 30,000 college campuses worldwide. What if pastors and churches globally were to turn their hearts in prayer towards thousands of students on college campuses down the street from their congregations? What if spiritual fathers and mothers were to turn their hearts and intercede for revival amongst sons and daughters in their communities, for the disobedient to turn to the wisdom of the just? And what if the older generation united in prayer with the younger generation for revival and spiritual awakening in their campuses, cities, and nation? What could God do and how might He respond? Let's find out!

— Pray for God to raise up spiritual mothers, fathers, grandparents, and pastors who would open and turn their hearts in prayer and discipleship towards the next generation.

— Pray for God to lead hungry young disciples to seasoned mothers and fathers who could mentor and invest in them.

— Pray for pastors and churches to gain God's heart and eyes for the thousands of college students who need Jesus on campuses down the street from their congregations.

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CHAPTER 5

DEVELOPING PRAYING LEADERS

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“And he was teaching them and saying to them, ‘Is it not written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?”’” Mark 11:17 (ESV)

Most ministers know how to recruit, train, and release various types of ministry teams—leadership teams, serve teams, small group leaders, mission teams, worship teams, even coffee teams. In fact, if a leader cannot build and release teams, their ability to extend the Gospel’s impact will be severely limited.

But here is a vital question to reflect on: Am I training and raising up teams of prayer leaders, in addition to all the others I equip?

If not, why is that?

The 19th-century prayer leader E.M. Bounds once wrote:

“Where are the Christlike leaders who can teach the modern saints how to pray? Do our leaders know we are raising up a prayerless set of saints? Let them (the leaders) come to the front and do the work, and it will be the greatest work that can be done.”

God's Highest Purpose For His Church

What would you say is God's highest purpose for your ministry or church? You might answer with:

1. **Matthew 16:13–19** – Confessing that Jesus is Savior.
2. **Matthew 28:18–20** – Making disciples of all nations, baptizing, and teaching.
3. **Acts 1:8** – Being filled with the Spirit and serving as Christ's witnesses.

While each of these is biblical and essential, are they the highest purpose? Remember the verse at the start of this chapter: "*My house shall be called a house of prayer.*"

As David Butts put it in his incredible book on prayer *Forgotten Power*:

"The owner of the house gets to nickname the house, and God has nicknamed His house the House of Prayer."

God could have chosen to call it a house of preaching, worship, evangelism, discipleship, or church planting. But He chose *prayer*. This doesn't diminish the importance of those other functions, but it does highlight something we often miss: much of our leadership training, strategies, and next-generation equipping does not prioritize prayer.

In fact, many of us do everything else long before we dedicate extended time to prayer—or before we intentionally teach others how to pray.

As spiritual parents, brothers, and sisters to the next generation, we cannot neglect the responsibility of developing praying leaders. If we fail to train them in prayer, we unintentionally train them in self-sufficiency and copy-cat ministry models—approaches that rely on human strength rather than the power of Heaven.

How Do We Develop Praying Leaders?

1. **Model Prayer Personally.**

The heart of the leader must be deeply rooted in prayer. Romans 2:21 asks, “*You then who teach others, do you not teach yourself?*” We cannot raise up praying leaders if we ourselves are not convinced that prayer matters.

A prayerless life is the closest a Believer comes to atheism. Without prayer, we are silently declaring that we don’t need God’s help.

So, leader, reorient your daily rhythm around prayer. Serious prayer. Pray in the morning and evening. Pray while driving. When counseling someone over coffee, spend more time seeking God’s wisdom than offering recycled advice filled with cliches. In team meetings, dedicate a significant portion of the time to prayer, not just planning.

2. **Create Rhythms of Prayer For Others Who Follow You.**

What prayer rhythms are you modeling and inviting others into?

- a) In worship gatherings, is prayer just a transition between songs or is it a key element of why you are together?
- b) Could you take five minutes from a service to form prayer huddles around specific needs? Instead of singing a fifth song, maybe you sing four songs and fill that open slot with these prayer circles.
- c) Do you activate prayer teams and prayer altars that encourage genuine intercession during your gatherings?

If someone snuck into the back of the weekly ministry that you lead, what are the odds—in minutes—that they would catch your group praying? I think that number is pretty small for most of us.

What types of weekly, rhythmic prayer groups do you lead and promote? A decade ago, our church had 15 men at an 8am weekly Sunday prayer gathering. Today, 125 men meet weekly—and most are under 23 years old! That didn't just accidentally happen; it took intention, teaching, and invitations over the long haul.

But don't limit prayer to church walls. We need to fall in love with living room prayer meetings again—families, friends, and neighbors coming together to be activated in prayer.

3. **Teach Them That Prayer Is Service.**

Prayer is not only communion with God; it is active service in His Kingdom. When we pray, we intercede for others, call on God's protection, and ask for His wisdom. And more!

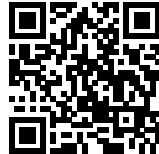
Prayer isn't meant to be some passive, lifeless activity for only a few in the church. No, prayer is meant to be full of zeal, calling upon the Living God in Heaven as we depend upon Him for all of the needs in our lives, for all of the days of our lives.

It has been said before that people of prayer are the rescuers of the Church from its material tendencies. They pour into it the original spiritual forces, lift it off the sandbars of materialism, and press it out into the ocean depths of spiritual power.

Let's do our part. And let's train the next generation to continue in the important work of prayer.

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CHAPTER 9

LONELINESS, DEPRESSION, AND ANXIETY

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WHILE HEAVILY DISTRACTED and overstimulated, young people overlook the ache of loneliness in their hearts. Despite the ache being deep and real, they often turn to busyness or ambition, skipping all the cues for genuine connection, first with God, and second with godly community. Posting something on social media replaces a true reaching out to those around them. And massive gaming stimulation robs their mind of looking further for interaction with the Holy Spirit and the Word, leaving them disillusioned by the actual lack of their efforts and still alone.

As grown adults and leaders, we too are susceptible to the void-covering, empty satisfaction media and other distractions offer us. It may look different for us, but we can relate to the truth that a life-giving connection can't be made through superficial acts and outlets. And that gives us the exact direction and empathy needed to intercede for the hearts of this young generation.

Left unacknowledged and overlooked, the need for connection surpasses loneliness and can lead to depression. Comparison, seeing others' accomplishments or level of influence online, gives an awful—sometimes deafening—sense that others are forging ahead while the observer is left behind. Loneliness is no longer a subtle

burden in their hearts but is leading to depression. Hours of wasted time pass. Days of low energy and little desire slip into weeks. And thoughts of the future are replaced with the raw survival question, “Why do I even need to get out of bed?”

Anxiety creeps in, causing neurological responses of fight, flight, or freeze to surface: the fight to anxiously keep busy, distracted, and stimulated; the defensive flight to move and assume that where they are is the problem; or the imprisoning freeze of second-guessing and crippling uncertainty.

The reality of loneliness may have been, by design, a hunger to push us towards life-giving connection. And the many temptations that seem to offer relief are relatable to the temptations Jesus encountered while alone in the wilderness. It’s not written that Jesus was explicitly lonely or anxious, but after 40 days, Satan chose to tempt Jesus the way he tempts and pursues many in today’s lonely generation.

Matthew 4:1-11 reads: “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God”’. Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone”’. Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test”’. Again, the devil took him to a

very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”’ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.”

Jesus was tempted with food, attention, power, and accomplishments. Had He surrendered to these temptations, He would have been given bread to comfort Him. He would have received incredible fame from those who witnessed His rescue by angels. He would have been given international power. And in the face of it all, Jesus chose the truth of God to overcome. Our prayer for this young generation is that the Holy Spirit would empower them, as they face loneliness, depression, and anxiety, to submit to God and to stand on His truth.

With this in mind, let’s pray that the Holy Spirit’s invitation to draw close to the Lord in their loneliness would be heard by the hearts of our young generation (Rev. 3:20). Pray that their eyes would be opened and their ears would hear His invitation to lean into God’s ever-present love and leadership over their lives (Matt. 13:16-17).

Pray that they would be awakened to the need for in-person community around them. And if there are previous hurts or conflicts, there would be reconciliation between them and their brothers and sisters in Christ (Eph. 4:31-32). Pray that their connections with others would be fruitful in stirring greater hunger and growth in their walk with Christ (Heb. 10:24-25).

Pray that godly counselors and pastors would be able to help disciple and guide our young generation through healing and sup-

port to overcome years of loneliness, depression, and anxiety (Prov. 11:14,12:18). Pray for freedom to grow into their purpose and callings (1 John 5:4).

Pray that wisdom and truth would be on their lips as they step closer to the leadership that awaits them (Romans 12:6-8). As they become the next generation of pastors, missionaries, marketplace leaders, and especially mothers and fathers, may we pray that their impact and influence will further the generation after them into greater freedom and faith in Jesus Christ.

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CHAPTER 13

COURAGEOUS FAITH IN CRISIS AND SUFFERING

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“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:6–7).

What is the earliest moment you remember? When you think back to your first few years of life, can you picture the face of a family member smiling down on you, the way the sky looked from your stroller, or the bright lights of a particular room? Maybe it was a darker moment that imprinted itself on your heart and mind from an early age, a jarring image or sound that shook your memory awake.

I remember being three years old, pulling on blue gloves and a gown, and visiting my newborn twin brothers, who were wrapped in wires in the NICU. It wasn't until decades later, when I began undergoing medical treatment as a teenager and then began working as a hospital teacher in a pediatric unit, that I realized how suffering had framed my whole life.

We think we can protect younger generations from painful moments. We try to keep childhood unmarked by sorrow, but the reality is that by the time young people reach adulthood, many are carrying the weight of family conflict, the implications of diagnoses, the uncertainty of global crises they don't understand, and other difficult situations.

The next generation's faith is being forged in real time, as they encounter sin and suffering from their own front-row seat. They face the temptation to rewrite their beliefs about God based on how they view any given situation. They see bad things happen and assume that God can't be good. When life feels unfair, they assume God must be as well. They explicitly ask the same questions many of us do in the midst of suffering: *Why is this happening? Where is God? If He allows all of this to happen, can I really trust Him?*

The answers to those questions matter, and when the younger generation sees the truth of who God is—when they experience His faithfulness, His presence, and His promises—it lays a foundation they're able to fall back on the rest of their lives. Their glimpses of God, knowing He's with them in the fire, helps to ground them in hope, shape their character, and grow faith that will remain when future crises come.

Faith Forged in the Fire

When suffering enters our lives, it's often a painful surprise, but Jesus told His followers to expect it: "In the world you *will* have tribulation," he said (John 16:33, emphasis added). At the same time, He didn't leave them without hope. As He told the disciples, "I have said these things to you, so that in me you may have peace... take heart; I have overcome the world" (v. 33).

This verse helps answer some of the most profound questions that impact our faith during a crisis. *Why does suffering happen?* As believers, we are *in Christ*, but we also still live “in the world” (v. 33). We live in a world system with a real enemy who opposes the message of Jesus, and this side of heaven, we’ll continue to encounter the effects of sin and suffering.

Where is God? He is in the same place that He was when His own Son bore the weight of the world on the cross. He could have left us without a solution to the grief, pain, and crises of our day, but in His sovereignty and kindness, He sent Jesus, who has “overcome the world.” The victory we experience now in part, we’ll one day know in full.

If He allows all of this to happen, can I really trust Him? Where else would we go? Jesus promises, “In me you may have peace.” The Lord is not distant or silent; Jesus has gone before us in suffering so that He may walk with us. Our trust isn’t anchored in the absence of pain, but in Christ alone, who is making all things new.

This perspective is why the Apostle Peter was able to weave joy into his teachings on suffering. In 1 Peter 1:6-7, he reminds believers that trials, while painful, are not meaningless. His encouragement provides a framework for us to pray for the next generation as they face various trials.

Pray for them to:

- Rejoice in the living hope they have in Christ, which is theirs in all circumstances (v. 6).
- Remember trials are temporary and that eternity is nearer than they think (v. 6).

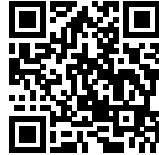
- Be quick to bring their grief to God and to experience His comfort for every hurt (v. 6).
- Own their faith personally and authentically, not merely claiming the beliefs of their parents or peers (v. 7).
- Cling to Christ when their faith is tested, responding with obedience and hope (v. 7).
- See the value of tested faith as more precious than anything the world offers (v. 7).
- Accept suffering as part of God's refining work, which produces perseverance, courage, and Christlike character (v. 7).
- Reflect Jesus in the midst of their pain, allowing their tested faith to result in praise, glory, and honor to His name (v. 7).

It's often through crises and suffering that a young believer moves from knowing *about* Jesus to knowing Him personally. In painful moments, they come to see that while having His gifts is good—gifts like health, comfort, and security—having Him is far, far greater.

May this be a generation whose faith in suffering proves that Jesus is near and that He is enough. As they walk through various trials in the days ahead, may they be found standing with what cannot be destroyed: genuine, courageous faith in Jesus, of greater worth than gold.

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CHAPTER 15

MARKS OF A TRUE MOVE OF GOD— SPIRITUAL OPENNESS AND THE GOSPEL

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“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor” (Romans 12:9-10).

God is moving powerfully in the next generation. Studies show younger generations are the most spiritually open, and we’re seeing the proof of it in the droves of college students filling campus squares, beaches, chapels, and stadiums seeking a genuine encounter with the living God. Yet, despite all of this, many remain skeptical—and often rightly so.

How can we, as Christians, rightly discern a true move of God? That question has echoed across centuries of church history. Each generation faces moments of renewal and revival, and with them, the challenge of discerning the genuine from the artificial. Thankfully, Scripture provides us with a trustworthy rubric.

Romans 12 marks a turning point in Paul’s letter. Following the rich theological truths of the first eleven chapters, Paul pivots to application to reveal what the gospel looks like embodied in

God's people. In Romans 12:9–21, we're ushered into a blueprint for Christian community—a portrait of who God wants us to be and what He desires us to do, especially as we pray for the next generation.

Paul opens with this powerful exhortation: “*Let love be genuine.*” Literally, “Let love be without hypocrisy.” Here is the dividing line between what is real and what is fake. The word Paul uses refers to a love that is sincere, supernatural, and self-giving, without pretense or performance.

The litmus test of genuine Christianity, and every true move of God, is love.

A true move of God will always turn His people from counterfeit love toward genuine love.

The Right Ingredients

At first glance, Romans 12:9–21 can feel like a rapid-fire list of commands, almost a “ragbag” of unrelated instructions. Yet each imperative adds a fresh ingredient to Paul's recipe for genuine love.

I've come to appreciate this through my recent hobby of baking bread. When I was learning to bake, I made all sorts of mistakes—forgetting the leaven, leaving out the oil, or skipping the salt. Each ingredient seemed small, but without them, the loaf never turned out right.

In the same way, Paul lists several “ingredients” of love, many of which are “one another” statements found throughout the New Testament. These commands function like spiritual arteries that carry the life of Christ through His body. And among them, three stand out as key ingredients:

1. Love one another with familial affection.
2. Outdo one another in showing honor.
3. Live in harmony with one another.

Each one moves us deeper into the heart of genuine love, and together, they form the character of a true move of God and a pathway of praying for a genuine move of God in the next generation.

1. A True Move of God Restores the Church to Love One Another with Familial Affection

Here we move from distance to devoted discernment. Like leaven in bread, this ingredient causes all the others to rise. Without it, everything falls flat.

It might seem strange that the command to love genuinely is followed by a command to hate — *“Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.”* But true love is discerning. It’s not blind sentimentality or emotional indulgence. It’s a love so devoted to the beloved that it hates whatever threatens their flourishing. Genuine love refuses to tolerate what destroys.

We live in a time when distance has dulled our discernment. The past several years of pandemic, polarization, and digital detachment have left many of us distant from one another. We’ve criticized, assumed, or ignored each other, rather than loving each other with family-like affection. But you cannot discern from a distance. Love requires proximity, especially with those who differ from us.

Jesus declared that the world would know we are His disciples by our love for one another (John 13:34-35). When the next generation sees this kind of love—not political allegiance, not polished programs, but family-like affection—they will know the gospel is real.

2. **A True Move of God Restores Honor in Our Relationships**

Next, we move from validating our opinions to valuing others above ourselves.

This ingredient is like oil in the bread; it binds everything together into a cohesive whole.

The word *honor* literally means “to assign value.” In our culture, we assign value by price tags and status, but in God’s economy, value is defined by creation and redemption. Every person is made in God’s image and purchased by the blood of Christ. That’s the ultimate price tag of worth.

So how do we “outdo one another” in showing honor, as Paul commands? He gives us a few ways to pray into:

- **By generosity:** “Contribute to the needs of the saints” (Romans 12:13). Love shares life and possessions so that none are left in need.
- **By hospitality:** “Seek to show hospitality.” Generosity cares for those we know; hospitality welcomes those we don’t. It makes space for strangers, and even enemies, to become friends and family.

- **By sympathy:** “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” Love doesn’t stay aloof. It draws near. It suffers and sings in solidarity.

When a generation sees a church that honors rather than devalues, that welcomes rather than excludes, that celebrates others’ victories rather than envies them, then they begin to see Jesus. So may we pray for a renewal of honor among the generations within the Church!

3. A True Move of God Restores Relational Harmony

We move from haughtiness to humility.

This ingredient is like the salt in bread; it’s subtle, yet vital. It preserves freshness and brings flavor. Without humility, love grows stale.

Paul writes, “*Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.*” Harmony and humility are inseparable. To be humble is to know your place in relation to others and to rejoice in your part in God’s divine symphony.

The problem is that we often compare our voices to those of others. We treat the body of Christ like a competition rather than a collaboration. We want to sing lead when only Jesus can carry the melody. The Spirit calls us instead to harmonize, to align our lives with the melody of the gospel.

In a world filled with noise, outrage, and division, spiritual openness begins with humility. It’s the openness to listen

to God and to one another. Romans 12:16 literally reads, “Think the same thing toward one another.” May we pray diligently for the next generation to experience harmony in the Church and to find their voice within the body so that the Church will further become a “house of prayer for the nations” (Mark 11:17).

Participating in a True Move of God

A true move of God, then, is marked not by hype, but by holiness; not by emotion alone, but by transformation; not by crowds, but by compassion. It is repentance from our failure to love and a return to our first love, Jesus.

Beloved, the Christian life is not a hard life to live; it’s an impossible one. These marks cannot be produced by human effort. They are born of the enabling grace of the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

What is impossible with man is always possible with God!

So as we long for a move of God in our day, especially for the next generation, may we seek not just the manifestations of revival, but the marks of love. May we depend on God’s grace to live Romans 12, becoming a people whose genuine love points the world to a genuine Savior.

When love is real, the gospel becomes irresistible. When love is genuine, the next generation sees Jesus.

And that, dear friends, is the truest mark of a move of God.

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CHAPTER 16

GOSPEL BOLDNESS AND WITNESS

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Read Acts 4

The need of the hour for reaching this next generation is not new methods for evangelism but new boldness! Every genuine revival has been marked by bold and broad gospel sowing. As the National Collegiate Director for the North American Mission Board, I have a front-row seat to what God is doing on campuses. The churches and ministries that see the most students come to Christ are those unashamed to proclaim the exclusivity of the gospel and who equip every student to join the front lines of reaching their peers. The best person to reach a student with the gospel is another student!

In Acts 4, Peter boldly declared Jesus as the only way to salvation, even reminding the council that they had killed Him! “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

This generation is flocking to ministries that unflinchingly roar the gospel and teach the hard truths about God’s holiness, sin, hell, and Jesus as the only substitute and narrow way to eternal life. As I preach to thousands of college students each year, the messages that hit hardest are the old-school ones about the urgency of eternity and the exclusivity of Christ. It’s a myth that students don’t care

about eternal realities. I regularly see students huddled in prayer, weeping over the lostness of friends and family. As revival is stirring, the Spirit is producing a supernatural burden for the lost that fuels a boldness God is using in almost unbelievable ways. We're not just seeing individuals saved, we are seeing whole friend groups come to Christ at the same time!

My wife Christy disciplined a college student named Larissa last year through our Good Soil Discipleship School on the North Shore of Oahu. Part of her training included weekly evangelism at the University of Hawaii and daily prayer for B.O.B. (Burden for the lost, Opportunity to witness, and Boldness to share Christ). When Larissa returned to Kennesaw State, God gave her a deep burden for her campus. She gathered a few friends for weekly evangelism and prayer walking, crying out for God to move. In time, they felt led to host a united night of student-led worship and gospel preaching at the outdoor amphitheater in the center of campus. Word spread organically, and hundreds of students showed up! That night, one bold student preached a raw, unfiltered gospel, calling classmates to repent and trust Christ. Many came forward to surrender their lives to Jesus, while others confessed sin and were prayed over. What started with one student's burden sparked a campus-wide move of God. When I think of these students, I'm reminded of Acts 4:13, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus."

The problem is not with the harvest. The harvest is plentiful. The problem is a lack of laborers (Matt. 9:36-38). That means there

are many young people right now who would come to Christ if a laborer loved them, prayed for them, and shared the gospel with them. This is the greatest tragedy I can imagine, that there are more young people willing to hear and respond to the gospel than there are Christians willing to share Christ with them!

Years ago, when I was starting a new college ministry at California State University, Chico, I remember driving to campus to evangelize while battling discouragement. Thoughts ran through my head like, “*You’re just bothering students*” or “*If you share too soon, you’ll push them away.*” In that moment of spiritual warfare, a verse I had memorized flashed into my mind: “And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people’” (Acts 18:9–10). It was as if the Holy Spirit whispered, “*I have many people on this campus. I’m already working in students’ hearts and it’s your job to go find them.*” In that moment, I had a surge of faith and joy when I realized God had already gone before me, preparing students to respond to the gospel. God is already sovereignly at work among young people. We just get the joy of discovering the ripe ones. I call it the divine Easter egg hunt. Our job is to love, pray, and share; God’s job is to draw, convict, and convert.

A few years later, God had blessed our disciple-making efforts with fifty hungry student leaders eager to reach our campus. At our back-to-school retreat, I threw out a challenge, “*What would happen if we shared the gospel with 1,000 students this school year?*” From the back, one of the skater bros shot up his hand and sar-

castically said, “*I think some people would get saved!*” After we all laughed, the simplicity of that truth hit us. We may not have been the brightest at Chico State, but at least we understood that there is a direct connection to how many people you share the gospel with and how many you lead to Christ! After some quick math, we realized that if each of us had just one gospel conversation a week, we could share with 1,000 students. We broke into small groups and turned to Acts 4:29–31, using it as a guide for our prayers. God met us powerfully at that retreat, launching us into the most fruitful year of ministry we had ever experienced. By year’s end, we only hit 600 conversations, but 207 students made decisions to follow Jesus! Almost every day, our private group thread blew up with updates of our students leading their peers to Christ.

A recent study by Barna showed that “two-thirds of Gen Z are highly or moderately spiritually open.”¹ Young people are as open as ever to hearing and responding to the gospel if they’re approached in a sincere and personal way. What they long for isn’t flashy lights and fancy programs; it’s genuine love and personal discipleship.

We’re seeing a nationwide movement of low-pressure, intentional evangelism through what I call “gospel appointments,” which is simply a set time to share the gospel.² Our goal is to set up a gospel appointment with every student who visits our church or ministry events. Student leaders and staff mingle with new students, inviting them to lunch or coffee to get to know them and

¹<https://www.barna.com/research/spiritual-openness/>

²<https://www.gensend.org/resource/how-to-share-jesus-using-gospel-appointments/>

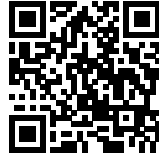
share more about the group, because after all, we are all about the gospel!

My closing challenge to you is to start setting up gospel appointments with students you meet. What could happen if pastors and leaders aimed for one a week and brought along students they were training? Millions of young people are just one conversation away from giving their lives to Christ. As you model this lifestyle, students will catch the vision, and you may just spark a movement!

Use Acts 4 as a guide for your prayers. Pray for young people in your life and on campuses and universities in your area, that God will give believing students the boldness to share their faith. Start praying B.O.B. for yourself daily (Burden, Opportunities, Boldness).

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CHAPTER 21

A GENERATION SET APART FOR GOD

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“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it... Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king’s palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time, they were to stand before the king” (Dan. 1:1,3-5 ESV).

In the days of Nebuchadnezzar and Israel’s exile to Babylon, four Jewish teenagers, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, are brought into Nebuchadnezzar’s school of leadership to be trained in the language and pagan literature of Babylon. Part of the training was a daily regimen of the king’s choice foods. What was Nebuchad-

nezzar's objective in taking a handful of young leaders from a slave nation and giving them a full-ride scholarship to Babylon's "Ivy League" university—including room and board in the king's palace and dining hall? I think Nebuchadnezzar desired to cultivate an appetite in these future leaders for Babylonian comforts and pleasures, to erode their resolve to preserve Jewish heritage and their zeal to be set apart according to Jewish law, and to dull their resistance through imbibing the spirit and culture of Babylon.

"Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego. But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself" (Dan. 1:6-8 ESV).

With their admission to the University of Babylon, these four Jewish teenagers were also given Babylonian names: Daniel, whose name means "God is my judge," is renamed Belteshazzar, meaning "Lady, protect the King"; Hananiah ("Yahweh has been gracious") is renamed Shadrach ("I am fear of god"); Mishael ("Who is what God is?") is renamed Meshach ("I am despised, contemptible, humiliated"); and Azariah ("Yahweh has helped") is renamed Abednego ("Servant of Nebo"). Nebuchadnezzar wanted to redefine their identity.

Like Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, Satan, in the modern context of our secular and humanistic universities, desires to dull our zeal for holiness and wholeheartedness to Jesus and to erode our resistance to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The same holy prescription applies to college students and young adults today as it did for Daniel and his comrades in the days of Babylon: these young leaders gave themselves to a consecrated lifestyle of fasting and prayer.

“At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king’s food. So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom” (Dan. 1:15-20 ESV).

They voluntarily chose to forego the pleasures of the king’s fine dining and embraced a prayerful lifestyle of fasting on vegetables for

the three years they were at the University of Babylon. In learning to refuse the legitimate pleasures of food, favor, and comfort, they grew in grace and strength to refuse the illegitimate pleasures of compromise, pleasing man, and selfish ambition. By allowing the Lord to operate on the appetites of their bellies through a lifestyle of fasting and prayer, God set them apart and gave them “learning and skill in all literature and wisdom” TEN times better than their peers, and they became leaders in Babylon with understanding from heaven that shifted history.

May the Lord do it again in our day! Let’s pray for this next generation to be a generation set apart for God!

1. Pray that God would set apart youth like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah from an early age with a hunger and zeal for God, with their identities rooted in Christ, who would be fully surrendered to His purposes in their generation.
2. Pray for God to raise up young leaders who would set their hearts to grow in love and intimacy with God, in a lifestyle of fasting and prayer, and in wisdom and understanding of God’s ways.
3. Pray for revival amongst teens, college students, young adults, and prodigals who grew up in the Church, and for spiritual awakening amongst the lost, the broken, and the hurting who have yet to encounter Jesus.

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CONCLUSION

AS THE STUDENTS GO, SO GOES THE NATION

We live with a rich history of spiritual awakening. From the earliest days of the Church's birth in Acts 2, to the Apostle Paul's remarkable missionary journeys, the desert fathers and mothers, and the expansive spread of the gospel throughout the Roman Empire. Later reform movements, such as the monastic renewal in the 12th century and the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, stand out as beacons of light amidst dark cultural backdrops. Additionally, North America experienced at least two notable Great Awakenings in the 18th and 19th centuries, catalyzing a revival of repentance, purity, love, service, evangelism, and discipleship, which resulted in extraordinary impact across the globe.

Yet it was out of the Second Great Awakening (1790-1845) that many across North America began hosting monthly concerts of prayer for almost half a century! During this extraordinary movement, church leaders began to focus the power of united prayer on the needs of college students. It is recorded that "by 1815, the Concert of Prayer for Colleges had become a regular feature on the New England campuses of Yale, Williams, Brown, and Middlebury. By 1823, almost every major denomination and university in America

had embraced the practice of a concerted day of prayer for colleges.”¹ A majority of American churches embraced the conviction that college students contained the future of their congregations as disciples engaging in culture and impacting society as the salt and light of Christ. Essentially, they correlated the spiritual climate of college communities to the future climate of the country, saying, “as the students go, so goes the nation.”²

In his *Handbook of Revivals*, Henry C. Fish gives us an astonishing account of the ongoing success of this special day of prayer. He says, “*In the year 1823, the last Thursday of February each year was agreed upon as the day for special supplication that God would pour from on high His Spirit upon our Colleges and Seminaries. And what have been some of the results? In the years 1824 and 1825, revivals were experienced in 5 different colleges; in 1826, in 6 colleges; in 1831, in 19... In one of the colleges, it is stated that a revival started on the very day of the concert of prayer. In 1835, not less than 18 revivals were reported by different colleges.*”³

Since 2016, there has been a renewed emphasis on highlighting the last Thursday of February each year for the church to focus its prayers on colleges and universities, not only in North America but across the world. Two hundred years ago, there were only 200 universities around which the church united in prayer. As of 2026, there are over 3,200 four-year universities, not counting the myriad of two-year college institutions and trade schools.

Jesus said in Luke 10:2 that “the harvest is plentiful, but the la-

¹<https://collegiatedayofprayer.org/about/history/>

²Ibid

³Ibid.

borers are few.” College and university campuses are a rich harvest. It was true 200 years ago, and it is still true today. Only, may the laborers not be few anymore, but many! May these past 21 days of united prayer produce in you a fresh movement and lifestyle of worship-based intercession for the next generation! And may the future of pastors committed to prayer and Word-powered ministry (Acts 6:4), and disciples of good repute, full of the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:3), be paved through the united prayers of the people like you and me, so that we will again see another great movement of God towards the completion of the Great Commission (Acts 6:7)!

APPENDIX

WORSHIP-BASED PRAYER GUIDES

The following prayer guides are intended to supplement each chapter and guide you into deeper intercession for the next generation. Each guide highlights a key passage mentioned or alluded to in their corresponding chapter and will be especially helpful not only in individual times of intercession but also within the context of communal prayer. Each guide follows the 4/4 pattern of prayer, which is an application of the way Jesus commanded and modeled for us to pray. If this pattern of prayer is new to you, please refer to <https://strategicrenewal.com/worshipbasedprayer/> to read more.

Spiritual Fathers, Mothers, and Grandparents Prayer Guide

Psalm 145: 1-7

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God's praiseworthy attributes*

- God is King (v. 1)
- He is worthy of eternal praise (vv. 1-2)
- God is great and His greatness is unsearchable (v. 3)
- Lord over all generations and mighty (v. 4)
- Glorious and majestic (v. 5)
- He is wondrous, awesome, abundantly good, and righteous (vv. 5-7)

Prayer Prompts

- God, I extol You as King over... (v. 1)
- Lord, I will bless You forever and ever because Your name is... (v. 1)
- Lord, Your greatness has been displayed in every generation by... (v.3)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- Lord, I confess that instead of meditating on Your majesty, I focus on... (v. 5)
- God my King, I admit that I lack a multigenerational perspective in... (v. 4)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- Lord, open my eyes to see the next generation around me so that... (v. 4)
- God, may the next generation hear the proclamation that You can... (v. 4)
- Lord, may the next generation declare Your greatness by... (v. 6)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- Great God, reveal Your abundant goodness, especially as the next generation faces... (v. 7)
- Raise up a song of Your righteousness to be sung by Your multigenerational Church as we... (v. 7)

Developing Praying Leaders Prayer Guide

Mark 11:15-19

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God's praiseworthy attributes*

- Displays righteous anger (v. 15)
- Purifies the purposes of the temple (v. 15)
- Cleanses distraction and competition for our devotion (v. 16)
- The authoritative owner of the temple (v. 16, 17)
- Teacher of truth and fulfiller of Scripture (v.17)
- Makes a way for all nations to be in relationship with Him (v. 19)
- To be feared (v. 18)

Prayer Prompts

- Jesus, I praise You for having authority over... (vv. 16-17)
- Jesus, I worship You for teaching me the truth about prayer that... (v. 17)
- I reverence You, Lord, because... (v.18)
- Jesus, I am astonished and amazed that You... (v.18)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- Jesus, drive out my distractions with _____ and restore the priority of prayer in my life. (vv. 16-17)
- Lord, enter *this* temple and purify my false motives in... (v. 17)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- Lord, restore the place of prayer in my _____ (*list areas of life you are not seeking God*). (v.13)
- Jesus, help the Church prioritize prayer so that the next generation will... (v. 17)
- Lord, please help me teach the next generation that... (vv. 17-18)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- Jesus, help me overcome the opposition of _____ as I seek to make prayer the central activity of my life. (v. 17)
- Lord, lead me this week in cultivating the priority of prayer in/at _____ (*list areas of influence, leadership, or service*). (vv.15-17)

Loneliness, Depression, and Anxiety Prayer Guide

Matthew 4:1-11

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God’s praiseworthy attributes*

- God the Holy Spirit is our leader (v. 1)
- Jesus is the Son of God (v. 3)
- His Word is our most important sustenance (v. 4)
- His Word is our ultimate authority (vv. 4, 7, 10)
- He alone is worthy of our worship (v. 32)

Prayer Prompts

- God, thank You for leading me when... (v. 1)
- God, I praise You for how Your Word sustains me, especially when... (v. 4)
- Jesus, I worship You for Your humble authority over... (v. 7)
- Lord, I worship You alone because... (v. 10)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- God, I confess that in times of temptation, I often rely on _____ instead of Your authoritative Word. (vv. 4, 7, 10)
- Jesus, I admit that I tend to hunger after _____ rather than Your sustaining Word. (v. 4)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- Jesus, as the next generation battles against anxiety and loneliness, remind them that Your Word says... (v. 4)
- God, help us to draw closer to the next generation so that... (v. 11)
- Holy Spirit, lead students and test them so that their faith will be victorious over... (vv. 1, 11)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- Lord Jesus, when the next generation is tempted with comfort and power, help them obey Your Word, that says... (vv. 4, 7, 10)
- Father, when students face depression, strengthen them to depend on You for... (v. 4, 7)

Courageous Faith in Crisis and Suffering Prayer Guide

1 Peter 1:3-7

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God’s praiseworthy attributes*

- God of great mercy (v. 3)
- Our living hope and resurrected Lord (v. 3)
- Powerfully guards us (v. 5)
- Savior (v. 5)
- Source of joy (v. 6)
- Worthy of all praise, glory, and honor (v. 7)

Prayer Prompts

- God, I praise You for showing me the greatness of Your mercy when... (v. 3)
- Jesus, because You were raised from the dead, I can have hope for... (v. 3)
- Lord, I rejoice even though... (v. 6)
- God, I give You praise, glory, and honor because... (v. 7)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- Father, I confess that I struggle to have joy in the midst of my grief about... (v. 6)
- Lord Jesus, I surrender my current trial of ... (v. 6)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- Jesus, because You are our living hope, help the next generation to rejoice when they face (*list specific trials*). (v. 6)
- God, may the faith of students at _____ be found genuine so that... (v. 7)
- Lord, please strengthen the next generation as they endure the crisis of... (v. 1)
- Help students to embrace Your sovereign role of suffering so that... (vv. 6-7)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- God, please guard the next generation in Your power, especially as they encounter... (vv. 5-6)
- Lord Jesus, may Your hope encourage the next generation to reflect You well in their trials of... (v. 7)

Marks of a True Move of God Prayer Guide

Romans 12:9-21

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God’s praiseworthy attributes*

- He is the God of genuine love (v. 9)
- He is good (v. 9)
- He is worthy of our zealous and fervent service (v. 11)
- Source of joy and hope (v. 12)
- God of just wrath and vengeance (v. 19)
- Overcomes evil (v. 21)

Prayer Prompts

- Lord, I praise You for how I experienced Your genuine love when... (v. 9)
- Thank You that we can rejoice in hope today because... (v. 12)
- God, I worship You for overcoming... (v. 21)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- Lord, I repent for not loving my Christian brothers and sisters by failing to... (v. 10)
- Father, I am sorry for not doing my part in living peaceably with (*name*). Help us to live in harmony! (vv. 16,18)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- We pray that the next generation would be marked by _____ (*choose a description of genuine love*) so that... (vv. 9-18)
- Lord, we pray for Your work on the campus of _____ (*list a college/university*), that You would... (vv. 9-18)
- Jesus, help the local church fervently serve the next generation by... (v. 11)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- Lord, help us hold fast to what is good today so that the evil of _____ would be overcome! (vv. 9, 21)

Antiphonal Response

Men: “Do not be overcome by evil!”

Women: “But overcome evil with good!”

Gospel Boldness and Witness Prayer Guide

Acts 4:23-31

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God’s praiseworthy attributes*

- Sovereign Lord (v. 24)
- Creator of all (v. 24)
- Speaks through His Holy Spirit and Word (v. 25)
- Predestines and fulfills plans (v. 28)
- Sees and knows all (v. 29)
- Powerful healer (v. 30)
- Holy servant (v. 30)

Prayer Prompts

- Lord, I praise You as Sovereign over... (v. 24)
- Thank you, Lord, for the wisdom of Your Word that says... (v. 25)
- God, You alone have power and authority to accomplish Your plans for... (v. 28)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- Lord, because You’re sovereign, we surrender _____ to You. (v. 24)
- Help us to trust Your hand and gospel plan even though... (vv. 27-28)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- Lord, as You look upon the next generation, give them boldness to... (v. 29)
- Lord, stretch out Your sovereign hand to reveal Jesus to students by... (v. 30)
- Jesus, bring Your healing power to (*name*) so that... (v. 30)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- Sovereign Lord, fill the next generation with the Holy Spirit to overcome... (v. 31)
- Holy Spirit, fill us today so that we will speak Your Word boldly to... (v. 31)

A Generation Set Apart for God Prayer Guide

Daniel 1:1-20

REVERENCE – *Identify and celebrate God's praiseworthy attributes*

- He is the Lord over all earthly kings and rulers (v. 2)
- Giver of favor and compassion (v. 9)
- Rewarder of faithfulness (v. 15)
- Provider of learning, skill, and wisdom (vv. 17, 20)

Prayer Prompts

- God, You are Lord and king over... (v. 2)
- Lord, thank You for the favor and compassion You showed me when... (v. 9)
- I praise You for the wisdom You provided when I was facing... (v. 17)

RESPONSE – *Surrender to Him and His ways*

- Lord my King, I confess my lack of faithfulness in... (v. 12)
- I admit and forsake my temptation towards the worldly pleasures/comforts of... (v. 5)

REQUESTS – *Ask the Spirit to guide prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships*

- Lord, would You graciously set apart the next generation to... (vv. 6, 9)
- God, please show Your compassion to (*name a student*) so that they will... (v. 9)
- God my King, give learning, skill, and wisdom to the students at _____ (*name local college/university*) so that they will faithfully represent You by... (vv. 17-20)

READINESS – *Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle*

- Lord, give the next generation a resolve and zeal for holiness and devotion to You as they face... (v. 8)
- God, may Your favor bring victory over the enemy's attempt to _____ in the lives of the next generation. (v. 9)