

We are so excited for you to join us on this 5 week journey of prayer!

What is the goal of this journey? To deepen our faith in the Lord and grow closer together as a church while we strive to reach, disciple, and serve the next generation. At Ridge Christian, we believe Scripture and prayer are a vital part of our everyday lives as Christians. Paul teaches in 2 Timothy 3:16-17:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Verse of the Day

Scripture is vital to our daily lives as Christians. Each day, we will examine a passage and take a moment to reflect on how we should be applying it to our lives. Scripture should never be taken out of context. The best context for the Bible is... the Bible. You are encouraged to read the chapter or book it comes from.

Journal

Prayer is a muscle that must be strengthened. As we consistently spend time in devotion and reflection with the Lord, please record in the notes section your thoughts about the verse of the day. Include your feelings, thoughts and ideas that arise from your prayer time. Also, any issues that are weighing on your heart, even struggles or distractions that hindered your time in prayer. This is your space to journal anything and everything you bring to the Lord. It is also your place to record your experience on this journey as well as realizations about yourself that arise from your time in prayer. While it may seem unnatural at first, the thoughtful consideration that goes into this record will expose our shortcomings, weaknesses and areas we may just need to learn to better prioritize in order to draw closer to God.

Joys and Concerns

With each day there is also a section to record joys and concerns. God has blessed us with much and we should give him all the praise and glory for his provision. We are also encouraged to bring him our struggles and trials we may face. He is the God of the mountains and the valleys and he is with us through it all.

Who is your “one”?

God is calling us to pour into our future generations. Please pray earnestly and diligently for them. Each day during this journey, choose one person to focus a portion of your prayer time on. Choose someone from the next generation, someone who is making an impacting or influencing the next generation, or someone who God could be using to further his kingdom in that generation. Record their name and any specific prayers you have for them.





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VERSE OF THE DAY

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." – Isaiah 6:8

God, in his omnipresent wisdom, has a purpose and a calling for each of us. Let's start our journey by summoning the courage to call out to God just as Isaiah did, to send us in accordance with his will. Pray for courage to answer God's call and not to shrink from it.



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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. – Psalm 119:105

God's word is our guide in life. The truth of scripture is our defense against the false teaching and the lies of the enemy. Biblical knowledge will be vital to your spiritual journey. Are you making study of Scripture an integral part of your life? Let's make a commitment to be in his word daily. Pray to God for revelation, understanding, and retention of his wisdom as we study together.



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Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." – John 4:13-14

Jesus Christ is our living water who fulfills our needs. The physical water of this world provides only temporary satisfaction. Pray to the Lord to help you seek ultimate satisfaction in your relationship with him and to help us to better seek him individually as well as a church.



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Week 1 - Spiritual Journey - Day 4

VERSE OF THE DAY

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, - 1 Peter 1:14

In Christ, we are new creations. We need to leave behind the teachings and practices of this world. Then, just as children, be taught God's ways through prayer, time in his word, and teachings from sound, biblically rooted doctrine. In what ways can we make this learning a priority in our lives? Pray to God to soften your heart and give you a childlike faith and obedience.



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Week 1 - Spiritual Journey - Day 5

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And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. – Luke 1:38

Though Mary did not fully understand where her journey in serving the Lord would take her, she set about her task as a humble, obedient servant. Her journey would involve danger, personal sacrifice and grit, yet she counted herself blessed to be called by God. Let us pray today for courage and obedience like Mary to answer our calling from the Lord.



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And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man. – Judges 6:15-16

God called Gideon to an epic journey that would save his nation. Gideon had doubts, the biggest among them was a feeling of being unqualified to be called by God. Regardless of your age, status, or history, God is calling you to serve him with your whole life. As you pray, think about how God has called you in the past and how you responded. Then think about how he is calling you now.



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Week 1 - Spiritual Journey - Day 7

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So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! – 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

This Journey will require a new set of eyes and a new frame of mind. You are a new creation after you give your life to Christ. We must strive to see the world through Christ's eyes and with eternity as our frame of reference.



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Week 2 - The Next Generation - Day 1

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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

Paul is confirming what we already know. The Gospel spreads best by multiplication. We must teach and disciple others. We must be disciples who create disciples, who then create disciples. This is especially true for reaching the next generation. Please pray for the body of believers to be strengthened and to be used by God to multiply his kingdom.



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VERSE OF THE DAY

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! – Psalm 119:9-10

The knowledge of the Scriptures is vital to young and old alike. The younger we introduce the next generation to the word, the better. Today, pray for our church to be an instrument of discipleship to the next generation, teaching them about the scriptures and also helping them to live by the word.



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The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its people and animals, even if these three men – Noah, Daniel and Job – were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD. – Ezekiel 14:12-14

What was true in Ezekiel's day is true in ours: A parent's faith, no matter how strong, will not save the next generation. They must develop their own strong faith and be strengthened by the word of God. Please pray to be mobilized as an individual and as a body of believers to support, encourage, and build up the faith of our next generation.



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Week 2 - The Next Generation - Day 4

VERSE OF THE DAY

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6

Training is more than simply teaching. Teaching imparts knowledge, and knowledge is critical. However, training also builds skills and habits. Pray for the next generation to build strong faith that, even when tested, will not fail them.



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VERSE OF THE DAY

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. – 1 Timothy 4:12

Never underestimate the power of a young, strong believer. They can set an example for believers of all ages. God has never discriminated based on age. He called Moses as an old man, but called Samuel as a young boy. Who is a leader among the youth that you know? Please pray for God to strengthen and guide them.



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Week 2 - The Next Generation - Day 6

VERSE OF THE DAY

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Romans 15:1

Where has God strengthened you in your life? Each of us have strengths and weaknesses. Some of us have the wisdom that comes with age, or the energy of youth. Some of us are mature in our spiritual walk while others are young in their faith. Some possess knowledge from time in the scriptures while others are reading their Bibles for the first time. Please pray for wisdom from the Lord to see where he is calling you to help others.



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Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." – 1 Peter 5:5

A system of pouring knowledge into the next generation is not only practical, it is biblical! We are commanded to mentor the next generation. Please pray that our church is a place of discipleship where the young feel comfortable seeking wise council.



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Week 3 - Surrender - Day 1

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"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." -

Matthew 11:28

Surrender is a scary thing. We labor and toil to try to control everything. However, we have the promise of Jesus to rely on. His burden is light and he will give rest to our souls. Though the road may seem difficult, we may take delight in the joy to come. It is that joy that has carried many of our brothers and sisters through trials and tribulations. Please pray to God to give rest and help to your weary soul.



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Week 3 - Surrender - Day 2

VERSE OF THE DAY

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." – Acts 5:29

Who do we seek to satisfy? Other people, the world, ourselves? We must be reminded who our master is and obey him above all others. Please pray to God for an obedient heart.



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holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. - Philippians 2:16

We must be in the word, but it is not enough to know about Jesus, we must know him personally. We must seek his will above our own. Otherwise, even good deeds may be an act of pride if we are doing them to impress other people or if we are serving a god of our own design in our minds. Pray today for God to reveal his will for you and for you to have a soft, surrendered heart able to receive his commands.



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Week 3 - Surrender - Day 4

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I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. – Psalm 9:1-2

As we surrender our hearts to Jesus, and follow the commands laid out for us in Scripture, God's abundant blessings become more apparent. During our time in prayer, give thanks for all the blessings God has brought into your life. Be comforted knowing you surrendered your life to a God of blessings, according to his will.



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Week 3 - Surrender - Day 5

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Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. – Colossians 3:23-24

Who is our master and commander? Who do we seek to please? We must never forget that everything we do in our life should honor the God who created us and saved us from our sins. Pray for clarity of mind to always remember who we honor and the courage to live this out, no matter the cost.



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Week 3 - Surrender - Day 6

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Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting! – Psalm 129:23-24

God is the God of our whole lives, every single part! We must surrender to the Lord in accordance with that fact. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to convict our hearts of areas we have not fully surrendered. Pray for God to shine his light and reveal the darkest parts of our hearts.



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Week 3 - Surrender - Day 7

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His master said to him, **'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'** – Matthew 25:23

Everything we possess, every strength we have, every relationship and opportunity has been allotted to us by the God who created and has dominion over all. We are but stewards, managers of something we don't own. Let us manage our whole lives according to this truth. Pray for God to give us the courage and obedience to be faithful with what God has set us over.



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Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 2 Timothy 2:3-4

Paul uses the excellent metaphor of a soldier. Soldiers face danger, sacrifice and hardship with discipline and determination. Their objective is to follow orders and please their commander. How much more should we, as followers of an eternal and powerful God, be devoted to our duty stations! Pray to know God's orders for you today and for courage to follow them.



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Week 4 - Sacrifice - Day 2

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Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. – Philippians 2:17-18

If our obedience to God requires sacrifices, we can be strengthened by thinking of our Brother in Christ's example. Paul found joy in his sacrifices, big and small, because he sought to follow God above all else and looked forward to the eternal reward that it would bring. Please ask God to reveal any areas in your life where he is asking you to make sacrifices.



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Week 4 - Sacrifice - Day 3

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Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. – Philippians 2:3-4

With Christ as our supreme example, we should serve others with a cheerful heart, knowing we do all things as we would unto the Lord! As we serve others, it is part of our testimony to the amazing gift God has given us. Please pray for our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be softened for those in need around us.



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Week 4 - Sacrifice - Day 4

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But he said, **"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"** – Luke 11:28

It is not enough to hear, and even know the truth of the word of God. We must apply it to our lives and follow it, no matter the cost! Please pray for discipline and courage to be faithful to God.



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Week 4 - Sacrifice - Day 5

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Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the Lord all the day. – Proverbs 23:17

Do not worry about measuring your life by the world's standards. As believers, we seek a different treasure. One stored up in Heaven. We seek only the approval of God and it alone is our supreme reward. Please pray today for a sharp focus on obediently following the will of our Father in Heaven.



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Week 4 - Sacrifice - Day 6

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For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? -Mark 8:35-36

We are eternal souls. As soon as we start viewing our lives in that light, the easier the burden of sacrifice will feel when we are called by God. This life and everything in it are fleeting when viewed on an eternal scale. Pray to God to help you view everything in your life, even your life itself, through His eyes.



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Week 4 - Sacrifice - Day 7

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. – 1 Peter 4:10

God has gifted each of us, no matter our place in this world. Whether it be resources, talents, skills, and time, some are given more than others. But the message is clear to all: God, who has ultimate dominion and ownership of everything, has lent you these gifts to serve others and to advance the kingdom of God! Please pray to God for clarity to recognize the gifts he has made you a steward over and show you how you can use them to glorify God.



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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

We should have confidence in our faith in God, that we can trust him even when we don't see his promises fulfilled. We trust in him, but do we fully trust in him with everything? Ask God to reveal areas where you may need help in your belief and trust in him.



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Week 5 - Faith - Day 2

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No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. Romans 4:20-23

Abraham was praised in this passage by Paul for his unwavering faith in God’s plan for him. He was strengthened in his faith as he trusted the process God was laying before him. When praying today, seek God’s plan for you and ask him to help you trust and be faithful to his will.



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Week 5 - Faith - Day 3

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Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. - Exodus 16:4

We know in our minds that God provides, but where do we find our security? Do we find security in storing up treasures and reserves here on Earth, or do we find our security in our faith, knowing God will provide tomorrow just as he did today? Today, let's pray for God to soften our hearts and trust in him for our provision.



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And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:28-31

The worries of what was going on around him pulled Peter's focus from Jesus. Even though he began to doubt and started to sink, his first response was to cry out to Jesus for help. This should be our response in all circumstances. Peter's faith in the Lord was stronger than his reliance on himself. Pray for areas where you have more confidence in yourself than the Lord. He will expose them and if you turn your faith towards him, he will show you his faithfulness in all he has promised us.



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And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. – 1 Kings 17:6

Our journeys may take us through dark or troubling times that can test even strong faith. Elijah can certainly attest to this. He served the Lord faithfully in an evil day and because of this he became a wanted man. When he was at his lowest, God sent word to him to go to a place of rest. From there, God called him back onto the field to serve him powerfully. If you or someone you know is going through a time of testing of their faith, pray to the Lord for rest in him and a renewed faith to continue your journey.



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Week 5 - Faith - Day 6

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The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6

Sowing and reaping, a beautiful metaphor for our lives. We must sow seeds in this world generously, just as a farmer who wants a bountiful crop. Will all of his seeds come to fruition? No, but he knows the more he sows the more he will reap. Pray to God for the strength to work diligently and give faithfully with every gift he has bestowed upon us without growing weary.



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Week 5 - Faith - Day 7

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So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

Works are evidence of a strong faith and desire to live by God's will. Therefore, faith shouldn't stand alone in our lives. When God is the priority in our lives, we are spurred on to serve him and others. Our deeds should be a reflection of our choices and trust in God's commands. For our last prayer, ask God to guide you in his will and how he wants to use you to further the kingdom of heaven.



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Thank you for you for joining us!

We've reached the end of this journey together but our prayer for you is that this is just the first step in a greater journey with Christ. Our mission at Ridge Christian is helping others follow Jesus and we want to come alongside you, no matter where you are in your faith. We want to be a place where you can fellowship, encourage, find comfort, even sharpen and hold one another accountable so that we may stay true to God's word. We need each other so that we don't fall into the snares the enemy will set out for us!

If you need prayer, we have prayer request cards to fill out in the seat backs, Elders ready to lend an ear, digital communication cards through our Church App (search Church Center App, download and follow the prompts to find Ridge Christian) or please see one of our Pastors! We have a community of prayer warriors who want to pray for your joys and concerns. If you aren't sure where you are in your faith, again – please reach out to us! You shouldn't have to walk this journey alone, you have brothers and sisters in Christ wanting to disciple and address your questions/concerns through God's word.

As a closing thought, please meditate on this message of encouragement from Hebrews 10:19-25:

A Call to Persevere in Faith

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Isn't that powerful? What an amazing hope we have in the sacrifice of Christ! We can be bold and confident in his promises! Let us hold fast to what he has done for us in how we live our lives for him. We consider it a privilege to work together with you to share this hope with a lost and broken world!

May God bless you and keep you!



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