# 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

### Come seek the Holy Spirit’s Power intensely for 21 days.

In 2023, we will focus our annual 21 days of prayer and fasting on experiencing the Holy Spirit’s power. The Holy Spirit empowers us to carry out our **vision: “to reduce loneliness, anxiety and addiction by having meaningful conversations where people experience the Holy Spirit’s power through us**.” We must rely on the Spirit’s power so that Christ’s character fills our faces, our words, and our actions, then people will experience Christ through us.

May the Lord God so transform you into the image of Jesus Christ, that by the Spirit, when people encounter you, they encounter Jesus Christ. When you walk into a room people see Jesus’ love in your eyes. When you begin to talk, they hear Jesus’ wisdom. I pray that Christ’s life, love, and light shine through you in the Spirit’s power.

I invite you to a transforming spiritual experience. For 21 days devote yourself to experiencing the Holy Spirit’s power. Come discover more of the Spirit’s power that has no limit, and his joy that can fill your soul.

In Christ by the Spirit,

Bruce

Senior Pastor

# HOW TO GET STARTED

## Fast

Choose something to fast from. Fasting can focus your mind. Check out the Christ Fellowship Home mobile app or visit CFhome.org/21Days for tips on fasting and ideas about what you could sacrifice over the 21 days. Use time you gain from fasting to engage with God individually. To learn more about the “how’s” and “why’s” of fasting, visit our [21 Days of Prayer resource page](https://cfhome.org/21-days-holy-spirit-power/) for videos and articles.

## Engage God individually

* Set a time to pray and read the Bible daily using this guide to help you.
* Experiment with spending an hour in prayer or cultivating a new prayer practice. For videos and articles to help you on your journey, visit our [21 Days of Prayer resource](https://cfhome.org/21-days-holy-spirit-power/) page.

## Find a prayer partner

Find a prayer partner to walk with you through the 21 days. Talk daily with your prayer partner(s) in person, or by video chat, phone, or text. Share what you are learning. If you are in a Life Group or other small group, you may want to choose a partner from there.

## Unite with others in prayer and worship

* Join us every **Sunday night for** **worship at 7:00pm, January 8, 15, 22, 29**. We will experience the Holy Spirit’s power together through bilingual singing, prayer, testimonies and more.
* Join us **each day at 7:00am and/or 7:00pm to pray** at the church building for our vision, specifically to experience the Holy Spirit’s power ourselves, to have meaningful conversations where others experience Christ through us, so that the Lord reduces loneliness, anxiety and addiction in us and in people throughout our community.

# Use the Engage God Daily

The Engage God Daily helps you to engage God individually in his Word and in prayer. It prepares you for the sermon the following Sunday since you will read the passages that will be preached. It will also provide links to the Pastors Pregame Podcast where the Christ Fellowship preaching team will offer additional insight and personal reflection.

The Engage God Daily will guide you to:

* Pray the theme verses and review that week’s memory verse.
* Read a passage from the Bible for that day.
* Pray along the themes present in the passage.
* Meditate on a key word each day
* Journal what you sense God is saying to you by his Spirit in his Word
* Share what you are learning with your prayer partner or someone in your life

## Theme passage and prayer for each week

We have two theme passages for this year’s 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

## Key Word

Each day we will give you a key word to meditate on that will remind you of the day’s theme.

PREPARATION WEEK

## January 2-8

Our 21 days of prayer and fasting officially begins on January 9, so we will use this week to prepare our hearts. This Sunday’s sermon will focus on how the Holy Spirit empowers us to know God more deeply. To prepare for our 21 days of prayer and fasting, this week’s Engage God Daily takes us into Paul’s prayers in Ephesians 1 and 3 as well as into his insights in 1 Corinthians chapter 2 about the Spirit who enables us to discern divine realities.

### This week’s memory verse

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may **strengthen you with power through his Spirit** in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17

# Prep Day 1

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme passages:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review this week’s memory verse:

16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today: 1 Corinthians 2:6-12

Notice the contrast between the wisdom of this age and God’s wisdom. What do you learn about God’s wisdom? What does God reveal to us by his Spirit? Our key word today is wisdom.

### 1 Corinthians 2:6-12

6We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,

what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived”—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

10these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

## PRAY

##### As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise the Spirit for revealing God’s hidden wisdom.
* Pray to understand more of the things God has revealed by his Spirit, the thoughts of God, what God has freely given to us.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit and his power? In this passage what power does the Spirit give us?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Prep Day 2

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our memory verse this week:

16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

### Read and meditate on this passage today: 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

Look for how Paul speaks. How is the Spirit involved in his speaking? How would you contrast the power of the person with the Spirit and the person without the Spirit? The word, “accept” means to welcome, to embrace. Our key word today is “discern.”

### 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

13This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that the Spirit gives you discernment to welcome God’s truth.
* Pray that more and more the Spirit will transform your mind so that you have the mindset of Jesus Christ.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to help you know God? What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Prep Day 3

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our memory verse this week:

##### 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

For what is Paul praying? Why is he praying this? Notice the Trinity in this one verse. How is the Spirit described? Consider praying this verse for yourself today. Our key word today is know.

### Ephesians 1:17

17I 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.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation who he has given to you.
* Pray that you know God better and better by the power of the Spirit.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power? Write how and why you desire to know God better. Express your passion to know him. What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Prep Day 4

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our memory verse this week:

##### 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

Read and meditate on this passage today:

For what does Paul pray in these verses? What does he pray for us to know? How do you understand the metaphor, “eyes of your heart?” How does this text describe God’s inheritance and his power? What might you see if the eyes of your heart were truly enlightened to see God’s hope and power, and inheritance? Our key word today is enlightened.

### Ephesians 1:18-19a

18I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for enlightening the eyes of your heart by his Spirit.
* Pray that you will be able to know the hope to which he has called, the riches of his glorious inheritance and his incomparably great power.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power? Attempt to describe our future hope, glorious inheritance, and God’s incomparable power. What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Prep Day 5

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our memory verse this week:

##### 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Note all the words related to power. How does Paul describe the kind of power God has for us? How is the church identified? Our key word today is mighty.

### Ephesians 1:19b-23

19 That power is the same as the mighty strength 20he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for his mighty power.
* Pray that you will experience his power by the Spirit in Christ for his Church.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power? How does the Spirit’s power relate to Christ and the church?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Prep Day 6

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our memory verse this week:

##### 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this verse today:

What does Paul pray in this passage? How does God strengthen us? What does he strengthen us for? How does he characterize Christ’s love? What might it mean to be filled to the measure of the fullness of God? Our key word for today is grasp.

### Ephesians 3:14-19

14For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for his Spirit and his glorious riches, as well as for Christ’s love.
* Pray the Spirit will strengthen you in your inner being so Christ will ever more fully dwell in your heart and you will grasp more of Christ’s love that surpasses knowledge.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to help you know God better? Write your thoughts about the questions above.

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

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# Prep Day 7

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our memory verse this week:

##### 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this verse today:

How is God described? Note through whom the glory comes. How are you related, united, to God’s glory? What is glory? How does Paul describe God’s power in what it can do? Our key word for today is imagine.

### Ephesians 3:20-21

20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for his power to do more than we can imagine and for his glory now and forever.
* Pray that God will be glorified in you, in Christ Fellowship and in churches all over the world, that God would do immeasurably more through his power at work in all of us at Christ Fellowship.

## JOURNAL

As you look back over this preparation week, review 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; Ephesians 1:17-23 and 3:14-21 and write down what God has showed you about the Holy Spirit’s power.

What do you sense God saying to you this week?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# 21 DAYS of PRAYER and FASTING

# WEEK ONE

Last week we prepared our hearts for 21 days of dedicated prayer and fasting. Now we’re ready to begin! Commit yourself to this time and wait expectantly to see what the Lord will do in our Christ Fellowship family.

##### Memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

Day ONE

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this verse today:

What do you think the metaphor of walking implies? How are the Spirit and the flesh contrasted? Are we to follow our desires? How do you understand the image of being “led?” Our key word for today is walk.

### Galatians 5:16-18

16So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for the Spirit’s leading.
* Pray that you will more and more walk by the Spirit and not gratify the flesh’s desires.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to lead you? What fleshly desires do you need to resist?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day TWO

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Today evaluate your own life against the “acts of the flesh” that Paul lists in Galatians 5. Which ones do you struggle with? Our key word today is flesh.

### Galatians 5:19-21

19The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for his kingdom that believers will inherit.
* Pray that you will avoid the acts of the flesh more and more, that you will not live like this.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to live a godly life? Where is the Spirit convicting you regarding the acts of the flesh?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

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# Day THREE

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

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‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Describe each of the nine fruits of the Spirit. How are they interconnected? Of these nine, where are doing the best and where do you most need to grow? Our key word for today is fruit.

### Galatians 5:22-23

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for the Spirit’s power to bear these fruits in your life.
* Pray that you will develop these fruits more and more by the Spirit’s power.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to live a godly life? Where is the Spirit encouraging you? Where is he convicting you?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day FOUR

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

1 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What do those who belong to Christ do? What does the metaphor “crucify” mean in this context? How could you do that? How is the Spirit involved? What might it look like to “keep in step” with the Spirit? Our key word today is crucify.

### Galatians 5:24-26

24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that you belong to Christ if you have trusted in him for salvation.
* Pray that you crucify the flesh by the power of the Spirit.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to live a godly life? Write down how you could crucify the flesh in the Spirit’s power as you live by the Spirit more and more. How are conceit, provoking and envying related to living in step with the Spirit?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day FIVE

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What determines if you are in the “realm of the flesh” or in the “realm of the Spirit”? What does the Spirit do for those of us who belong to Christ? What is our obligation? Our key word today is live.

### Romans 8:9-13

9You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

12Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that you have the Spirit giving you life now and forever.
* Pray that you will live by the Spirit and put to death the body’s misdeeds.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to live a godly life? What misdeeds is the Spirit convicting you to put to death?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day SIX

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Who does God say that we are if we are led by the Spirit? What has the power of the Spirit accomplished for us? How is the image of adoption powerful for you? What does the Spirit do for us now? Our key word today is led.

### Romans 8:14-17

Romans 8:14–17 (NIV)

14For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *“Abba,* Father.” 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise the Spirit for adopting you to be a child of God the Father, and thus God’s heir who will share his suffering and his glory.
* Pray that will move from fear to faith in the assurance of the Spirit.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to live for God? Use your journal to reflect on the questions for today.

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day SEVEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this verse today:

How does the last week’s theme, knowing God, connect with this week’s focus, a godly life? The more we know God, the more we become like God in our thoughts, words, and actions. God’s divine power comes to us through the Holy Spirit who gives us all we need to live a godly life by knowing God more and more fully. The key word for today is godly.

### 2 Peter 1:3

3His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. [see also 2 Corinthians 3:18.]

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise Christ for his divine power to live a godly life.
* Pray that you will more and more live a godly life by the Holy Spirit’s power as you know God more and more.

## JOURNAL

As you look back over this week, review Galatians 5:16-26; Romans 8:9-17 and 2 Peter 1:3. Write down what God has showed you about the Holy Spirit’s power to live a godly life.

What do you sense God saying to you this week?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# WEEK TWO

Welcome to Week Two of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting! We’re praying that you are connecting with God and others during this time, and that the Spirit is bringing you into a deeper experience with Christ.

##### This week’s memory verse:

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

# Day EIGHT

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

## READ

Read and meditate on this passage today:

What has the Father promised to send? What does the metaphor “clothed” convey? What or who is the power? Where does it come from? Our key word today is power.

### Luke 24:49

49I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that he has given you power from on high.
* Pray that you will act in the power with which God has clothed you.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day NINE

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

When did Jesus’ disciples receive power? When do believers receive the Holy Spirit and his power? For what is the power given to us? Where are we to exercise this power to witness? To whom could you witness in the Spirit’s power today? Our key word today is witness.

### Acts 1:8.

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## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise Jesus for the gift of the Holy Spirit’s power to witness for him.
* Pray that you will witness to more people in the power of the Spirit.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to talk about Jesus?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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# Day TEN

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## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What happened on the day of Pentecost? What did it sound like? Look like? What did the Holy Spirit enable people to do? In this context what were the “other tongues?” Our key word today is speak.

### Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that he poured out his Spirit at Pentecost.
* Pray that the Spirit will give you words to speak to tell others about Jesus.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to talk about Jesus?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

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# Day ELEVEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

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##### Review the memory verse for the week:

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## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

How did the apostles testify to Jesus’ resurrection? Where do you think the power came from? How else did God show his power? How can grace have power? What does it mean to “testify?” Our key word today is testify.

### Acts 4:33

33With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that he has given you great power to testify about Jesus.
* Pray that you will testify about Jesus in the Spirit’s great power.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s great power to talk about Jesus? Where is the Spirit encouraging you? What is the Spirit convicting you?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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# Day TWELVE

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

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## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What was Paul determined to speak about? How did Paul communicate? Who gave him the power? Where did he communicate? (Check out a map of the region at [BibleAtlas.org](https://bibleatlas.org/illyricum.htm)) What did he proclaim? What is the gospel of Christ. Our key word today is proclaim.

### Romans 15:18-19

18I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—19by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for what Christ has accomplished in you and through you in the Spirit’s power.
* Pray that you will fully proclaim the gospel of Christ in your areas and beyond.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to talk about Jesus? To whom and where is the Spirit inspiring you to proclaim Christ’s gospel?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day THIRTEEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What contrast is Paul drawing here? How might the Spirit demonstrate his power through your speaking? How does this verse give you confidence to talk about Jesus? Our key word for today is message.

### 1 Corinthians 2:4

4My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power,

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for the Spirit’s power to give you words to say.
* Pray that you will talk about Jesus not in your own persuasive words but in a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to talk about Jesus? Is there someone on your heart to talk with today or this week?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day FOURTEEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Building from verse four that we read yesterday, why should we talk about Jesus in the Spirit’s power rather than our own? How does your faith rest on God’s power? Our words for today are “God’s power.”

### 1 Corinthians 2:5

5so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for his power.
* Pray that you can speak more and more not in your human wisdom alone, but in God’s power..

## JOURNAL

As you look back over this week, review the biblical passages and write down what God has shown you about the Holy Spirit’s power to talk about Jesus.

What do you sense God saying to you this week?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# WEEK THREE

We’re starting the final week of 21 Days. What has God been revealing to you through his Word, through prayer and fasting, and through times of worship, prayer, and fellowship with other believers?

If you’ve struggled to keep your fast, spend daily time in prayer, or connect with your prayer partner, don’t be discouraged. Restart today! God is so full of grace, forgiveness, and mercy. He loves you, wants to spend time with you and meet your every need!

### This week’s memory verse:

3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

# Day FIFTEEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Notice who was present. From where did they come? What languages were spoken? Who is the promised gift of the Holy Spirit for? Your key word today is every.

### Acts 2:5-12; 38-41

5Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,  10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

38Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that he gives the Holy Spirit to people from every nation, near and far.
* Pray that you will have a heart for people from every nation and language.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power for all people?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

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# Day SIXTEEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

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‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What was this early conflict about? Who was in tension? How have ethnic and racial tensions hurt the cause of Christ? What described the kind of people they chose to address the issue? What was the result? Your key word today is full.

### Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews  among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

5This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that you can be full of the Holy Spirit.
* Pray that you God will fill you with spiritual wisdom to overcome ethnic and racial conflict.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to unify different kinds of people?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day SEVENTEEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

What is the “mystery of Christ” in this passage that the Spirit has revealed? What are the things that Gentiles and Israel share in common? Your key word for today is together.

### Ephesians 2:11-12; 3:4-6

11Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—12remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

4In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. 6This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God that he has united all people in Christ by the Spirit that we are heirs and members of one body together as we share in the promise in Christ.
* Pray that you will embrace all the people that God has joined together.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to unite us together in Christ?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

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# Day EIGHTEEN

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on these verses today:

What does Paul urge us to do? What does a worthy life look like according to verses two and three? What is the “unity of the Spirit?” What kinds of effort could you make to keep unity in Christ Fellowship? Your key word for today is unity.

## Ephesian 4:1-3

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for his calling that you have received.
* Pray that you will make every effort to keep unity, being completely humble, gentle and patient as you bear with others in love..

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to unify God’s diverse people? Where is the Spirit convicting you through this biblical text?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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### SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day NINETEEN

### BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verse:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verse for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Notice or mark all the uses of the word, “one.” What words are modified by “one?” Note the contrast between “one” and “all.” How does all this oneness impact you? What are implications for us as believers? Your key word for today is one.

### Ephesians 4:4–6

4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for our oneness, one body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father.
* Pray that you will live out our oneness and not speak or act in divisive ways.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to unite us as one body?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day TWENTY

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verses for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this passage today:

Pay attention to what’s contrasted with “freedom to indulge the flesh.” It’s not holiness or purity but rather to “serve one another humbly in love.” We indulge our flesh when we are selfish. When we walk by the flesh we love our neighbor as ourselves. We humble serve in love. How can you resist biting other people? Your key word for today is love.

## Galatians 5:13–18

13You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”  15If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for Spirit who inspires us to love.
* Pray that you will not selfishly indulge your flesh but instead you will humbly serve others in love.

## JOURNAL

What are you learning about the Holy Spirit’s power to humbly serve in love?

What do you sense God saying to you through this passage?

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## SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you are learning, and how you are growing to experience the Holy Spirit’s power. Pray together.

# Day TWENTY-ONE

## BEGIN

##### Pray to experience the Holy Spirit’s power through our theme verses:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

##### Review the memory verses for the week:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## READ

##### Read and meditate on this verse today:

Look for the contrast between same and different. What’s different and what’s the same? Why are manifestations of the Spirit given? How does the metaphor of the body correlate with the manifestations of the Spirit? Our key word for today is Spirit.

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-14

4There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,  and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

12Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

## Review our memory verses:

16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.Ephesians 3:16-17

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

## Review our themes:

Rely on the Holy Spirit’s power to

* Know God
* Live like Jesus
* Talk about Jesus
* Unify God’s diverse people

## PRAY

As the Spirit leads, let these themes guide you in your prayer today:

* Praise God for the Holy Spirit and his power.
* Praise the Lord for what he has done in you and through you in these 21 days, and through all of us as the body of Christ Fellowship.
* Pray that you will grow deeper still in experiencing the Holy Spirit’s power.

## JOURNAL

What have you learned as you have sought for 21 days to experience the Holy Spirit’s power?

Write down your top three insights from these 21 days. What are you taking away from this season of seeking to experience the Holy Spirit’s power? What one action will you take going forward?

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### SHARE

Talk with your prayer partner about what you have learned in these 21 days and how you have grown to experience the Holy Spirit’s power more. What are you taking away from these 21 days? How has God transformed you? Pray together. Consider continuing your partnership to encourage each other in Christ.