

CHURCH OF PRAISE  
21 Days of  
**Prayer & Fasting**  
5-25 December 2025

*Praying and fasting in preparation to enter another year ... riding on awakened and renewed hearts that have drawn close to God, ready to please Him through faith in the year ahead!*

**PRAYER GUIDE**

An Annual Pre-Christmas and Year-end season of prayer and fasting

Church of Praise  
**21 Days Prayer & Fasting**  
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Theme: Drawing Near

*Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*

*Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who draws near to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6*

The main theme of the Book of Hebrews (in fact, of all of Scriptures) is that we draw near to God, to His throne through intercession. This is the centre of the Gospel. It is what Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Sunday—the distinguishing marks of our Christian faith—are all about. Without these distinguishing marks, we would be no different from any atheist. These are the distinguishing marks that produce PASSION in followers of Jesus through the centuries to the point that they were willing to give up everything, even their lives, for Him.

Christmas is a celebration of the arrival of Jesus our LORD who had left the glories of heaven to come into our world as a humble Servant. While the world turns Christmas into a social and commercial event, we want to recapture the solemnity of the event through this pre-Christmas 21 days of prayer and fasting.

This season of prayer and fasting will also prepare us to enter another year riding on awakened and renewed hearts that have drawn close to God, ready to please Him through faith in the year ahead!

We pray that CP will be strengthened with renewed spiritual vigour and purpose to be a witness in our community. The time to draw near to God, know His heartbeat, and listen to His voice is right now!

Beloved brothers and sisters, let us come daily in unity before the throne of God during these 21 days of prayer and fasting!

## Day 1: December 5

*We have to pray with our eyes on God,  
not on the difficulties.*

– Oswald Chambers

### Engage the Word:

Daniel 11:36-12:13; 1 John 5; Psalm 139:1-10

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Daniel 12:3, *“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”*

- Meditate on what we normally consider as “wisdom”. Compare with Daniel 12:3. Also what the pagan king, Belshazzar confessed about Daniel’s divinely given wisdom (Daniel 5:15,16). Notice how limited in scope, time and effectiveness is humanly acquired wisdom. The wisdom given to Daniel is available to all who listens to God as they go through the daily circumstances of life (Psalm 90:12; Proverbs 2:2, 10; 14:33).

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—is your heart after God’s wisdom? What areas of your heart do you need to surrender to the Lord before you can gain His wisdom?

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Recall a recent occasion when you spoke or acted without divine wisdom; another occasion when you acted in divine wisdom. Journal what the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

In conclusion: On this first day of this Prayer & Fast season, take time to quiet your heart and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal unsundered areas in your heart and get to the place of total surrender! Ask for a listening and responsive heart.

### Journal your impressions & Holy Spirit’s revelations to you:

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## Day 2: December 6

*To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible  
than to be alive without breathing.*

– Martin Luther

### Engage the Word:

Haggai 1-2; 2 John 1; Proverbs 29:19-27

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Haggai 1:4, 7-8:

<sup>4</sup> *“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”....*

<sup>7</sup> *This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. <sup>8</sup>Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the LORD.*

- History tells us that when God’s people become complacent and busy with the daily demands of life, they inevitably neglect His House. They descend into a subtle but inevitable state of backsliding.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— are you growing weary of serving and giving to build God’s House? Are you exchanging eternal rewards for immediate worldly gratifications?

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Have you replaced time you used to spend in solitude with God and in ministry, with personal pursuits, leisure and comfort?

In conclusion: As the Holy Spirit convicts you, repent for being more taken up with your own comfort than ministry and taking care of God’s House! Pray for the CP family to have a renewed faith and vision for His Church. Ask God to speak to your heart about the settlement of our Nexus loan.

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### Day 3: December 7

*To pray is nothing more involved than to open the door, giving Jesus access to our needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them.*

**- Ole Hallesby**

#### **Engage the Word:**

Zechariah 1-4; 3 John 1; Psalm 139:11-16

#### **Connect the Heart:**

Meditate on God’s promise of enablement when we do His work, Zechariah 4:6-7:

*<sup>6</sup> ...“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. <sup>7</sup>“What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone....”*

#### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— are you entering into the limitless resources of power and provision that are available for His work? Experiencing small moments of victory as you overcome the mountain of difficulty and impossibility before you?

#### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to—are they a “mighty mountain” that needs to be leveled to the ground? Confess being lured into seeking worldly gain and selfish pride. Surrender them and make Jesus the Capstone of your life! In conclusion: Pray for our church family to seek God’s Kingdom first. And through that, to experience His generous release of resources for our needs. Journal thoughts, impressions and promises given by the Holy Spirit.

#### **Journal your impressions & Holy Spirit’s revelations to you:**

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## Day 4: December 8

*Prayer delights God's ear; it melts His heart;  
and opens His hand. God cannot deny a praying soul.*

**- Thomas Watson**

### **Engage the Word:**

Zechariah 5-8; Jude 1; Psalm 139:17-24

### **Connect the Heart:**

Meditate on Zechariah 8:9. Notice God's encouragement, "**Let your hands be strong...**":

*<sup>9</sup>This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Now hear these words, 'Let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built.' This is also what the prophets said who were present when the foundation was laid for the house of the Lord Almighty.*

### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart—your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations? Receive God's promise: "Let your hands be strong" in His work! Like the Israelites, we can begin doing God's work and building His House with enthusiasm, then slacken when difficulties, pressures and disappointment mount.

### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Confess your impatience and loss of enthusiasm as you see the slow progress in God's work. Ask God to enlighten your heart and open your spiritual eyes to see the unseen things He is already doing!

In conclusion: Bring the negative thoughts and attitudes—your own and others--to God. Repent and break the power of negative thoughts and sluggish attitudes in the name of Jesus! Journal impressions and promises given by the Holy Spirit.

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## Day 5: December 9

*God waits for you to communicate with Him.  
You have instant, direct access to God...  
He has made Himself available to you at all times.*  
- Wesley L. Duewel

### Engage the Word:

Zechariah 9-11; Revelation 1; Psalm 140:1-5

### Connect the Heart:

Zechariah gives more encouragement to build God's House. There are obstacles and difficulties; battles against the powers and principalities of darkness. But God gives assurance of His love and strength. Meditate on Zechariah 10:3b;  
*...for the LORD Almighty will care  
for his flock, the people of Judah,  
and make them like a proud horse in battle.*

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— take time to strengthen your heart with the Scriptures and prophetic words for CP, including this one: “There are immense blessings in Church of Praise. Many have thought these blessings are lifted, but they have not. They remain strong and are ever increasing. Whoever enters this House and plants themselves here will flourish. They will be like trees planted by streams of living water— refreshed, fruitful and strengthened. I began to see the promises of God in this House growing stronger and greater than before.” -- Evangelist Timothy Balakrishnan, 24 Nov 2024.

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Are they directed by faith in God that is unailing, or by natural human thinking that fails?  
In conclusion: Pray, intercede and engage in warfare against the spirit of unbelief, complacency and discouragement. Ask for a spirit of humility and boldness in the Lord to come upon members of CP.

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## Day 6: December 10

*Remember, no one has time to pray;  
we have to take time from other things  
that are valuable in order to understand  
how necessary prayer is.*

– Oswald Chambers

### Engage the Word:

Zechariah 12-14; Revelation 2:1-17; Proverbs 30:1-10

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Zechariah 12:8: *“On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them.”*

- Through prayer and fasting, God will raise up a shield for those who are feeble, and they will rise up to defeat the giant of opposition and impossibility, like David!

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—realise how they reveal your inner need to humble yourself in prayer and fasting! So that you can stand strong like David against Goliath--in the battle against Satan and his evil principalities!

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Repent of self-seeking, self-protective attitudes and pride that are of the flesh and drain you of spiritual strength and vitality for God’s work.

In conclusion: Pray for the CP family, asking God to cleanse us of defilement and sin, and fill us with a spirit of humility and awe of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to send a wind of revival this Christmas season and fill us with renewed vision for His work in the year ahead.

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## Day 7: December 11

*Oh brother, pray; in spite of Satan, pray;  
spend hours in prayer; rather neglect friends than not pray;  
rather fast, and lose breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper  
- and sleep too - than not pray.*

– Andrew Bonar

### Engage the Word:

Esther 1-2:18; Revelation 2:18-3:6; Psalm 140:6-13

### Connect the Heart:

With a heart ready to listen and obey, meditate on Revelation 3:1-3:

*"... I know your deeds; you have **a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.** <sup>2</sup> Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found **your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.** <sup>3</sup> Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent...."*

- The Lord indicted the Church of Sardis. He revealed the uncomfortable truth so that they might repent and be saved. Meditate and ask the Holy Spirit to show you about yourself having "a reputation of being alive" but spiritually dead.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—in what way does Jesus' words: "a reputation of being alive, but you are dead" apply to you? What aspects of life do you need to change?

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. For example, you might write down: "O Holy Spirit, my heart is too tuned to this world's values and expectations so that I can't worship You on Your terms. Forgive me, give me a heart that is softer and yielded to do your biddings." Journal your thoughts. In conclusion: Repent and intercede in tongues and prophetic prayer for members of our church especially those in ministry with you!

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## Day 8: December 12

*“We should all give some attention to the matter of fasting. We haven’t really called on the Lord so that we can reach Him intimately if we don’t fast occasionally, and pray often. Many of our personal problems can be solved by so doing.”*

**-- Marion G. Romney**

### **Engage the Word:**

Esther 2:19-5:14; Revelation 3:7-22; Psalm 141

### **Connect the Heart:**

Worship the Lord with Psalm 141:2-3; <sup>2</sup> *May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.* <sup>3</sup> *Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.*

- Make this season of prayer and fasting a time that lifts you to a higher level of prayer and intercession according to Psalm 141:2-3.

### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— are they inspired and transformed through prayers that are truly like incense before the Lord; prayers that are after God’s heart and Kingdom? As we rush through each day, it is easy to breathe rushed prayers motivated by self-interest, immediate gratification and even personal greed instead.

### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. For example, you might write down: I guard quality time, energy and finance mainly for family and personal gratification. Lord, teach me to release more quality time, energy and finance to You and believe that You are more than ready to multiply them back to me.

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## Day 9: December 13

*“Prayer is not for the purpose of getting God to help us...  
but for getting us in line with what God is about to do.*

*Prayer is God’s invitation to enter His throne room  
so He can lay His agenda over our hearts.”*

**- Henry Blackaby**

### **Engage the Word:**

Esther 6:1-8:17; Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 142:1-11

### **Connect the Heart:**

Meditate on Revelation 4:1-2,

*After this I looked, and there before me was a door open in heaven. And a voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this. <sup>2</sup>At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.”*

- Listen intently to the Holy Spirit’s invitation to enter through the open door into Heaven, and reverently come before the throne of God!

### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—

- How often have you missed an open door that God opened to you— because of temporal desires and fleshly motivations? Recall occasions when you had missed God’s open door because you couldn’t believe God would do the unusual; or you thought you were simply being presumptuous.

### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts. For example you could write: Holy Spirit, I want to enter into your supernatural realm, to recognize Your voice when You speak and recognize Your works.” In conclusion, intercede for the CP family that we will recognize that God is holding an open door before us this Christmas season. Ask for miracles of salvation, transformation of hearts, renewed faith and His Glory to fall on us!

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## Day 10: December 14

*“God is always for us,  
even when He must be against us  
He is for us.*

**- George McDonald**

### **Engage the Word:**

Esther 9:1-10:3; Revelation 5:1-14; Proverbs 30:11-23

### **Connect the Heart:**

Meditate on Revelation 5:8-10;

*And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.*

*And they sang a new song, saying:*

*“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

*You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”*

### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—draw near now. Examine yourself. How much do you want to enter into the purity and holiness of worship--like the scene of worship in Heaven?

### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts. For example: Holy Spirit, I confess that I am too distracted to truly worship You in spirit and in truth. Show me how I need to surrender my longings, desires and motives that I may know Your longings, desires and motives.

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## Day 11: December 15

*We must begin to believe that God,  
in the mystery of prayer,  
has entrusted us with a force  
that can move the Heavenly world,  
and can bring its power down to earth.*

– Andrew Murray

### Engage the Word:

Malachi 1:1-2:16; Revelation 6:1-17; Psalm 143:1-12

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Malachi 2:5-6;

*<sup>5</sup>“My covenant was with him (Levi), a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and **he revered me and stood in awe of my name.** <sup>6</sup>True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and **turned many from sin.**”*

- God hates the sin of irreverence. Irreverence is a heart condition. The symptoms are a lack of spiritual appetite, boredom with the Word of God, inability to distinguish what is holy and of God from what is not, and an inability to see the lostness of a soul without Christ.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations – in what ways do you need to change to increase your reverence for God? What defiling attachments are in your way? Journal your thoughts.

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Worship God and feel the absolute purity, holiness, beauty and reverence of His Presence.

In conclusion: Repent and ask God to fill CP with a reverential awe for His name; that we may have the weight of His anointing--to turn many hearts back to Him.

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## Day 12: December 16

*I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church.*

– Charles H. Spurgeon

### Engage the Word:

Malachi 2:17-4:6; Revelation 7:1-17; Psalm 144:1-8

### Connect the Heart:

Read Malachi 3:14 slowly: *“You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty’*

- Then meditate on Malachi 3:8-10;  
*“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the **whole** tithe into my storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”*

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—are they in sync, partially in sync or out of sync with Malachi 3:14 and 3:8-10?

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts, for example: *“Holy Spirit, I desperately need You to teach me quiet and confident trust in You. I surrender all that I am and have into Your hands...”*

In conclusion: Pray and ask God for mercy for those you know who have difficulty in honouring God with His tithe of their time, resources and energy.

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## Day 13: December 17

*Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength,  
turns human folly into heavenly wisdom,  
and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God.  
We know not what prayer can do.*

– Charles H. Spurgeon

### Engage the Word:

Ezra 1:1-2:67; Revelation 8:1-9:12; Psalm 144:9-15

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Psalm 144:12: *“Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.”*

- Pray this scripture and proclaim it for all our youth and children. Pray that this Christmas season, many will be set free from negative influences of social media and experience a life transformation through their Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— what do your children and grandchildren conclude about who Jesus is to you, from what they hear and see from you? Journal your thoughts.

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. For example: “Lord, there is a reluctance in me to be overt about expressing and living out my faith in you. I need You to set me free from the fear of rejection and offending my loved ones when I am bold about my faith...”

In conclusion: Our youth and children are our next generations. Take authority and plead the Blood of Jesus over your own children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and neighbours’ children. Pray for a spiritual work of God to come upon them this Christmas season.

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## Day 14: December 18

*The prayer that prevails  
is not the work of lips and fingertips.  
It is the cry of a broken heart  
and the travail of a stricken soul.*  
- Samuel Chadwick

### Engage the Word:

Ezra 2:68-4:5; Revelation 9:13-10:11; Proverbs 30:24-33

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Ezra 3:2-3: <sup>2</sup> Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. <sup>3</sup> **Despite their fear of the peoples around them**, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices.

- What does the courage of Ezra and his followers who stood firm in faith and loyalty to Jehovah God despite ridicule—say to you about us in CP?

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—it is easy to comfort ourselves with the misconception that God does not require us to be inconvenienced, hard-pressed or face rejection in standing up for Him. Think of a Bible character who dared to face opposition. Journal your thoughts.

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Come to God in brokenness. Confess how, unlike Ezra and his followers, many of us lack the courage to live for God in the face of social challenges.

In conclusion: Pray for the CP family that we remain steadfast in faith despite outside distractions and pressures. Pray that we rebuild and strengthen our altar of consecration. Pray for conviction on CP members to attend CPpa on site.

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## Day 15: December 19

*The church that is not jealously protected by mighty intercession and sacrificial labors will before long become the abode of every evil bird and the hiding place for unsuspected corruption.*

– A.W.Tozer

### Engage the Word:

Ezra 4:6-5:17; Revelation 11:1-19; Psalm 145:1-7

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Ezra 5:1-2;

*Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them. <sup>2</sup> Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak **set to work to rebuild the house of God** in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.*

- It is no coincidence that God continues to speak to us about persevering to build His House, through the 365 daily Scripture portions.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—let the Holy Spirit’s search light reveal latent deceptions hidden deep within.

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts. For example: “Father, as Your Holy Spirit shows me how my inner desires, hopes and motivations are influenced by social and family expectations, I see that they are the reason I do not draw near to You, and do not sense the importance of Your work enough, ...”

In conclusion: Pray that the CP family will as a whole, shake themselves out of spiritual lethargy. Let our hearts be awakened to the reality that the time to do God’s work is short, “...night comes when no one can work” John 9:4.

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## Day 16: December 20

*“Scripture does not command Christians to fast. It is not something that God requires or demands of Christians. At the same time, the Bible presents fasting as something that is good, profitable, and expected. Fasting and prayer are often linked together.”*

– Unknown

### Engage the Word:

Ezra 6:1-7:10; Revelation 12:1-13:1a; Psalm 145:8-13

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Ezra 7:6

*...Ezra... was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the Lord, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him.*

- God grants favour to His servants like Ezra because their hearts are set on pleasing and fulfilling His Kingdom purposes.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— are they driven by eternity’s perspectives that bring down God’s favour or by temporal earthly perspectives?

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts. For example: “Father, I recognize that I have been presumptuous in asking for your favour. I want what I myself want instead of what You want for me, and for Your Kingdom. I often come to you with a list of requests instead of coming into Your Presence, to honour You, to hear Your voice and understand Your purpose...” In conclusion: Pray that our CP family will distinguish between our own temporal desires and God’s desires so that He will be pleased to grant us His favour.

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## Day 17: December 21

*“By fasting, the body learns to obey the soul;  
by praying the soul learns to command the body.”*

-- William Secker

### Engage the Word:

Ezra 7:11-8:14; Revelation 13:1b-18; Psalm 145:13-21

### Connect the Heart:

Meditate on Psalm 145:19;

*He fulfils the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.*

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—reflect on what it means to fear the Lord. How should the fear of the Lord influence your words, actions, desires and motivations?

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. A good lesson to learn is from Jacob after he and his family had purified themselves of all uncleanness (Genesis 35:1-5). As a result, the Presence of God accompanied the fear of the Lord upon them. It became a cover of protection for them but a threat to their enemies so that they trembled. Consider what God would do if you would have the fear of God like Jacob. Journal your thoughts.

In conclusion: Intercede for the CP family to have the fear of the Lord fall upon them; for His holy Presence and the fear of God to bring an anointing for miracles of salvation, healing and transformation to take place—this Christmas and year-end services.

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## Day 18: December 22

*“If you say ‘I will fast when God lays it on my heart,’  
you never will. You are too cold and  
indifferent to take the yoke upon you.”*

**-- D.L. Moody**

### **Engage the Word:**

Ezra 8:15-9:15; Revelation 14:1-13; Proverbs 31:1-9

### **Connect the Heart:**

Meditate on Revelation 14:12;

*This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.*

- We need patient endurance in our walk with the Lord; not for persecution like the early Christians but for complacency and lukewarmness!

### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations— consider the pressure all around you to conform to accepted norms. How many times in the past month have you conformed so that you will not offend a loved one?

### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts. For example, “God, open my eyes to see what the early Christians, e.g. Stephen, in the Book of Acts endured to remain faithful to Jesus. His extraordinary courage so astounded Paul that he could not resist the love of Jesus and became the great Apostle we know today. I may not be as courageous as Stephen but I want to be stronger than I have been to remain faithful to Jesus.”

In conclusion: Intercede for our CP family that we will consider it our privilege to remain faithful to Jesus this holiday season, to make the season holy in our hearts, as we celebrate with family and friends.

### **Journal your impressions & Holy Spirit’s revelations:**

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## Day 19: December 23

*How can you pull down strongholds of Satan  
if you don't even have the strength to turn off your TV?*

**--Leonard Ravenhill**

### **Engage the Word:**

Ezra 10:1-44; Revelation 14:14-15:8; Psalm 146:1-10

### **Connect the Heart:**

Meditate on Ezra 10:1-3a;

*While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a large crowd of Israelites—men, women and children—gathered around him. They too wept bitterly. Then Shekaniah son of Jehiel, ...said to Ezra, “We have been unfaithful to our God.... But in spite of this, there is still hope for Israel. Now let us make a covenant before our God...”*

- We have lost the sensitiveness to sin and do not weep for our sins like the Israelites in Ezra 10:1-3a.

### **Reflecting on the Truth:**

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—reflect on what has caused you to be insensitive to sin on the one hand and to the holiness of God on the other.

### **Depending on the Spirit:**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Seek God in brokenness; ask God to show you what has affected your fervor for Him. Journal your thoughts. For example: “God, grant me courage to say ‘No’ to physical appetites this prayer & fast time. I confess I often give in to temptation to indulge in entertainment, social media and unnecessary conversations instead of entering Your Presence.” In conclusion: Worship and enter into spiritual warfare against Satan and his schemes coming against you as you strive to be sensitive to God. Ask for purposefulness to reach out to the lost and hurting around you.

### **Journal your impressions & Holy Spirit’s revelations:**

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## Day 20: December 24

Christians should live in the world, but not be filled with it.  
*A ship lives in the water; but if the water gets into the ship,  
she goes to the bottom. So Christians may live in the world;  
but if the world gets into them, they sink.*

-- Dwight L. Moody

### Engage the Word:

Nehemiah 1:1-2:20; Revelation 16:1-21; Psalm 147:1-11

### Connect the Heart:

Read slowly and meditate on Nehemiah 1:4-6;

*<sup>4</sup> When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ... I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you."*

- Intercede in tongues as you make Nehemiah's heartfelt intercession your personal intercession.

### Reflecting on the Truth:

How is your heart – your words, your actions, your desires, your motivations—ask the Holy Spirit to reveal generational sins you need to confess and be set free from.

### Depending on the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the deeper longings, desires or motives in your heart that these thoughts are pointing to. Journal your thoughts. For example: "Father, on this Christmas eve, I am reminded of the day Jesus came into this world to become like one of us, yet sinless. This Christmas, I want to be different like Jesus. He was humble, obedient and at the same time, bold before unbelievers and the enemies of God. "

In conclusion: Pray for boldness and courage to witness. Ask God to fill our Christmas worship with a Holy Spirit joy and for surrender of lives to Jesus.

### Journal your impressions & Holy Spirit's revelations:

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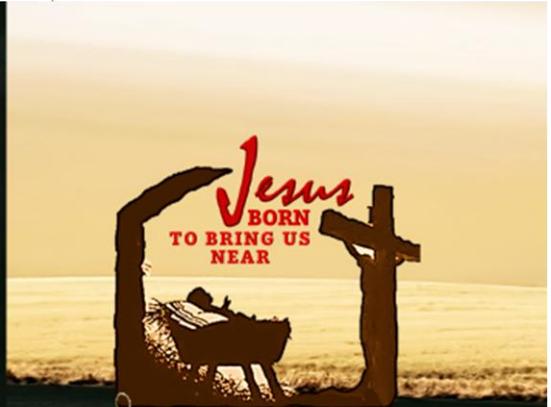
“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16

## CHRISTMAS

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for Jesus



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31 December 7.30pm

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- \* Minister/Workers' Appointment & Dedication



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