



## PRAYING FOR A YEAR OF GOD'S FAVOR NEW YEAR'S DAY OF PRAYER 2017

### FIRST TEN MINUTES

**QUESTION:** Is my heart pure? Is my spirit steadfast? Is there sin today that needs to be confessed?

**READ:** Psalm 51

**SING OR MEDITATE:** Lord Have Mercy by Michael W. Smith

*Jesus I've forgotten the words that you have spoken.  
Promises that burned my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief, Renew the fire again.  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on me.*

*I have longed to know You & Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on me.*

**PONDER:** Sin is what you do when your heart is not satisfied with God. No one sins out of duty. We sin because it holds out some promise of happiness. That promise enslaves us until we believe that God is more to be desired than life itself. (John Piper)

**PRAY:** Use Psalm 51 as a prayer of confession, for you, your family, our church and our community.

## SECOND TEN MINUTES

**QUESTION:** Am I hungry for God's presence? Do I value His presence over His power?

**READ:** Exodus 33:12-17

**SING OR MEDITATE:** Holy Spirit by Kari Jobe

*There's nothing worth more that could ever come close.  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope.  
Your presence, Lord.*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.*

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.*

*I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves.  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,  
In your presence, Lord.*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.*

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for.  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.*

**PONDER:** We are not seeking to flood our region with Calvary or any other church. We are seeking to flood the valley with the presence of God. The favor of God comes with the presence of God.

**PRAY:** Ask God to make His presence the passion of your heart. Ask Him to put you in the place where He can love you the best this year. Ask Him to make His presence known in our neighborhoods, our cities, our schools and the places where we work.

## THIRD TEN MINUTES

**QUESTION:** What would my life, our church, Central PA, look like if I/it was flooded with the uncontainable blessings of God?

**READ:** Ephesians 1:3-6, Psalm 1:1-3, 2 Corinthians 9:8

**SING OR MEDITATE:** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing by John Wyeth

*Come thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
I'll praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.*

*O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.*

**PONDER:** God's blessing is a reflection of his incredible love for creation. While it is invisible in its essence, his blessing is invincible, overcoming everything that earth or hell can throw against it. (Jim Cymbala)

**PRAY:** Ask God to pour out His blessings, his favor upon your life, our church, our neighborhoods and where we work. Be specific. What are some of the spiritual blessings we need? Think of the people who are in desperate need of God's blessing and pray for them now.

## FOURTH TEN MINUTES

**QUESTION:** Where do I, where do we at Calvary, have a vision for the future that goes beyond our capacity to accomplish?

**READ:** Ephesians 3:14-21

**SING OR MEDITATE:** God Is Able by Hillsong

*God is Able. He will never fail. He is almighty God.  
Greater than all we seek. Greater than all we ask.  
He has done great things.*

*Lifted up, He defeated the grave,  
raised to life, our God is able.  
In His name, we overcome. For the Lord, our God is able.*

*God is with us. God is on our side. He will make a way.  
Far above all we know. Far above all we hope.  
He has done great things.*

**PONDER:** What I have found is that people who believe in God's resurrection power live differently. They look for glory in dark places. They don't give up. They have hope to give to others. They make it.

**PRAY:** Ask God to do more in us and through us than we can imagine. Ask Him to stretch our imagination and grow our faith. Ask Him to go beyond our imagination on behalf of struggling marriages and families. (Be specific.) Ask Him to go beyond our imagination in helping those with addictions and depression. On behalf of specific people and needs ask him to empower them by His Spirit, reveal to them the love of Christ and fill them with the life that comes from God the Father.

## FIFTH TEN MINUTES

As a continuation of Ephesians 3:21, pray for these specific requests for Calvary:

- That Calvary Penns Valley would be given the resources to renovate the building across from Elk Creek Café as a permanent church location.
- That God would lead us to the right person to be the new Gathering Pastor at Midtown and strengthen it during the transition.
- That God would help Calvary Tyrone reach the next generation in Tyrone.
- That Calvary would have a significant part in starting 10 churches or sites in the next 18 months. Those churches/sites would be here and around the world.
- That Wellspring Church would see 200 plus people on their launch weekend.
- That God would inspire such generosity at Calvary that we could pay off our debt and give 50% of our offerings away every year.
- That our 1% Offering would exceed \$250,000.
- That the Spirit of God would draw us to prayer and ignite a movement of prayer in our region.
- That 50 more children from Calvary Global Kids would be sponsored in the next 12 months.
- That every child in Central PA that needs an adoptive or fostering home would find one. That every child who needs a big brother or big sister would have one.
- That we would baptize 100+ people in the next 12 months.
- That we would see 100+ Burmese Buddhists accept Christ and be baptized in the next 12 months.

- That marriages on the brink of break-up would find healing.
- That our CityChurch sermon series on being a good neighbor would lead to every neighborhood covered in prayer by one or more households who have made a commitment to love their neighbors.
- That we would see over 1,500 people out serving for CityServe, the weekend after Mother's Day.
- That by 2030 we would be part of a movement of congregations that has seen the number of Christ-followers in Central PA double.
- What is your most important prayer request for the coming year? Write it down, share it with someone, and pray for God to show Himself as able to do more than you can imagine.

**PONDER:** Of all you have requested God is not only able to do that, He is able to do more than you can imagine. He dares you to out-dream Him.

## **SIXTH TEN MINUTES**

**QUESTION:** Have I told God thank you for all He has done in 2016?

**READ AND THEN PRAY THROUGH:** Isaiah 62. Especially allow vs 1-4 to shape a heart of thankfulness.

**THANK GOD:** Rather than singing a song to close, make a list of things from 2016 for which you are thankful. Let those things bring a song to your heart.