2026 Prayer Focus

21 days - A Journey Leading Us to Father's Heart

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. Isaiah 26:3

In preparing this year's prayer focus I would listen with great care as Father began to speak to me about His perfect peace. His "Shalom", which encompasses everything needed for wholeness and completeness, while at the same time destroying the authority that leads to chaos.

Holy Spirit began to quicken my understanding of stayed minds and open refined hearts made holy to bring us into that perfect shalom life. Showing clearly that the peace we seek begins to rise and reign within the hearts that stand open to Him.

We invite you to join us for 21 days of consecration with prayers, fasting and dedicating our hearts, minds and lives afresh to Him.

I'm confident that during these 21 days each of us will experience a life changing journey through inspiring scriptures, empowering declarations and heartfelt Spirit-led prayers that will transform our minds, purify our hearts and establish our lives.

Holy Spirit will guide each one of us to a deeper experience of Him that will transform us from the inside out.

IT WILL BEGIN WITH THE HEART!

Hebrews 4:12-13 "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Always remember, He is not looking to shame you but to reveal so that He can heal you. It's never a call to judgment but to renewal. To see what He sees is where we all desire to be, and that will bring humility, surrender and maturity.

I encourage you to pray through each day. Set aside times alone as the Great Physician opens your heart.

Day 1 – Heart Search

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

He will be searching into the innermost being where all decisions are made. Come Holy Spirit as the search light, shine into the hidden corners of our heart where pain hides and pride whispers. It's not about changing what surrounds you but cleansing what's inside of you. There's never anything He exposes to destroy you- it's only meant to prepare you for deeper intimacy and greater growth.

Only those who invite Him to search their hearts will walk in true peace. The search always carries a purpose to align you to your destiny.

Readings: Psalm 51:10-12, Psalm 26:2, Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer – Father, to be searched by You is to be refined by love. You will not humiliate but only heal. You uncover not to shame but to renew. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me, try my mind and heart. Behold, You desire truth in the inner parts, and in the hidden parts You will make me to know wisdom. Amen

Day 2 - Matters of the Heart

Jeremiah 17:9-10 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

As we also see with the Psalmist David, his prayer becomes our prayer. Psalm 51:6-11, "Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me."

David was known as a man after God's heart, yet his own heart deceived him (see the story in 2 Samuel 11). Let us ask for His deep searching now.

Readings: 2 Samuel 11, Jeremiah 17:9-10

Prayer – Father, I ask that You sort out and analyze what lies within my heart. You see my heart fully and yet You love me completely. I ask You to remove anything that hinders my walk with You. Heal my heart from pain and anxiety. Search, cleanse and lead me in the way of everlasting truth. I know every truth You reveal is an invitation to transformation. I am ready. Amen

Day 3 — A Troubled Heart

Psalm 25:17 "The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses!"

Job's own words were, "My heart is in turmoil and cannot rest; days of affliction confront me"

Job 30:27.

What's troubling your heart? David would remind us that when our hearts are overwhelmed, Holy Spirit will lead us to the Rock, the Rock is Christ Jesus. Our hope and life to be built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

Yes, there are afflictions, trials and tests. In fact, life itself can be troubling. We must hear the words and promises from the Prince of Peace Himself. In John 14:1 He says, "Let not your heart be troubled, believe in Me." Also, John 14:27, He says, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

He has given us the gift of peace. It's up to us to protect the gift He gives by guarding our hearts. Hiding His words in our hearts to keep us from sinning. Refusing to fret or have anxiety but with thanksgiving letting our requests be known to Him. Result = His peace that surpasses understanding will then guard our hearts and mind.

Readings: Job 30:27, Psalm 34:18, Psalm 51:17, Psalm 147:3, John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer — Father, I refuse to fret or have anxiety over this situation (_______). I bring it to You now, asking Holy Spirit, who searches the heart, and knows the mind of the Spirit, to pray according to Your perfect will for my life. I know all things do work together for my good because I love You and I am called for Your purpose. I receive the peace You imparted to me today that cannot be disturbed.

In today's devotion I sensed Holy Spirit so strong. I sensed Father was bringing healing to physical and emotional heart blockages.

Day 4 - Heart Blockages

Proverbs 20:27 Passion, "The Spirit God breathed into man is like a living lamp, a shining light searching into the innermost chamber of our being."

Today is a "stone" removing day. What hinders His flow in your life? It is through the asking of Holy Spirit to search the inner depths that He will illuminate your heart. Yes, the heart where the memories are buried, hurts are hidden, unforgiveness resides, motives are forgotten and wounds that are buried are all suddenly brought to light.

As children we would recite a rhyme that said, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never harm me!" How deceptive and misleading that was! Words can harm and they can even bring death. They put stones in our hearts that ultimately build walls that keep others out and even block His love flow.

But today those walls are coming down. Today He is going to take out all the stones and give us a heart of flesh, as Holy Spirit pours His love into our hearts.

Readings: Ezekiel 11:19, Proverbs 18:21, Matthew 5:44, Matthew 18:21-22, Romans 5:5, Ephesians 2:14, 4:32

Prayer—Father, I ask as You generously pour Your love into my heart taking out all the stones that You would give me the grace and space to forgive all who have hurt me. I will not keep any record of those wrongs. Your Word assures me that a broken and contrite heart You will never despise. So, I come to You now and ask You to heal my broken heart and bind up my wounds. That You would create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Amen

Day 5 - A Grieved Heart

Psalm 73:21 "Thus my heart was grieved, and I was vexed in my mind."

We must always guard against an embittered spirit that comes from a grieved heart.

We see this clearly illustrated in Psalm 73 with Asaph. He couldn't understand the prospering of the wicked. He suffered grief that led him to an embittered spirit, which in turn, made him like a wild beast talking and acting out of vexation not revelation. But God! He realized it was good to go to the sanctuary. To draw near to God and to know God was continually with Him.

*Note — this is not grief from a loss like a loved one passing. This was an unhealthy grief from lack of understanding.

Readings: Psalm 73

Prayer – Father, would You again enter all the places of my heart I have kept blocked and locked. I know the truth You reveal is my invitation to transformation. I know You want to bring me to a place of clarity, renewal and strength. I belong to You. My heart is Yours. You will lead me with Your secret counsel and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You! There is none upon earth that I desire beside You. My flesh and my heart fail but You are the strength of my heart and my portion forever! It is so good for me to draw near to You and put my trust in You. Amen

Day 6 - A Fearful Heart

Luke 21:26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

Fear cannot conquer what love already has. Scripture tells us, "That he who fears has not been made perfect in love". With the Spirit of love, we have been adopted. The bondages of fear can no longer hold us prisoner. As the song says, "I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God."

There is no fear of the future because He is already there. It is those who don't know the Author of their tomorrows that are filled with fear – whose hearts will fail them.

But to us that know Him, He tells us never to worry. He commands us not to fear. He is with us and He promises to never leave or forsake us. Therefore, we can boldly say, "He is our helper—we will not fear!"

Readings: Ephesians 1:4-5, Romans 8:15, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 6:25-33, Hebrews 13:5-6, 2 Timothy 1:7

Prayer – Father, thank You that You did not give me a spirit of fear but love, power and a sound mind. Throughout Your word You tell me to never fear. I am Your child, You will never let me go. I've been adopted and in this hour Your love is being perfected in me. I receive this perfect love that eradicates all fear, so that I can boldly say, the Lord is my helper! Amen

Day 7 - Fire to Purify My Heart

Job 23:10 "But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold."

Malachi says that He sets as a refiner of silver. Solomon in his wisdom said, "the refining pot for silver and the furnace for gold but He the Lord test the heart."

Paul would speak of Jesus as a consuming fire, while Peter and James assured us of our fiery trials purifying our faith that is more precious than gold that perishes.

It is said of a goldsmith's purification process – when he sees his reflection in the gold, he knows the process is complete. Oh, that He keeps me in the fire till His reflection is seen in me.

Readings: Job 23:10, Malachi 3:3, Proverbs 17:3, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7

Prayer – Father, I ask for Your consuming fire to consume all the lifeless, the dry and stubble in me. Your refiner's fire is my soul's one desire. Stir within me a desire for purity. I want to be like You Jesus in every area of my life I desire to reflect Your life and heart of love to others. Amen

Day 8 - An Open Book

Psalm 26:2 "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my mind and my heart."

As we see throughout the Psalms, David's intimacy with God created the place of transparency. It is said the heart is the source of all life. One can't have the right thing in their heart and live wrong, nor can one have the wrong thing in their heart and live right. David knew and had experienced coming with a broken and contrite heart to God and he never was despised. He had been healed and restored many times. Again, He never reveals except to heal!

"Search our hearts"

Readings: Psalm 51:6-12, 17, Psalm 77:6, Psalm 84:2, Psalm 119:2, Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer – Father, my heart stands in awe of Your word. Examine me, prove me and try my mind and heart. Take me deeper into intimacy, deeper in surrender, deeper in obedience and deeper in trust. Amen

Day 9 - An Undivided Heart

Psalm 37:31 "The law of God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."

Let us diligently strive for an undivided heart, untainted by impurity! He is cleansing our hearts from all that would pollute our temple, enabling His peace to govern and reign, prevailing in our hearts.

Psalm 94:12-13, "Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, and teaches him out of Your law; that You may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked."

No one can serve two masters as Luke 16:13 says, "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

James 1:8 "a double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

If we have a divided heart, we will never know the fullness of His peace. If our hearts and minds are wavering, uncertain, doubting or divided in interest there will never be wholeness.

Psalm 86:11-12, "Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth: unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify Your name forevermore."

Readings: Psalm 86:11-12, Matthew 15:19, Acts 15:9, Colossians 3:15

Prayer – Father, I pray my heart will always be guided by Your peace, that Your word would live in me richly and flood me with wisdom. Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil so that I take part in wicked deeds. Keep me from every trap, snare and plot of the enemy in the mighty name of Jesus I pray. Amen

Day 10 - A Guarded Heart

Psalm 119:11 "Your word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against You."

The first thing to do is to get His words in your heart. Hide them within to keep you from sin! Then guard, protect and keep His Words deep in your heart. Protect your heart with all your strength for everything in life comes out of it. What is in your heart will ultimately determine the course of your life and even what you say. The heart is the source of the life we lead.

Guard your heart more than anything else because the source of life flows from it, dictating your life's direction, actions and attitudes. This makes it crucial to fill your heart with God's truth.

Readings: Proverbs 4:23, Luke 6:45, Psalm 119:11, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 10:5

Prayer — Father, I will hide Your words in my heart so I will not sin against You. I will keep my heart always guarded. I ask now for the blood of Jesus to cleanse my heart. As I see in Hebrews 9:14 "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Amen

Day 11 - Where's Your Treasure?

Matthew 6:21 "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

Meaning: our deepest affections, desires and focus. Invitation and application – to align your heart with eternal values, spiritual growth, generosity and love. Where you deposit your treasure is where you fix your thoughts and your heart will long to be there also. Jesus instructs

us to lay up our treasures in heaven. Let's hear His words and invitation from Matthew 6:19 Passion, "Don't keep hoarding for yourselves earthly treasures that can be stolen by thieves. Material wealth eventually rusts, decays and loses its value. Instead stockpile heavenly treasures for yourselves that cannot be stolen and will never rust, decay or lose their value. For your heart will always pursue what you esteem as your treasure.

Readings: Matthew 6:19-34, Jeremiah 24:7, 2 Timothy 1:7

Prayer – Father, I choose to set all my affections on You. I desire to store all my treasures in heaven where I know they are protected. Thank You for the treasures You have given me on this earth and even those, I give to you. I know your word says You will keep all that is committed to You. Amen

Day 12 – What's Flowing Out of Your Heart?

John 7:38 "He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

The phrase, "from the heart" refers to our deepest emotions, intentions and moral character. This guides our words and actions, as in, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

What flows from your mouth? What flows from your life? Whatever is flowing is coming from your heart! He invites us to have faith in Him, then we will have life giving water flowing from deep inside us.

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Readings: John 7:38, Luke 6:45, Exodus 15:22-27, John 4:14, James 3:11

Prayer — Father, we come to the fountain of living waters. We ask to be filled with rivers of living water that will flow in us and out of us. We know Your word tells us a fountain can't send forth bitter and sweet at the same time. So, we ask as Moses struck the waters with the hyssop branch making them sweet and drinkable, the event foreshadowing spiritual transformation, that You would transform the "water of our lives" so that what flows from us is Your living waters. We not only want to never thirst again, but we also want to give this living water to others. Let your river of life be what flows out of our hearts. Amen

Day 13 - An Overflowing Heart

Psalm 45:1 "My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

Today is a day our overwhelmed hearts become overflowing hearts. What has you feeling overwhelmed? Let us bring that to our Father, as He tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. He also tells us to enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with Praise. This "come to Me" invitation instruction to approach Jesus is to rely on Him. Bring Him your spiritual, emotional or physical exhaustion from life's struggles... He promises to provide peace and strength to continue on life's journey. And as we see with David, when he was overwhelmed, he said, "lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." When we come and bring what has overwhelmed us, we will leave with a heart overflowing.

Readings: Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 45:1, Psalm 61:2

Prayer – Father, today we answer the call to come. Thank you for being the strength and refuge from life's chaos and storms. You take us to this Rock, the place of spiritual stability and protection. For truly You are a strong tower and a shelter. We know Your power is above all our limitations. We come now and we exchange our "overwhelmed" hearts with overflowing themes... It is time to sing! Amen

Day 14 - A Heart of Harmony

Psalm 108:1 "O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory."

"I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony", an old Coca-Cola commercial. How do we get not only the world but our own heart's life singing in perfect harmony with our Creator? How do we get our spirits to be in perfect unity and peace with Holy Spirit? For all our desires to be His desires? David tells us that as we delight ourselves in Him, He fills our hearts with His desires. In other words, as my worship grows with delight in Him, the heart strings of my life will forever sound forth His heartbeat. This harmony is oneness with Him, as His desire and prayer that we find in John 17:20-26.

Prayer - Father, as Jesus prayed, we pray now, make us one with You.

Make this your personal prayer: John 17:20—26 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they

also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which you have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." Amen

Day 15 - A Seeking Heart

Jeremiah 29:13 "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Are you seeking a closer, deeper relationship to align your life with divine purpose? "Joyful are those who obey His laws and search for Him with all their hearts!" Psalm 119:2 (NLT)

Jeremiah assures us God has great plans for our lives and when we seek Him with all our hearts we will be found by Him. We must search for Him and His strength by continually seeking Him. We must be willing to give our life for it... It's a life transforming process.

We see the progression with the acronym A.S.K – Asking, Seeking, Knocking. Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Psalm 105:4 "Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore!"

Readings: 2 Chronicles 27:6, Ezra 7:10, Psalm 119:2, Song of Solomon 5:4, Isaiah 55:6, Jeremiah 29:11-14, Matthew 7:7, James 4:8

Prayer — Father, I will seek You above all else, my pursuit of You is driven by a genuine love and desire for Your presence, not an obligation or religious duty. I will prioritize seeking to know You intimately above everything else in my life. I want to know You and make You known, to be alone with You until I'm not alone. I want to be more aware of Your presence than my very own.

Psalm 84:2 "My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." Psalm 145:18 "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." I know this is a lifestyle! Thank You that You promised as we seek You that You would draw near and reveal Yourself. Amen

Day 16 - A Steadfast Heart

Psalm 112:8 "His heart is established; He will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies."

A trusting heart is a quiet and steadfast heart. Again, "He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Psalm 112:7-8

I trust in God my Savior, the One who will never fail! He can't and He won't ever fail!!

David said, "Whenever I'm afraid, I will trust God." Trust is the highest level of faith. To trust Him is to rest in His sovereignty, knowing He is in control.

Psalm 131:2 (TPT) "I am humbled and quieted in Your presence. Like a contented child who rests on it's mother's lap, I'm your resting child and my soul is content in You." It is time for us to quiet our soul's infant cries with His promises that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Hebrew 13:5 -Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Readings: Psalm 27:13-14, Psalm 112:7-8, Proverbs 14:30, Proverbs 15:15

Prayer – Father, I know when I fully trust You that my heart will rest, be steadfast and I will see victory. Heal all the wounds of my heart caused by loss, betrayal or disappointment. Let Your healing flow like a mighty river – replacing despair with hope. Amen

Day 17 - An Obedient Heart

John 14:23 - Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

An obedient heart gets occupied with His manifested presence. He comes to make His home within your heart. To truly obey is an act of love and reverence. To believe in God and obey Him are inseparable. To yield my will and trust even through suffering as Jesus did. True obedience flows from a heart that loves God and a heart aligned with truth and convictions. I love the story we find written in Jeremiah 35:6 about the Rechabites, for had they not obeyed their future could have changed drastically. (See the story in Jeremiah 35:1-10)

Jesus promises those who love Him and obey His commandments that He will first manifest Himself and then He and the Father will take up residence within their hearts and life. He is not looking for a visitation but a habitation.

Readings: 1 Samuel 15:22, Psalm 25:10, Psalm 37:7, Isaiah 60:18, John 14:20, 23

Prayer – Father, we choose to obey You. We ask that You take us deeper in intimacy, deeper in surrender and deeper in trust. I know to obey You is better than to sacrifice. Just as Jesus learned obedience through the things He suffered, I too will trust You. And even when I can't trace Your hand, I will trust Your heart. Where You lead and guide me and I will follow. Amen

Day 18 - Heart Alignment with a Higher Purpose

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Alignment begins with acknowledging our need for His intervention in the places we have gotten out of alignment. This could be wrong desires or wrong intentions. So let us ask Him to create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.

My delight in Him aligns me with His heart's desires so that my desires and actions become His. We see this beautifully illustrated in a familiar passage so often misinterpreted. Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

It's not because I serve and know Him that He is going to give me what I want. No, it's when I delight in Him, He puts His desires within my heart. The Hebrew word for delight in this verse is "anag" which means to find exquisite enjoyment and to be soft and pliable. When our hearts are soft and pliable He then can place His desires into our heart. It is waking up one day with a desire in your heart, a passion to fulfill His commissions and His purposes for your life on earth. Suddenly you desire what He desires then you know it will be fulfilled. He is the author and finisher of your faith. He began a good work and He will complete it!

Readings: Psalm 37:4, Isaiah 58:14

Prayer – Father, I desire to know Your heart so that my heart's desires and actions will naturally align with Yours. Create in me a clean heart, a heart burning for You and Your purpose for my life. I surrender now my mind, heart, will and future to You, knowing that You keep all that I commit to You. Amen

Day 19 - Pure in Heart Will See

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

To see, perceive and know comes as we grow with His words penetrating our souls. Again, David's prayers – "create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me" so please search my heart and try me."

What is our heart saying? John tells us if our hearts condemn us that God is greater than our hearts. David speaks of God trying his heart in the night seasons and says he will be glad to awake in His likeness.

Let us respond with an open and obedient heart when the Lord reveals His love to us through correction or instruction. Let us be committed to follow Him fully with wholehearted devotion.

Readings: Psalm 17:3 & 15, Psalm 19:8-10, Matthew 5:8, 1 John 2:5, 3:20

Prayer – Father, thank You that You give me the ability to see, perceive and know with true perception, sight and knowledge. I know this can only arise in a heart that is pure and attuned to Your voice. Help me to maintain purity in my mind, words and heart always. I seek to honor You and to always be acceptable in Your sight. I will cultivate purity in my speech, thoughts and heart as I seek to honor You in all I do. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you I pray. Give me a clean heart, that is what I long for. Amen

Day 20 - A Loyal Heart

1 Corinthians 2:9 - But as it is written, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth. He is searching for hearts that are loyal to Him that He may prove Himself strong on their behalf. He is our Kingsmen Redeemer. He is ready to redeem us!

We see this beautifully illustrated in the book of Ruth. While Ruth was being faithful to glean, not knowing the eyes of her redeemer was on her, she would go from gleaning to owning.

To the loyal hearts, God is going to prove Himself strong on your behalf. God always rewards faithfulness. Those who are faithful over a few He will make ruler over many.

"Oh come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant!" Come faithful ones, come joyfully for it is time to triumph!

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:6, Ruth 2:12, 2 Chronicles 16:9

Prayer — Father, I yield fully. I submit completely to Your perfect will and way for my life. I will seek You first in all areas of my life. I will keep loving You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. I desire that my whole heart and life be fully Yours. Keep the light on in my heart to always search and reveal any wicked ways in me. I know the heart is deceitful above all things and I don't want to be deceived within or without, so reveal to me what You see and fully heal me. Amen

Day 21 - God's Heart

1 John 3:1 "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."

Romans 8:15-16 (TPT) For you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty," leading you back in the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the "Spirit full of acceptance," enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as He rises up within us, our spirits join Him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!" For the Holy Spirit makes God's Fatherhood real to us as He whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!"

We love Him because He first loved us - 1 John 4:19. That verse shows His intense devotion He has towards us. The deep longing of His heart is inclined towards us. He loved so intensely that He gave! He chose us, adopted us and with His conquering love He sets us free! We are the recipient of His boundless love. Chosen, adopted and set free to live a life of purpose, meaning and joy.

Readings: Ephesians 1:3-6, John 3:16, 1 John 4:12-18

Prayer – On this day of knowing how much Father loves you, spend time in your personal adoration, praises and prayers. In those quiet moments of reflection on His promises you will discover profound peace.

It is time for us all to go forward in 2026 with the commission of Colossians 3:2,3, 12-16.

"Yes, feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm. Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ."

"You are always and dearly loved by God! So, robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle—and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others. Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them. For love is supreme and must flow through each of these virtues. Love becomes the mark of true maturity. Let your heart be always guided by the peace of the Anointed One, who called you to peace as part of His one body. And always be thankful. Let the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you with all wisdom. Apply the scriptures as you teach and instruct one another with the Psalms, and with festive praises, and with prophetic songs given to you spontaneously by the Spirit, so sing to God with all your hearts!"

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