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Prayer Guide



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Ten Prayer Commitments For 2022

What kind of resolutions do you make after two tumultuous and challenging years like 2020 and 2021? I say, make one: Pray like you've never prayed before. Make the commitment to allow God to shape your 2022 through faithful prayer to a faithful God. Here are ten commitments which you might consider in allowing the Holy Spirit to develop your prayer life.

1. Rejoice in the Lord: As you pray without ceasing, recognizing God's goodness, giving thanks no matter how crazy circumstances may seem.

2 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

2. Praise the Lord: God deserves our constant praise for His constant faithfulness.

Isaiah 25:1

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

3. Give thanks: There is so much to give thanks for every single day. Notice and take advantage of every opportunity to give thanks.

Psalms 107:1

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

4. Confess: Recognize your sin, confess it and turn away from it.

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, . . .

5. Pray for all the saints: As God brings fellow believers to your mind, take that as a call to pray for them in the midst of their day.

Ephesians 6: 18

. . . praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep

alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, . . .

6. Pray for your leaders: More than ever, leaders need God and His Wisdom claiming their hearts and minds and giving them His guidance.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

I urge you, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

7. Pray for the preaching of the Gospel: Believers throughout the world are joyfully and courageously proclaiming the Good News. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide them and protect them.

Colossians 4:3-4

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

8. Pray for the whole world: God is building His Kingdom everywhere and among every people. Pray for His Kingdom to come in every place and among all nations.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

9. Agree In Prayer: Pray often with others in your faith family. God honors such agreement.

Matthew 18:19

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

10. Sing to the Lord a new song: God wants your life to be a song bursting forth from the pure joy of knowing His Presence in your life every day through the ups and the downs of 2022.

Psalm 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

