## What is 3 Days of Prayer?

Are you anxious about the new year, 2023, and all it will bring? Do you wonder what is happening next in your life or in the world? There is no better way to start 2023 than in prayer!

We have set aside January 3-5 to spend focused time, refreshing our relationship with Jesus and one another.

These prayer days are to remind us that it is God who gives and sustains life. We seek the Lord for guidance for the new year and for forgiveness for the things we allowed to separate us from Him and renewal of our strength to remain faithful to His callings.

## You're invited to pray...

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." Ephesians 6:18

God says, "You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12

While there are three intentional days of prayer, God desires that every day is a day of prayer.
"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

## Prayer tips for the whole year

- Keep a prayer journal. Write your prayers to help keep you focused during a time of prayer. You can also look back on your journal and see the ways God has answered your prayers.
- Start the morning in prayer. Before you get out of bed, say good morning to God and thank Him for a new day ahead.
- Pray with your spouse and/or kids before leaving for work or school, asking that God would bless their day.
- Pray at each meal, thanking God for providing for your needs.
- Set an alarm on your phone to remind you to pray throughout the day.
- Pray with your kids/spouse before bedtime, thanking God for the day, asking forgiveness for your sins, and asking God to give good sleep.


## 3 Days of Prayer for 2023

## Calendar of Events:

## Tuesday, January 3

- Pray hourly from 8 am through 8 pm at your home, with your family, or with your small group


## Wednesday, January 4

- Pray hourly from 8 am through 8 pm at your home, with your family, or with your small group
- Come to church from 6-7 pm for soup supper and prayer time!


## Thursday, January 5

- Pray hourly from 8 am through 8 pm at your home, with your family, or with your small group


## Every Wednesday in January

- Come to church from 6-7 pm for soup supper and prayer time!

Pray like this:
Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.
Matthew 6:9-13

|  | January 3: Individual Prayers | January 4 <br> Prayers for your Church | January 5 <br> Prayers for the World |
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| 8 am | Praise: for a new day with Jesus and thanksgiving for the three days of prayer ahead | Children's Ministry: the children, their families, the teachers, the leadership team | Peace: amongst countries and people fighting and in conflict with one another |
| 9 am | Repentance: ask forgiveness for what separates you from God and make plans to change that with God's help | Youth Ministry: the students, their families, and the leadership team, new staff member to lead youth ministry | Provision: for those who are hungry, struggling financially, hurting and needing healing |
| 10 am | Spiritual Growth: that you would grow in the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, etc. (Galatians 5:22-23) | Volunteers: communion, ushers, greeters, sound, media, broadcast, treats makers, etc. | God's light: to cast out the darkness in all corners and areas of the world |
| 11 am | Guidance: for the little decisions and the big ones | CoH staff and families for strength, joy, compassion, and wisdom in their serving | Government: our President, Congress, Supreme Court, Governor, state legislature, local leaders |
| 12 pm | Thank God: for your job or school or other life circumstance and pray for co-workers/ classmates/homemakers/neighbors | Local and Global Missions: pray for Food 4 Thought, Royal Family Kids Camp, African SMILE, and BOBS | Military and Civil Servants: all branches of armed forces, fire fighters, law enforcement, paramedics, etc. |
| 1 pm | Finances: for wisdom, generosity, blessing, contentment | Adult Ministry: Community Groups and leaders, adult Bible classes, parenting groups, marriage retreats | Business: Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers |
| 2 pm | Family: spouse, kids, parents, siblings, step -family, and extended family | Worship Ministry: Pastor John, Ian, Jono, choir and support teams | Unreached people groups: for willing people to go where the gospel has not been shared yet |
| 3 pm | Friends: thank God for your friends, ask Him to bless them, and for you to be a good friend. | CoH Finances: for faithful, generous and cheerful givers and sound financial managers | Bible translation: for God's Word to be translated so everyone has access to hear or read what it says |
| 4 pm | Health: thanksgiving for your body, protection from illness, healing | CoH Council and leadership teams: for faithfulness, wisdom and vision | The Persecuted Church: strength, courage, faithful witness, protection |
| 5 pm | Activities: that God would work in you and through you in your hobbies, volunteering, and other activities | Outreach projects: may we be bold and courageous in inviting our neighbors to CoH events \& activities so new people can hear the gospel | Missionaries: to proclaim the gospel clearly, follow the Spirit's leading, protection; emotional, physical, and spiritual health; integrity, joy, provision |
| 6 pm | Learning: that you would grow in knowledge of God's word and be hungry for time in the Bible | Women's ministry: For retreats, conferences, small groups, encouragement for widows and moms | Media: The decision makers within the media to realize they can make a profit by producing uplifting projects, less division |
| 7 pm | Hope and Vision: a strong sense that God is with you and that He has plans for your life | Men's ministry: For retreats, conferences, small groups, encouragement for widows and fathers | Marriages and Families: for strong, healthy, Christ-centered relationship |
| 8 pm | Rest: for good rhythms of work and rest, a good night's sleep | Our individual church family: for unity, transformation, protection, guidance, health | The Worldwide Church: more missionaries, obedience to God's mission, faithfulness to God's Word |

