

HOW TO USE

Follow the devotional plan & commit to spending time with the Lord in the new year. For 21 days, read scripture & pray with your church family.

As you pray, use the acronym ACTS to help guide you & add your own prayers to each day in the space provided.

A	Adoration - Praise God for who He is
С	Confession - Confess sin in your life

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- Thankfulness Thank God for what He has done Т
- S Supplication - Ask God to meet any needs



"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

DEVOTION:

God invites us into an intimate relationship with Him, promising that when we seek Him with sincerity and dedication, He will make Himself known. This verse is a reminder that God desires to be found, not hidden, but it requires our wholehearted pursuit. Seeking God isn't just about moments of prayer; it's a lifestyle of prioritizing Him in every aspect of our lives.

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APPLICATION

- Evaluate areas in your life where distractions are hindering your pursuit of God.
- Commit to spending focused time in prayer and Scripture reading today.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Trust that God's presence is near when you seek Him with sincerity.

REFLECTION

- What does it mean to seek God with your whole heart?
- · How can you intentionally seek Him in your daily routine?

PRAYER

Lord, help me to seek You with my whole heart. Remove distractions and doubts so I can fully experience Your presence. Amen.



John 8:32

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

DEVOTION:

Jesus declares that freedom is found in the truth of God's Word. True freedom isn't just about external circumstances but being released from the chains of sin, fear, and lies. When we embrace the truth of Scripture, it transforms our minds, reshapes our perspectives, and empowers us to live boldly in the light of His grace.

APPLICATION

- Meditate on a specific truth from Scripture that applies to your current challenges.
- · Identify lies or fears that may be holding you captive and replace them with God's promises.
- Share with someone how God's truth is setting you free.

REFLECTION

- What truths from God's Word bring you the most freedom?
- · Are there lies you've believed that need to be replaced with God's truth?

PRAYER

Lord, open my heart to Your truth and let it set me free. Help me live confidently in the freedom only You can provide. Amen.



James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

DEVOTION:

God delights in giving wisdom to those who ask. This verse shows His generosity and willingness to guide us through life's decisions. Wisdom isn't just knowledge—it's the ability to see life from God's perspective and act accordingly. When we ask for wisdom, we acknowledge our dependence on Him and invite Him to shape our choices.

APPLICATION

- · Before making any decision today, pause and ask God for wisdom.
- Reflect on past moments where God's wisdom guided you.
- Share your need for wisdom with a trusted mentor or friend who can pray with you.

REFLECTION

- What areas of your life need God's wisdom right now?
- How can you practice seeking wisdom daily?

PRAYER

Lord, I need Your wisdom today. Thank You for giving it generously. Help me to trust Your guidance in every decision I face. Amen.



Psalm 107:1

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

DEVOTION:

Gratitude begins with recognizing God's unchanging goodness. This verse reminds us that His love is constant, even in the midst of life's ups and downs. When we focus on God's steadfast character, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving, shifting our perspective from what we lack to what we've been given.

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APPLICATION

- Write down three things you're thankful for today.
- Start your prayers by praising God for His goodness and enduring love.
- Encourage someone else by sharing how God's faithfulness has impacted your life.

REFLECTION

- How has God's goodness been evident in your life recently?
- What daily habits can you develop to cultivate gratitude?

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for Your goodness and love that never fails. Fill my heart with gratitude and help me to live in constant thankfulness. Amen.



Psalm 37:7

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

DEVOTION:

In a world filled with noise and hurry, God calls us to be still and wait for Him. This verse is a reminder that waiting isn't wasted when we trust in God's timing. Stillness allows us to realign our hearts with His will and find peace in His presence.

APPLICATION

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Set aside 10 minutes today to sit quietly before God without distractions.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Trust Him with areas of your life where you're waiting for answers.
- · Journal about how God has worked during seasons of waiting in the past.

REFLECTION

- What makes waiting on God difficult for you?
- · How can stillness deepen your relationship with God?

PRAYER

Lord, teach me to be still before You. Help me to trust Your timing and find peace in Your presence. Amen.



Philippians 4:5

"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

DEVOTION:

Gentleness is a reflection of Christ's character within us. In a world that often celebrates harshness or aggression, this verse calls us to model patience, kindness, and understanding. Gentleness isn't weakness; it's strength under control, guided by the Holy Spirit.

APPLICATION

- Practice responding to challenges today with a calm and gentle spirit.
- Reflect on times when others have shown gentleness to you and how it impacted you.
- · Ask God to help you cultivate a spirit of gentleness in difficult situations.

REFLECTION

- · How can gentleness reflect God's presence in your life?
- In what relationships or situations do you need to show more gentleness?

PRAYER

Lord, let Your gentleness shine through me. Help me to treat others with kindness and patience, reflecting Your love. Amen.



Matthew 5:16

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

DEVOTION:

Jesus calls us to live in a way that points others to God. Our good works are not about earning favor but about revealing the love and grace of God to a watching world. When we serve, love, and live out our faith, we reflect His glory.

APPLICATION

- · Look for opportunities to serve someone today, whether big or small.
- Reflect on how your actions at work, home, or church can reveal God's goodness to others.
- Commit to praying for someone who doesn't yet know Christ.

REFLECTION

- · How can your daily actions point others to Jesus?
- Who in your life needs to see God's light through you?

PRAYER

Father, help me to live in a way that reflects Your love and glory. Use my actions to draw others closer to You. Amen.



Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

DEVOTION:

Jesus promises satisfaction to those who deeply desire to live in alignment with God's will. Hunger and thirst signify a longing for God that surpasses superficial desires. As we seek righteousness, we experience the fullness of His presence and His blessings.

APPLICATION

- · Identify areas in your life where you need to grow in righteousness.
- Spend time meditating on Scriptures that reveal God's character.
- · Ask God to deepen your desire for what pleases Him.

REFLECTION

- What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness in your life?
- How can you cultivate a deeper desire for God's will?

PRAYER

Lord, give me a heart that longs for righteousness. Help me to hunger for Your Word and live a life that pleases You. Amen.



Psalm 63:3-4

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."

DEVOTION:

God's love surpasses anything this life can offer. This psalm reminds us to respond to His overwhelming love with worship and gratitude. Lifting our hands in prayer and praise is a physical act that aligns our hearts with the truth of His goodness.

APPLICATION

- Take time to worship God today, whether through song, prayer, or journaling.
- Reflect on specific ways God has shown His love to you.
- Share a testimony with someone about how God's love has impacted your life.

REFLECTION

- · How has God's love been evident in your life?
- What are practical ways you can express your gratitude to Him today?

PRAYER

Lord, Your love is better than life. I praise You and lift up my hands in gratitude for all You've done. Amen.



John 17:1-5

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you."

DEVOTION:

In His prayer, Jesus demonstrates His intimacy with the Father. He models a relationship of trust, submission, and purpose, seeking to glorify the Father in everything. This prayer reminds us that our lives are also meant to glorify God.

APPLICATION

- Reflect on areas where you can align your life more closely with God's purpose.
- Spend time in prayer, addressing God as "Father," and express your trust in Him.
- Seek ways to bring glory to God in your daily choices and actions.

REFLECTION

- How can you grow in your intimacy with God as your Father?
- What does it mean to live a life that glorifies God?

PRAYER

Father, I desire to glorify You in all I do. Draw me closer to You and help me to reflect Your glory. Amen.



Matthew 18:19

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

DEVOTION:

Prayer in unity carries power. This verse emphasizes the importance of praying together, encouraging us to bring our needs and desires before God with others who share our faith.

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APPLICATION

- Find a prayer partner or group and pray together this week.
- Share specific prayer requests with someone and agree in faith for God's will.
- Reflect on how God has answered prayers when you prayed with others.

REFLECTION

- · How has praying with others strengthened your faith?
- Who can you invite to pray with you regularly?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the power of praying with others. Unite our hearts as we seek Your will together. Amen.



Titus 2:11-12

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly pas. sions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age."

DEVOTION:

God's grace doesn't just save us; it transforms us. This passage reminds us that grace empowers us to say "no" to sin and live in a way that honors God. Self-control isn't something we muster on our own—it's a fruit of the Spirit that grows as we trust in God's power.

APPLICATION

- · Identify areas in your life where you need to exercise self-control.
- Ask God to strengthen you to say "no" to temptation and "yes" to godly living.
- Reflect on how God's grace has helped you overcome past struggles.

REFLECTION

• What worldly passions or ungodly behaviors do you need to surrender to God?

· How can you rely on God's grace for self-control in your daily life?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for Your grace that saves and transforms. Help me to live with self-control and honor You in everything I do. Amen.



1 Timothy 6:17-19

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God... Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

DEVOTION:

True wealth isn't found in possessions but in a generous heart. This passage calls us to put our hope in God and live generously, reflecting His goodness to others. Generosity isn't just about giving money; it's about sharing our time, talents, and love.

APPLICATION

- Look for opportunities to be generous today—whether through giving, serving, or encouraging someone.
- Reflect on how trusting God frees you from dependence on material things.
- Commit to viewing your resources as tools for God's kingdom work.

REFLECTION

- What areas of your life can you be more generous in?
- · How does trusting God impact your attitude toward wealth and possessions?

PRAYER

Father, teach me to be generous as You have been generous to me. Help me to use my resources for Your glory and the good of others. Amen.



John 15:11

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

DEVOTION:

Jesus desires for us to experience His joy—a joy that isn't based on circumstances but on our relationship with Him. This joy is complete, fulfilling, and eternal, unlike the fleeting happiness the world offers.

APPLICATION

• Spend time reflecting on the source of your joy—are you relying on temporary things or on Christ?

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- Choose gratitude today, even in difficult circumstances, as a way to experience His joy.
- Share the joy of Christ with someone who may be struggling.

REFLECTION

- What are the biggest sources of joy in your life?
- How does knowing Jesus make your joy complete?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the joy You offer through Your presence. Help me to find my satisfaction and delight in You alone. Amen.

DAY 15

Colossians 3:16

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

DEVOTION:

When the Word of God dwells in us, it shapes our hearts, minds, and actions. This verse encourages us to let Scripture fill our lives and relationships, using it to encourage and teach others while cultivating gratitude in worship.

APPLICATION

- Memorize a verse that speaks to your current season of life.
- Spend time in worship through music, letting the truths of Scripture guide your heart.
- Look for ways to encourage someone with the Word of God today.

REFLECTION

- · How can you make Scripture a more consistent part of your life?
- Who in your life can you encourage with God's Word this week?

PRAYER

Lord, let Your Word dwell richly in me. Teach me to live it out and use it to bring encouragement and wisdom to others. Amen.



Psalm 62:5

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."

DEVOTION:

In a world of busyness and distractions, true rest can only be found in God. This verse reminds us to silence our hearts, place our hope in Him, and trust Him to provide peace in every situation.

APPLICATION

- Set aside time today to sit quietly in God's presence, focusing on His peace.
- Reflect on areas of your life where you've been striving instead of resting in Him.
- Write down a promise from Scripture that reminds you of God's faithfulness.

REFLECTION

- What keeps you from finding rest in God?
- How does trusting God as your source of hope bring you peace?

PRAYER

Lord, help me to rest in You and trust in Your promises. Teach my soul to be still and find peace in Your presence. Amen.



John 17:18-20

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

DEVOTION:

Just as Jesus was sent to share the love and truth of God, He sends us into the world to share the hope of the gospel. This mission is a privilege and responsibility, calling us to live as His ambassadors in every sphere of life.

APPLICATION

- Pray for boldness to share the gospel with someone in your life.
- Reflect on how your actions and words can point others to Jesus.
- · Commit to living intentionally, knowing you are sent by God.

REFLECTION

- Who in your life needs to hear the hope of Jesus?
- · How can you represent Christ in your daily interactions?

PRAYER

Father, thank You for sending me to share Your hope. Give me boldness, love, and wisdom to be a light in the world. Amen.

DAY 18

James 5:16

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

DEVOTION:

Confession is a powerful act of humility and accountability. This verse reminds us that healing comes when we are honest about our struggles and invite trusted friends into our journey.

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APPLICATION

- · Identify a trusted friend or mentor to share your struggles with this week.
- Pray for someone who has confided in you, asking God to bring healing to their life.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Reflect on how confession deepens your relationship with God and others.

REFLECTION

- What holds you back from confessing your struggles to others?
- · How can confession bring healing and growth in your life?

PRAYER

Lord, give me the courage to confess my sins to trusted friends. Use this to bring healing and strengthen my faith. Amen.



Romans 8:29

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be con. formed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first. born among many brothers and sisters."

DEVOTION:

God's ultimate purpose for our lives is to make us more like Jesus. This process, called sanctification, involves transforming our character, attitudes, and actions to reflect His Son. While it may include challenges and trials, it's through these moments that God shapes us to display Christ's love, humility, and righteousness.

APPLICATION

- · Identify one area where you need to grow to reflect Christ more clearly.
- Surrender your struggles to God, trusting Him to use them for your growth.
- · Celebrate how God has already transformed you to be more like Jesus.

REFLECTION

- What characteristics of Christ do you most want to grow in?
- · How can you allow God to shape you through your current circumstances?

PRAYER

Lord, I surrender to Your process of making me more like Jesus. Shape my heart, mind, and actions to reflect Him in all I do. Amen. DAY 20

Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

DEVOTION:

Kindness and forgiveness are hallmarks of a Christ-centered life. This verse calls us to extend the same grace and love to others that God has given to us. Forgiveness doesn't minimize the hurt we've experienced, but it frees us from bitterness and reflects God's mercy to the world.

APPLICATION

- Think of someone you need to show kindness or forgiveness to today.
- Take a step to reach out to them.
- Reflect on how God's forgiveness has transformed your life.
- Pray for strength to forgive those who have wronged you, even when it's difficult.

REFLECTION

- · How has receiving God's forgiveness shaped your ability to forgive others?
- What steps can you take to show kindness and compassion to those around you?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for Your forgiveness and kindness toward me. Help me to extend that same love to others, reflecting Your mercy and grace. Amen.



John 15:9

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

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DEVOTION:

Jesus reminds us of the depth of His love—a love modeled after the perfect love of the Father. To remain in His love is to dwell in His presence, trust His promises, and live in obedience to His Word. This love sustains us, empowers us, and gives us purpose.

APPLICATION

- Spend time reflecting on the ways Jesus has demonstrated His love for you.
- Commit to living in obedience as a way of remaining in His love.
- Express your gratitude to Jesus through prayer, worship, or journaling.

REFLECTION

- · How does knowing Jesus loves you unconditionally impact your life?
- What does it mean for you to remain in His love daily?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for loving me with the same love the Father has for You. Help me to remain in Your love and reflect it to others in my life. Amen.

