

26
DAYS
OF
PRAYER

A guide to begin 2026



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Welcome

Thank you for taking part in our **26 Days of Prayer** as we begin 2026. I can think of no better way to start a new year than by intentionally seeking God together in prayer. My hope is that this guide helps you slow down, refocus, and begin the year with your heart centered on Jesus.

Let me offer a few simple suggestions to help you get the most out of this prayer guide.

First, keep the guide somewhere visible. Out of sight is often out of mind. Whether it's on your dining table, nightstand, in your car, or on your desk, place it somewhere you'll regularly see it and be reminded to pray.

Next, try to pray at a consistent time each day. That might be first thing in the morning, during your lunch break, or at night after the kids go to bed. The specific time matters less than the consistency. Building prayer into your daily rhythm makes it easier to stay faithful over the long haul.

This guide is designed to begin with personal prayer and gradually expand outward to others. Each day includes a short Scripture and a prayer focus to help guide your time. If you're new to prayer, this may feel intimidating at first—start small. Your prayers don't need to be polished or impressive, just honest. And don't worry about how long you pray; there's no reward for hitting a certain time mark.

Finally, come to the Lord each day with expectancy. Believe that your prayers matter. Believe that God is shaping your life to be centered on Christ. Believe that your prayers impact you, your family, your church, your city, and even the world. Pray in faith—trusting both what God *can* do and what God *will* do.

I believe **2026 is a critical year for Tulsa Central Church**. Let's begin it together by seeking God with all our hearts.

Pastor Daniel

26-Day New Year Prayer Guide

(January 1–26)

WEEK 1 — Personal Renewal

Day 1 – New Beginnings (Jan 1)

Scripture: *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Devotional: A new year reminds us that God is still doing a new thing in us. We don't become new by trying harder but by allowing Christ to transform us from the inside out. Lay down the guilt, regret, and disappointment of last year and receive His grace today. Ask the Lord to help you see yourself the way He sees you—new, forgiven, and restored. Begin this year trusting that His work in you has already begun.

Day 2 – Surrender (Jan 2)

Scripture: *Romans 12:1*

Devotional: Many people begin the year with resolutions, but followers of Jesus begin with surrender. True transformation happens when we offer every part of ourselves to Him—our plans, desires, fears, and habits. God desires all of you, not just the parts you're comfortable giving. Ask Him to shape your desires and realign your priorities. Pray that this year would be marked by obedience and trust.

Day 3 – Spiritual Hunger (Jan 3)

Scripture: *Matthew 5:6*

Devotional: God promises to satisfy those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Spiritual hunger isn't automatic—it grows as we choose time with God over distractions. Ask God to give you a renewed desire for His Word and presence. Pray that He would stir up a deeper longing for spiritual things. Hunger for God is a gift—and He delights to give it.

Day 4 – Strength Against Temptation (Jan 4)

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 10:13*

Devotional: Temptation is inevitable, but Christ promises a way through it. You are not fighting alone, and you are not powerless. God knows your weaknesses and provides grace

to overcome them. Ask Him today to strengthen you where you feel most vulnerable. Pray for the courage to turn from sin and toward righteousness.

Day 5 – God’s Guidance (Jan 5)

Scripture: *Proverbs 3:5–6*

Devotional: There will be decisions this year that you cannot navigate alone. Scripture calls us to trust God even when we don’t understand the path. Lean into Him more than your own understanding and wisdom. Pray that He would direct your steps and make the right path clear. Ask for His peace to guard your decisions.

Day 6 – Gratitude (Jan 6)

Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Devotional: Gratitude changes our perspective and keeps our hearts soft. Even in hard seasons, God invites us to give thanks because He is still good. Ask the Lord to help you recognize His blessings every day. Pray that gratitude would shape your attitude, your relationships, and your worship. A thankful heart sees God at work everywhere.

Day 7 – Rest & Renewal (Jan 7)

Scripture: *Matthew 11:28*

Devotional: Jesus welcomes the weary and gives true rest. Many of us enter a new year already exhausted, but God invites us to rest in Him. Ask Him to renew your soul and refresh your spirit. Pray for the ability to lay down anxieties and trust Him more deeply. Rest is not weakness—it is worship.

WEEK 2 — Spiritual Growth

Day 8 – Deeper Faith (Jan 8)

Scripture: *Hebrews 11:6*

Devotional: Faith pleases God because it believes He is who He says He is and He does what He promises. Pray this year for faith that grows through every circumstance. Ask God to deepen your trust during uncertainty and teach you to rely more on Him. Believe that He will be faithful in every situation. Pray for faith that moves mountains and strengthens your walk.

Day 9 – Fruit of the Spirit (Jan 9)

Scripture: *Galatians 5:22–23*

Devotional: God desires to produce Christlike character in you—love, joy, peace, and so much more. This fruit doesn't appear overnight; it grows as we stay connected to the Holy Spirit. Pray for patience with yourself as God shapes your heart. Ask Him to make you more like Jesus in your attitudes, thoughts, and words. Pray that others will see Christ growing in you this year.

Day 10 – God's Word (Jan 10)

Scripture: *Psalms 119:105*

Devotional: God's Word isn't just information—it is guidance, strength, and truth for our lives. Pray for a passion to read Scripture consistently, not just occasionally. Ask Him to illuminate His Word and speak clearly through it. Pray that Scripture becomes your foundation in every moment. His Word will guide your steps if you let it.

Day 11 – Prayer Life (Jan 11)

Scripture: *Philippians 4:6–7*

Devotional: Worry steals peace, but prayer restores it. God invites us to bring our fears, needs, and burdens to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your prayer life this year. Pray that your first response in every situation would be to talk with God. Let prayer become your lifeline, not your last resort.

Day 12 – Spiritual Discipline (Jan 12)

Scripture: *1 Timothy 4:7*

Devotional: Spiritual maturity happens through daily habits—prayer, Scripture, obedience, worship. Growth requires discipline and intentional focus. Ask God for strength to build rhythms that draw you closer to Him. Pray for faithfulness in pursuing spiritual growth. Let discipline become delight as you experience God more deeply.

Day 13 – Forgiveness (Jan 13)

Scripture: *Ephesians 4:32*

Devotional: Forgiveness frees your heart from anger, bitterness, and resentment. God has forgiven you fully, and He calls you to extend that same grace. Pray for the strength to

forgive those who hurt you. Ask God to heal old wounds and soften your heart. Release what you've been holding so you can receive God's peace.

Day 14 – Freedom from Sin (Jan 14)

Scripture: *John 8:36*

Devotional: Jesus didn't just forgive sin—He sets us free from its power. Whatever patterns or habits held you last year don't have to control you this year. Pray for deliverance from every bondage and stronghold. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you new victory and new freedom. Jesus came so you could live free—walk in it.

WEEK 3 — The Church

Day 15 – Unity (Jan 15)

Scripture: *John 17:21*

Devotional: Jesus prayed for His church to be united. Unity doesn't mean agreement on everything, but loving each other deeply and working together for God's mission. Pray for unity in your church, your ministries, and your relationships. Ask God to heal divisions and strengthen fellowship. A unified church is a powerful witness to the world.

Day 16 – Leadership (Jan 16)

Scripture: *Hebrews 13:17*

Devotional: Church leaders carry heavy responsibility and spiritual weight. Pray for your pastors, staff, and ministry leaders. Ask God to protect them, encourage them, and strengthen them. Pray that God gives them wisdom for every decision and energy for every task. Support them with your prayers as they shepherd the church.

Day 17 – Spiritual Revival (Jan 17)

Scripture: *Psalms 85:6*

Devotional: Revival begins in the hearts of God's people before it spreads to communities and cities. Pray that God awakens hearts to His presence and power. Ask Him to spark spiritual renewal in your church. Pray that worship would be alive and faith would deepen. Revival starts when God's people desire Him above everything else.

Day 18 – Evangelism (Jan 18)

Scripture: *Romans 10:14*

Devotional: The gospel spreads when believers are willing to speak it. Pray for boldness to share Christ in conversations and relationships. Ask God to open doors for ministry and send people into your path who need Him. Pray for a heart that loves the lost the way God does. Evangelism is God’s mission—and He invites you into it.

Day 19 – Next Generation (Jan 19)

Scripture: *Psalms 78:4*

Devotional: The next generation is not just the future of the church—they are the church today. Pray for children, students, and young adults to grow in faith and leadership. Ask God to protect their hearts in a confusing world. Pray for leaders who will disciple and teach them. Ask God to raise up a generation that passionately follows Jesus.

WEEK 4 — Community & World

Day 20 – Your City (Jan 20)

Scripture: *Jeremiah 29:7*

Devotional: God has placed you in your city for a purpose. Pray for the welfare, peace, and spiritual awakening of your community. Ask God to bless schools, businesses, and neighborhoods. Pray that believers would be a light in every part of the city. Your city matters to God—pray like it matters to you.

Day 21 – Healing & Justice (Jan 21)

Scripture: *Micah 6:8*

Devotional: God’s heart is for justice, mercy, and compassion. Pray for those experiencing injustice, suffering, and brokenness. Ask God to bring healing where there is hurt and hope where there is darkness. Pray that God would use His people to bring compassion and restoration. Ask Him to help us love like Jesus loves.

Day 22 – The Poor & Hurting (Jan 22)

Scripture: *Proverbs 19:17*

Devotional: God sees the needy and calls His people to care for them. Pray for those in poverty, homelessness, sickness, and crisis. Ask God to show you practical ways to serve

and bless them. Pray that the church would be a refuge of love and compassion. When we care for the hurting, we are caring for Christ Himself.

Day 23 – Our Nation (Jan 23)

Scripture: *2 Chronicles 7:14*

Devotional: Our nation needs healing, unity, and spiritual awakening. Pray for hearts to turn toward God and for repentance to rise in our land. Ask God to bring revival that starts in the church and spreads across the nation. Pray that believers would be bold and faithful. Ask God to heal division and restore truth and righteousness.

Day 24 – Government Leaders (Jan 24)

Scripture: *1 Timothy 2:1–2*

Devotional: Scripture commands us to pray for leaders whether we agree with them or not. Pray for wisdom, humility, and integrity in those who lead. Ask God to guide their decisions and protect their families. Pray that righteousness, justice, and truth would prevail. Ask God to give leaders the courage to do what is right.

Day 25 – The World & Missions (Jan 25)

Scripture: *Matthew 28:19*

Devotional: God loves the whole world and desires all people to know Him. Pray for missionaries, churches, and ministries working around the globe. Ask God to open doors in nations where the gospel is restricted. Pray for every tribe, tongue, and nation to hear the good news. God's mission will not fail—pray to be part of it.

Day 26 – Christ's Kingdom Come (Jan 26)

Scripture: *Matthew 6:10*

Devotional: Jesus teaches us to pray for His kingdom to come—not someday, but now. Pray for His rule and reign in your life, your church, your city, and the world. Ask God to accomplish His will and fulfill His purposes this year. Pray that Christ would be glorified above everything else. Let this year be all about Him.