



*"The most important thing in your life is not your family, your spouse, your kids, your job, your finances, or your health. The most important thing in your life is your personal intimacy with God because that affects everything else. Your family life depends on personal intimacy with God in your heart. Your kids need this from you more than they even need you to put food on the table—this reality will change the way you parent. Your marriage, your job, your finances, and the people around you need this from you. Everything flows from this." -David Platt*

Over the course of the next twenty-one days our MBC families have an opportunity to develop deeper intimacy with God that will overflow into every aspect of our lives. We've put together a Twenty-One Day Prayer Guide for families. We encourage you to choose a certain place and set a specific time each day to come together as a family and pray. Use the daily prayer prompt to help get you started but be open to other things the Lord may lead you or your children to pray.

If you've never prayed aloud with your children, we hope this guide will help you take the first step towards praying together as a family. It may feel awkward, or uncomfortable at first, don't let that discourage you. After a few times, it will start to feel more comfortable. If your children are hesitant or embarrassed to pray don't force them but leave space for children to pray each day as they may develop more courage as the practice becomes more familiar. Don't be frustrated if they seem to be disinterested when you pray. Prayer is one of the hardest things to do intentionally and consistently. Even when it doesn't go "as planned" God is using those chaotic moments to teach our children that He is accessible and at work in every moment of our lives.

The progress chart is a fun way for your child to recognize the steps they are taking toward the goal. When you've completed prayer time for the day have your child remove the corresponding sticker and place it in the box. If you miss a day, don't let that derail you, simply double up the next day, chart your progress and keep moving. The progress chart is meant to serve as a tangible, interactive way to engage children and get them excited.

Most importantly, we want you to know that the MBC Kid's Quest team is praying daily for you and your family. We are praying that during the next 21 days your family will sense the presence of the Lord as you gather to pray, just like Matthew 18:20 tell us "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." On our knees, a dad and his daughter, a husband and wife, a family of three or 13, each has the certain promise of Christ's presence.

We'd love to hear how God works in and through your family during the 21 days of prayer. If you have a story of encouragement or something specific God taught you or your children during these three weeks, we'd love for you to share them with us at [21days@mcleanbible.org](mailto:21days@mcleanbible.org). We look forward to celebrating all God accomplishes during these 21 days.

**01****Romans 8:15**

Thank God for making a way for us to become His sons and daughters by Jesus' death on the cross. Praise Him for forgiving all our sins and adopting us as His own.

**02****Proverbs 18:10**

Speak God's names aloud in worship. (Healer, Protector, Prince of Peace, Provider, Righteousness, Creator, etc.) God, your name is great, and we worship you for being our\_\_\_\_\_.

**03****Luke 12:31**

Help us to care about the things you care about and to love the things you love. We pray that Your will be done on Earth, in our church and in our lives.

**04****Psalms 121:1-2**

Ask God for what you need today. What are the things weighing on your mind or the desires of your heart? Tell them to God and trust Him to give you everything you need.

**05****1 John 1:9**

Ask God to examine your life and show you any areas where you need to ask for forgiveness. Think about anyone that has hurt you. Ask God to help you forgive them as He has forgiven you. If the Lord brings to mind someone you have hurt, consider asking them to forgive you.

**06****Ephesians 6:12**

Our struggles aren't against people or circumstances around us, they are against our enemy who wants to destroy. Praise God for coming to give us life to the fullest. Remind yourself in prayer that we do not have to fear because the One who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world.

**07****Jeremiah 32:17**

Remind yourself of God's limitless power. God, nothing is too hard for You! Through Your great power, all things are possible. You are amazing, and we worship You. We praise You for Your power and presence in our lives. You are our God, and You are worthy of all praise.

**08****John 6:44**

Think about people you know that are not following Jesus. Make a list of their names. God, we can't make people love you. We have people around us that don't know you as Lord and don't follow you as King. We pray you would send your Holy Spirit to them and give them a desire to surrender their lives to you.

**09****2 Corinthians 4:4**

Many places in our world still do not have a Bible in their language and have never heard of Jesus Christ. Pray that the men, women, and children in these places will see the light of God. Pray that they would hear about Jesus and see truth without any obstacles or distractions. Open their eyes, Lord, that they might see Jesus.

**10****Matthew 9:38**

God's plan to reach people is accomplished through those who already know Jesus and love Him. Pray for people to go into the world to tell others the Good News of the gospel right here in the greater Washington DC area and to the ends of the earth.

**11****Ephesians 1:17**

Pray for the pastors, elders & ministry leaders in our church. Pray that God would give them wisdom and discernment as they lead in the different ministries. Pray that God would strengthen them and give them great joy as they follow His calling in their lives. Pray that God would keep them from temptation, idols and loving this world.

**12****James 4:8**

Lord, today we are drawing near to you through prayer, worship and reading your Word. You have promised that if we draw near to You, You will draw near to us. During these 21 days of prayer, we ask you to open our hearts, be near to us, and change us to be more like You.

**13****Romans 8:38-39**

God, I am in awe of Your love for me. You are so great, and I am so small, but you love me fully and completely. Nothing can separate me from your love, and I am so grateful! There is nothing I can do to win or lose your love because you love me unconditionally in Jesus Christ.

**14****Psalms 145:13-14**

Make a list of things the Bible tells us about God's character. (Ex: trustworthy, faithful, strong, etc.) Praise God for His character.

**15****1 Corinthians 1:10**

Pray for all 5 locations of MBC. Pray that MBC would be different from the world in the way that we love each other and our holiness. Pray that we would love and encourage each other even when we don't think the same and that we would always remember that the gospel brings us together.

**16****Deuteronomy 6:5-7**

Pray for the adults in our church to work to disciple the next generation. Pray specifically for our Kid's Quest, Rock, Access and Awana ministries. Ask the Lord to send men and women to follow the commands to proclaim His Name to the next generation.

**17****Ezekiel 36: 26-27**

Pray for the children and students in our church. Pray that God would save them, that they would be shaped by God's word and that they would not fall away from the faith.

**18****Matthew 18:20**

When a family prays together, Jesus is with them every time! Consider getting on your knees together and praying specifically for your family. Pray about your needs, concerns, and desires as a family. Ask God to remind you that He is with you in this moment and every other moment.

**19****Psalms 139: 23-24**

Father God, we ask you to search our hearts. If you find anything in me that is not pleasing to you, please show me and help me to remove it from my life. Teach me to love others well and live a life that points people to you.

**20****Philippians 4:6-7**

Tell God the things in your life that are causing you to feel worried or anxious. Bring them all to him in honest confession. Replace your worry with prayer. Pray that the peace of God will be evident in your heart and life.

**21****Psalms 103:1-5**

Today we join King David in giving you praise for who you are and all the good gifts you give us in the gospel. I praise you for forgiving all my past, present and future sins through Jesus. I praise you for crowning me with your love and compassion. You are the only God and are worthy to be worshiped and adored. We love you!