

24 Hours of Prayer

As we come to the end of our 21-day season of prayer and fasting, we are gathering together as one church body across multiple campuses to pray for 24 hours. In each of our physical spaces, prayer stations will be available to direct our prayers in alignment with the journey we have taken over the last 21 days and our vision for 2026—that God would do "again" in our story what He has done in the past.

For those who are part of our online campus or are unable to join us in person, the following resource can be used to guide your prayers throughout the 24 hours. We have also included some creative ways to engage with each area if that helps you as you pray.

This is simply a guide. Let God direct your prayers as we collectively seek Him to move powerfully in our lives, our church, and throughout our community, nation, and world.

Consecration

Throughout Scripture, before God moves powerfully among His people, He first calls them to prepare (or **consecrate**) themselves. This same invitation exists for us today. Before God works powerfully through us, He graciously and deliberately seeks to do the deep work of consecration within us.

To consecrate ourselves is to submit to Spirit-led self-examination, inviting God in His kindness to reveal whatever hinders us from fully receiving and reflecting His grace and power. Some burdens we recognise; others God lovingly uncovers.

Consecration and confession is turning away from sin and aligning our hearts, habits, and desires with His.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 139
- Psalm 24

Instructions

1. Read and reflect on the words of the Psalms.
2. Frame your own prayer of consecration, or use the words of Psalm 139
“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”
3. Reflect: Is there anything God is revealing to you that He is asking you to confess and lay down?
4. The psalmist declares: *“Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart”*.
As we seek God’s forgiveness, symbolically wash your hands as a reminder of his forgiveness, grace and love that cleanses us and makes us clean.

Praise

Praise changes our perspective. When we focus on God, and we choose to speak words of praise, gratitude and thanks, our earthly needs and struggles can often be given a new perspective.

Eugene Petersen paraphrases Psalm 42:5 like this:

Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul?

Why are you crying the blues?

Fix my eyes on God—

soon I'll be praising again.

He puts a smile on my face.

He's my God.

There's a reason when Jesus gives his disciples a model of how to pray that he begins "*Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name*". Before He tells us to ask anything, he starts with a declaration of praise and honour.

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 100
- Psalm 136
- Psalm 150

Instructions:

1. Take a moment to put into your own words a prayer acknowledging all you are thankful to God for.
2. Read one of the Psalms (100, 136, 150). Allow it to lead you into your own words of praise.

Intercession

Intercession is the practice of praying for others, of standing in the gap between God and those in need. True intercessory prayer flows from love. It is not a way to manipulate outcomes or make wishes come true; it is a willing, intentional act of turning from our own desires and needs to the needs of others.

When we intercede, we are joining God's work of restoring creation, restoring what sin and brokenness have damaged, and participating in His kingdom purposes. Jesus' teaching—"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"—frames intercession in two movements: releasing and asking. "Your will be done" reminds us to release control, surrendering our own agendas. "Your kingdom come...on earth" invites us to see our lives, our relationships, our communities, and our world through God's eyes, praying with hearts full of faith and hope.

We want to intentionally pray on behalf of our Gateway Beyond workers and ministries – those who are part of our family yet called to all the nations on earth to bring the good news of Jesus in word and deed. Let's pray for provision, for wisdom, for power, for favour and for God's Spirit to be moving in the midst of the people and places we as a church have been called.

Instructions:

1. Think about some of our Gateway Beyond workers. What prayer does God put on your heart for that person or ministry?
2. God might challenge you to keep a particular person or ministry in your prayers. Create a reminder in your calendar to regularly lift them in prayer.
3. Open a world map on your phone or computer as a way of visualising the parts of the world you are praying for.

Plant Again

Church planting has been a core missional activity since Saul and Barnabus were sent from Antioch in 46 AD and if Australia is going to come to Jesus in 2026 AD, someone has to plant more churches to reach more people with the gospel.

We believe God is calling us to PLANT AGAIN. Gateway began as church plant in 1928 when Edwin Keith started a new 'outstation' in Holland Park, out of Greenslopes Baptist Church. 8 kids turned up on the first Sunday, but 9 decades later, God has been so faithful, and many generations have been transformed by the love and power of Jesus at Gateway.

In 2012 we planted again in Ormeau, and in the years following, in Redlands, Logan, Brisbane City and Online. God has been faithful – in every campus young people are discovering hope; lonely people are finding community; broken and hurting people are finding healing; and lost people are discovering Jesus.

We are now 1 church family in 6 campuses, transforming communities with the love and power of Jesus and we believe God is calling us to plant again, further south on the Gold Coast and in the Ipswich region.

We don't know exactly where we will meet or who will start and lead these campuses, but we know this is God's call for our future.

Instructions

1. Take a moment to pray for each of our existing campuses that God would continue to bless them and use them to impact the communities of which they are a part.
2. Take a moment to pray for Ipswich and the Gold Coast. What is God saying to us? If you receive a word or a picture email it to us at prayer@gatewaybaptist.com.au so that together we can discern God's leading in guidance as we look to the future.

Prioritise People Again

Jesus made it clear that His followers will prioritise loving people in the same way He loves us. We are living in an increasingly separated and isolated culture but we were never created to do life alone. When the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, one of the most observable results was the way that the church prioritised meeting and serving together.

Acts 2:46 says that *“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts”*. This is one of the most countercultural statements of the early church. They worshiped together. They ate together. They served Gods purposes together. The challenge for us is that often we like the idea of 1st century community, but we want it on a 21st century timetable. You can't fit deep community into the cracks of an already overloaded schedule. How is God asking you to make space to prioritise people again in your life?

Instructions:

1. Take a moment to ask God if there is anything in your life that needs to be laid down so you can prioritise people again? In the same way, ask God if there are things he wants you to start doing for the sake of investing your time, treasure and talents to serve others.
2. Think about the ministries across our church. Pray for God to move powerfully through them. Pray for their leaders and those who are ministered to.

Proselytize Again

Proselytize has become a dirty word in our culture but it is an integral part of a Great Commission culture. To proselytize is to seek and welcome converts from another faith or no faith at all.

A proselytizing church is a welcoming church. Our heart at Gateway has always been to welcome every person who we encounter and help them discover new life in Jesus. We are going to welcome everyone again.

And a proselytizing church is a sending church. We are going to equip people again to go into their workplaces, homes, neighborhoods, sporting clubs and educational institutions ready to serve others and help them discover the love and grace of God.

God has brought into your life people who are in desperate need of discovering the Jesus you already know. How will God use you this year to shine to light of hope and salvation to those around you? Who is God bringing to your mind who you will commit to faithfully pray for that they would discover hope in Jesus?

Key Scripture

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

Instructions:

1. Who in your life are you desperate to discover Jesus?
Consider lighting a candle and writing down the person's name. What is the prayer on your heart for them?

Pray Again

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah prayed for rain and he kept sending his servant to go and check for any signs of hope, but he kept returning with the news that there was nothing to see....until the seventh time he prayed, and he saw a tiny cloud appear on the horizon, as small as a man's hand.

We believe we are seeing a small cloud of hope on the horizon, over this nation. We are not yet seeing the outpouring that we are praying for, but something is changing in the atmosphere. Hope is rising! The church is awakening. People are searching. God is on the move!

Some of us have prayed a particular prayer for some time that hasn't fully come to pass yet. It is time to PRAY AGAIN. We are believing for breakthroughs and blessings to be poured out from heaven as we gather to call on the name of Jesus together.

Key Scriptures

- 1 Kings 18
- Luke 18:1-8

Instructions

1. Take a moment to sit and listen. What is God saying? To you individually or to us as a church? If you have a picture or a word for our church email us at prayer@gatewaybaptist.com.au so that we can discern together.
2. Take a moment to pray for our nation. God is moving, and our desire is to see more people discover faith in Jesus than we have ever seen before.
3. What is the prayer that you have stopped praying? God is calling you to persist in prayer so pray it again.... And keep praying!