

January 2016 New Year Prayer Challenge Give Your Prayers Away

Day 1: Unsaved family members

Although the holidays are ending, and “obligatory” family time is over, it is important to remember our family members in our prayers- even the crazy ones who get on our nerves! God especially is focused on our families serving Him with zeal and passion! Today take some time to pray for your unsaved family members by name. Maybe even ask the Lord if there’s something you could do or say to them- sometimes a few kind words go a long ways!

Scripture: John 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Prayer Points:

- Ask Father God to draw your unsaved family members to His Son Jesus
- Ask God to reveal Himself to them in a powerful way
- Ask God to put Christians around them to help love and disciple them
- Pray that your heart towards them would grow in love and reconciliation

Day 2: Teachers in Public & Private Schools

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:2 “Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.”

Facts: Omaha Public Schools serves a diverse community of nearly 51,000 students at over 80 elementary and secondary schools

* There are 22,182 public school teachers in Nebraska

*There are 226 private schools in Nebraska with 39,662 students attending

Prayer Points:

~Pray that teachers will teach with Godly wisdom using creativity in their lesson plans to engage a variety of learners

~Pray that teachers would have balance of mercy and discipline and to know when each is necessary

~Pray that teachers call out the greatness in their students; that they would see the gifts/talents/abilities in each child

Resources for further intercession:

<http://www.ceai.org/membership/benefits/prayer-network.html>

Day 3: Your Church

Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Prayer Points:

- People in your Church will love God with all their hearts, minds, strength
- People in your Church will be strengthened and grow in their relationship with Jesus
- People in your Church will love like Jesus

Day 4: First responders in Omaha (Police/Firefighters/EMTs/Military)

As chaos in society increases, police, firefighters, those in the military and EMTs are on the front lines of helping instill peace and safety in our communities. This can be one of the most stressful jobs and one where the enemy can wreak havoc in first responders' personal and family lives. Take some time to pray for the first responders in our community, especially the ones that you personally know!

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-19 " that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power"

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to grant wisdom and revelation, especially in crisis situations where quick, spontaneous decisions are required.
- Ask God for revelation and hope to flood their families and marriages
- Pray that they would walk according to the power of Christ

Day 5: Hollywood

Scripture: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."
Philippians 4:8

Prayer Points:

- Salvation for Actors, Actresses, Directors, Producers
- Boldness to create and act in godly movies that will share the Gospel
- Christ centered movies would thrive

Resources for further intercession:

<http://hollywoodprayernetwork.org/>

Day 6: Unsaved friends

Godly friendships can be one of the most fulfilling parts of our walk with the Lord. God exhorts us to choose friends that will “sharpen” our spiritual walk and draw us closer to Him! But often as we go through life, we connect with many different kinds of people and not all of them know Him intimately! Today take some time to pray for your friends who do not know Jesus!

Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:3-4, “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age (the enemy, Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to remove the “veil” that they would come to have a relationship with Him
- Ask God to shine His light into their lives
- Ask God how you can be an effective witness to them
- Pray for their protection from the lies of the enemy

Day 7: 4-14 Window (Ages 4-14)

Scripture: “‘And it shall come to pass in the last days’, says God, ‘that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions; your old men shall dream dreams.’” Acts 2:17

Facts: All over the world, children and youth represent the demographic that is most receptive to spiritual and developmental input. God is calling us to radically change the way we view young people and to respond to their strategic importance and rightful place in His Kingdom. The 4/14 Window Movement sees children and youth as more than a mission field to be reached. They are also a powerful missions force affecting change in our world today.

Prayer Points:

- ~Pray that God will move supernaturally on children and youth
- ~ Pray that the Holy Spirit will awaken love for the things of God in children’s hearts.
- ~Pray that the church will see the importance of this generation and teach them how to pray, prophesy, preach, heal, etc to impact the world

Resources for further intercession:

<http://www.4to14window.com/#414-eng>

http://www.compassion.com/multimedia/The%204_14%20Window.pdf

Day 8: President Barak Obama

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-18, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you"

Prayer Points:

- Salvation for President Obama and his family
- Wisdom for God to lead our Nation for his remaining time in Office
- Turning of President Obama's heart to make godly Legislation

Day 9: Unserved Jewish People

The New Testament is filled with prayers of the apostles (and chief apostle Jesus). In the prayer movement, they are often referred to, uncreatively, as the apostolic prayers. These prayers cover a multitude of topics, but interestingly enough, the only apostolic prayer praying for the lost is when Paul prays for the Jewish people (his brothers and sisters) and asks God for them to be saved. Similarly, we as New Testament believers, ought to regularly pray for the lost, especially the Jewish people who have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

Scripture: Romans 10:1 "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to remove the "veil" that they may see Jesus as their Messiah
- Ask God for Christian and Messianic Jewish (Jews who believe in Jesus as their Messiah) witnesses to love and share the good news with them
- Pray for Christians to be active in ministering to God's firstborn son, the Jewish people and spur them into jealousy to accept Christ!
- Pray for an increase in miracles that would demonstrate Christ's power working in their lives

Resources for further intercession:

- www.ihopkc.org/israelmandate
- www.jewsforjesus.org
- www.jhopfan.com

Day 10: Modern Day Slavery

Scripture: Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed"

Facts: An estimated 27 Million men, women and children around the world are victims of Forced Labor and Sex Slavery.

Prayer Points:

- Wisdom & strength for those who are working to abolish Modern Day Slavery
- Justice to reign and victims to be released/rescued
- More people to join the fight against Modern Day Slavery at the local and national level (Churches, Local Government, National Government)

Resources for further intercession:

<http://exoduscry.com/>

<http://www.a21.org/>

Day 11: Neighbors/Neighborhood

Often times in prayer we focus on global issues, crises and the nations (which is great!), but one of the greatest places of impact that is often overlooked is our backyard! The neighborhood and the city we live in are perfect places for ministry! Our lives can be living examples of Christ in front of our neighbors and we can minister to them through prayer, acts of love, and evangelism! Today take some time to pray for your neighbors and your neighborhood and city at large!

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:7 “And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be [...], and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace.”

Prayer Points:

- Pray that your neighborhood would be filled with peace
- Pray that your neighbors would come to know Christ’s love in a personal way
- Pray for your city to be a light for Christ

Day 12: Foster Care System (Nebraska)

Scripture: Malachi 4:5-6, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers”

Facts: Currently there are 6,231 children in the Foster Care system in Nebraska

Prayer Points:

- Many godly families will become foster parents
- Spirit of Elijah to be upon foster parents – that they will protect the hearts, minds and bodies of their foster children
- Children in Foster Care will be filled with the Holy Spirit and feel the love of their heavenly Father

Resources for further intercession:

http://www.chne.org/foster_care/

<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life/orphan-care>

Day 13: France

Two months ago today, the nation of France was wrecked with grief and horror in light of the terrorist attacks in Paris. While the [#PrayforParis](#) hashtag circulated quickly online, it is important to continue to uplift our French brothers and sisters as they adjust to a new normal. Interestingly enough, France has one of the richest histories of all countries in their prayer initiatives. Long before 24/7 prayer was established in houses of prayer in Kansas City and worldwide, hundreds of monasteries in France (the largest in Cluny) and later many more led by St. Bernard of Clairvaux sustained “laus perennis” or night and day prayer and worship for around 300 years! Today pray for the citizens of France that they would have peace and seek the Lord as intensely as the French of old!

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men [...] 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. [...] 5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the Word of God would be glorified in France, touching the hearts of people to cause them to come to Christ and that the ministries in France would be effective in reaching the lost
- Pray that the people of France would return to their roots of radical devotion to Christ, through day and night prayer and missions!
- Pray for peace and wisdom for the leadership in France in matters of government and security

Resources for further intercession: www.francenfeu.com

Day 15: Missionaries (Domestic & International)

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-11, “that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy...”

Prayer Points:

- Wisdom and Understanding for the work they are doing where the Lord has placed them
- Growth in their relationship with Jesus

- Strengthen marriages of married missionaries
- Peace within families on the mission field
- Community for single missionaries

Resources for further Intercession:

<http://4kworldmap.com/>

<https://www.serge.org/>

<http://www.encompassworldpartners.org/prayer-news/30-ways-to-pray-for-missionaries>

Day 16: Generation of Purity

Scripture: “But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and win...” Daniel 1:8 & “I will not look with approval on anything that is vile,” Psalm 101:3

Facts: In the 2012 census, the U.S. population was approximately 309 million, about 21.2 million, or 6.9 percent, are in the 15 to 19 age range. Hollywood, social media and marketing strategies recognize the power of the teenager. It is time for the church to recognize their greatest resource~ to believe in teens, empower them, call out the “gold” in them, mentor and release them to change the world!

Prayer Points:

~Pray for a generation that will make a Daniel 1:8 covenant; to resolve (to settle; to make a firm decision; to determine) not to defile himself

~ Pray for a generation to have vision for their purity; to flee from immorality; to flee from pornography; to flee from compromise

~Pray that a generation would align with the Lord’s heart, will and Word

Resources for further intercession:

<http://moralrevolution.com/>

<http://therebelution.com/books/do-hard-things/#.VoVOBFmk-So>

Day 18: Presidential Election

The selection of 2016 nominees for president by political parties is not bound by the Constitution or any federal regulations. However, the process involved has evolved naturally over the last century, more so since the advent of national conventions of political parties. The delegates of these conventions will ultimately decide the party’s nominee for president. The selections of the delegates, meanwhile, are done through state organized primaries and caucuses.

The President of the US has 8 roles:

-Chief of State refers to the President as the head of the government.

-Chief Executive refers to the President as the holder of the executive power of

the US.

- Chief Administrator meaning he is in charge of the executive branch of the federal government. This branch employs more than 2.7 million civilians.
- Chief Diplomat, the main author of American foreign policy.
- Commander in Chief of the armed forces. This power gives the President direct and immediate control of the military.
- Chief Legislator in which he shapes public policy.
- Chief of Party meaning that he is the leader of the political party that controls the executive branch.
- Chief Citizen meaning that the President should represent all the people of the United States.

Scripture: Proverbs 1:5-6 "...let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance~ for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise."

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God's man will listen with discernment, add to his knowledge, and receive wise counsel in this campaign.
- Pray that Christians will be motivated to pray faithfully for this election and that the Lord would deliver us from the wrong leaders
- Pray that the Lord would put His hands on the man of His choice for president (and his team) and guide them in this election.
- Pray that the Lord would arm the man of His choice with strength; would guide him in battle (this election); and would sustain him and give him victory.

Day 19: Homeless in Omaha

Scripture: Matthew 6:31-32, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'...your heavenly Father knows that you need them all."

Facts: Every night, approximately 2,000 people are homeless in Omaha

Prayer Points:

- Homeless families are able to find safe shelter and provision for their needs
- Protection from the dangerous weather of winter for all who are in need
- Through different resources in Omaha, homeless men, women and children will find HOPE in Jesus and He would heal their lives

Resources for further intercession:

<http://www.sienafrancis.org/>

<http://www.opendoormission.org/>

Day 20: Most unreached people groups

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-4, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... this is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Facts: Western Sahara, a country in West Africa, has NO Christians. Population: 552,000; Religion: 99.9% Islam;
10/40 Window Country

Prayer Points:

- That the people of Western Sahara would have dreams about Jesus
- God would give Christians creative ways to get the Gospel into the country
- Protection for people who make the decision to believe in Jesus as Savior

Resources for further intercession:

<http://joshuaproject.net/countries/WI>

Day 21: Poorest country – Malawi, Africa

Scripture: Isaiah 72:4, “May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!”

Prayer Points:

- Justice would be given to those who have been oppressed by the corrupt government
- Provision for basic physical needs, especially food as the country is suffering from famine due to widespread flooding
- Malawian Churches to be strengthened to help care for the people

Resources for further Intercession:

<http://www.alightedpath.org/>

Day 22: Houses of Prayer

Prior to 1980 there were fewer than 10 houses of prayer around the world. Now, there are over 10,000 that worship Jesus and intercede for justice 24/7 and thousands more that are developing towards night and day prayer and worship! Today take some time to pray for the houses of prayer, the leaders, and the singers, musicians, and intercessors that work in them! Ask the Lord to continue to rebuild the tabernacle of David through the expression of houses of prayer and for the prayer and missions movement to continue to impact the world for Christ!

Scripture: Isaiah 56:7 “These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy

in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God would continue to establish 24/7 houses of prayer in every nation, tongue, and tribe
- Pray for a release of finances for houses of prayer around the world
- Pray for singers, musicians, and intercessors to be called by the Lord to houses of prayer in a full time basis
- Pray for joy to be released in houses of prayer

Resources for further Intercession:

www.ihopkc.org

www.ihopnetwork.com

Day 23: Israel and the city of Jerusalem

It is important that we as Christians stand with Israel and pray for her on a regular basis. Israel is the primary nation that we are exhorted to pray for in Scripture. This doesn't mean that we back every political decision that Israel makes, but we do stand in prayer and ask God to break in with light, with revelation, wisdom, and salvation! God has given many promises throughout Scripture about the land of Israel, and the Jewish people! And His promises are irrevocable!

Scripture: Psalm 122:6-7 “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels’”

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the nation of Israel to be blessed and to be saved and delivered
- Pray for peace within the nation of Israel, especially the city of Jerusalem
- Pray that there would be peaceful relations between Arabs and Jews in and surrounding Israel
- Pray for the leaders of Israel, including prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, that they would have wisdom and revelation

Resources for further Intercession:

<http://www.cufi.org/site/PageServer>

www.ihopkc.org/israelmandate

Day 24: Raise up Laborers

Scripture: Matthew 9:37-38, “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Prayer Points:

- Many people will hear the call to become Missionaries
- Increased number of Missionaries from all over the world will go to the least reached/unreached peoples of the earth
- Increased number of Missionaries sent to our Nation

Resources for further intercession:

<http://www.ywam.org/>

<http://acts.global/>

<http://joshuaproject.net/>

Day 25: Syrian Refugees

Syria's civil war is the worst humanitarian crisis of our time. Half the country's pre-war population — more than 11 million people — have been killed or forced to flee their homes. Families are struggling to survive inside Syria, or make a new home in neighboring countries. Others are risking their lives on the way to Europe, hoping to find acceptance and opportunity.

The U.N. estimates that 6.6 million people are internally displaced. When you also consider refugees, more than half of the country's pre-war population of 23 million is in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, whether they still remain in the country or have escaped across the borders.

More than 50% of the refugees are children who have lost everything.

Scripture: Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the many who are displaced from their homes~ that they would have access to food, medication, and other basic provisions for life.
- Pray for God's hand of protection for vulnerable children, who make up nearly half of the refugees in some countries, and women, who are at risk of gender-based violence
- Pray that God would spare the lives of those attempting treacherous journeys over water or land to reach safety
- Pray for governmental leaders in each of the regions that are hosting Syrian refugees, that God would grant them wisdom to respond with justice and compassion
- Pray for a peaceful end to the conflicts at the root of this refugee crisis

Resources for further Intercession:

<http://wewelcomerefugees.com/>

Day 26: Most orphaned country (India)

Scripture: Psalm 68:5-6, “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing”

Facts: Over 20 Million children have been orphaned in India

India has the highest population of children below the age of 18 --- 41% of the total population. Although over 4% of them are orphan as per the study, around 13% of them live with either of their parent.

A large number of children in India struggle to survive, let alone having access to education and other welfare measures. Some of these children end up being trafficked or pushed into illegal works.

Prayer Points:

- Salvation for every orphaned child
- That children who have been orphaned do not end up as street kids but become part of a family and are taken care of and loved
- Healing (emotional and physical) for orphaned children
- Churches to be part of the solution to the orphan crisis – providing help to children and families in need

Resources for further intercession:

<https://www.savethechildren.net/>
<http://www.orphanchildrenofindia.org/>
<http://angelhouse.me/>

Day 27: Praying for your boss

Facts:

When we pray for those who have authority over us we can find peace to lead a quiet and peaceable life. Praying often for those who are in authority over you will bring peace not just for you but it will also bring peace into your work environment and you will see God move on the heart of those who have authority over you but also expect God to change you in the process.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:3, “Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the Lord would bless your boss and would meet the needs that he/she has according to the riches and glory in Christ Jesus.
- Pray that your boss would have success in the work that he/she has been called to do and that he/she would make good decisions that will help the business

grow in the right direction and build good and healthy relationships among all employees.

-Pray that you will be able to submit to your boss' authority and that you will be open to feedback from him/her

-Pray that your light will shine so that your boss will see Jesus in you

Day 29: Praying for your children (natural & spiritual)

The goal of parenting is to train up the next generation to go farther & higher than you could only dream. Randy Clark uses the phrase, "Our ceiling is their floor". Whether you have natural children or spiritual children, it is essential that we pray & prophecy their future. We are part of God's plan to awaken greatness in our children! Our words carry power and we want to align our words with what heaven says about our kids.

Scripture: 3 John 1:4, "I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the Truth."

Prayer Points:

-Pray that your children would be captivated by God's love.

-Pray that your children will love God with ALL their heart, soul, mind & strength~ to love God all of their days!

-Pray that your children would have confidence in their sonship/daughtership of the King.

-Pray that your children will give Jesus first place in every area of their lives.

-Pray that your children will grow in wisdom & stature and in favor with God and man

Resources for further Intercession:

-Moms in Prayer <http://momsinprayer.org/>

-Family Life (parenting)

<http://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting>

-Bethel Store (resources for children)

<https://shop.ibethel.org/collections/children-youth/products>

Day 30: Praying for families of martyrs (those persecuted because of their faith in Christ)

There was much rejoicing throughout the Christian world a couple weeks ago when Pastor Saeed Abedini was released from Iran (in a prisoner swap). He was imprisoned in 2012 with charges of setting up home churches in the Islamic theocracy in an effort to destroy the government in Iran. While he was imprisoned, his wife and children were left to wonder of his health, emotional state, etc.

Saeed shared in his interview (below) with Fox News that every week Muslims

were executed before his eyes. They would be bound at feet and hands, like a lamb led to the slaughter.

So today we are going to focus our prayers on the families of those who are persecuted~ tortured or martyred for their faith in Christ.

Link to Pastor Saeed interview:

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/01/26/christian-pastor-saeed-abedini-breaks-silence-after-being-freed-in-prisoner-swap-with-iran.html>

Scripture: Hebrews 13:3, "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the families would be filled with hope from the Lord.
- Pray that God would surround them with other Christians who will love them and supports them emotionally and physically.
- Pray that the Lord would provide safe places for families to live; places to work; financial provision
- Pray that the Lord would strengthen the families of those persecuted; that they would remember that God will never leave them, nor forsake them

Resources for further Intercession:

-VOM's PRAY TODAY app installed on your smart phone. New prayer request and inspiring devotional from persecuted Christians each day, and weekly access to VOM Radio right from the app. Learn more and link to iOS and Android app stores at<http://bit.ly/1VnS1bv>.

-Voice of the Martyrs facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/vomusa/>

Day 31: Omaha, NE House of Prayer (ONEHOP)

As we end our 31 day prayer challenge, we ask that you pray for us as we journey with the Lord to establish night and day prayer in the city of Omaha!

Scripture: Isaiah 62:6-7 "I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, 7 and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to raise up watchmen (singers, musicians, and intercessors) to set on the wall day and night at OHOP
- Ask God to raise up a generation of individuals who will pursue the Lord

zealously, who will give Him no rest and develop a culture of prayer and fasting

- Ask God to release finances for our intercessory missionaries, and for OHOP to meet our needs for a building and equipment
- Ask God to grant us wisdom and revelation as we pursue unity in our city and continue to build the house of prayer

Resources for further Intercession:

www.onehop.org