## **Open Door** Benefis Church Praying for God's Presence in December

We've been praying and studying God's Word a whole year together! Thank you for being a part of this fun journey together! I trust you have grown in your walk with the Lord—that is my heartbeat for you. Christmas is the highlight of December, and many equate the month with *presents*. Jesus came as our Emmanuel, which means "God with us." Let's pray for the gift of God's *presence* to be in our lives and known by our lives as we celebrate the miracle of Christ's first advent. God's presence aids us each day and secures our Heavenly destination. I am praying for you! –Pastor Dennis Schaffer

Day	Scripture	Prayer Requests
December 1	Habakkuk 3:2, O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work	Pray for revival. Pray for continued grace during the Covid-19
	in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember	pandemic. Pray for our church to be renewed and to seek God's
	mercy.	presence together. Pray for our upcoming outreach events.
December 2	Genesis 3:8, And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool	Pray to keep your relationship with God close. Pray for those who are
	of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God	far from God because of sin to be drawn to Him and to know His
	amongst the trees of the garden.	forgiveness.
December 3	Exodus 3:14, And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.	Pray for God's presence to strengthen you as you serve Him.
	Numbers 20:6, And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the	Pray for God's grace as you meet with Him. Pray that God would use
December 4	door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory	you to show His mercy to others. Pray for our pastors as they minister
	of the Lord appeared unto them.	to our congregation for the Lord.
December 5	Deuteronomy 31:8, And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee,	Pray for missionaries to be encouraged by God's presence as they
	he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.	serve Him.
December 6	Joshua 1:5, There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life:	Pray that our church will be open to letting God move us and change us
	as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.	as we worship. Pray for our school and daycare ministries.
December 7	1 Kings 8:22, And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the	Pray for prayer warriors and ministers to be faithful in prayer as they
	congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.	lift up needs and pray for God's will to be accomplished.
December 8	1 Chronicles 16:27, Glory and honour are in his presence; Strength and gladness are in	Pray for your life to bring God glory and honor as you serve Him. Pray
	his place.	for others to respond to God's presence with strength and joy.
December 9	Psalm 16:11, Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy	Pray you will possess and display God's joy. Pray for friends to discern
	right hand there are pleasures for evermore.	God's will, so they might find pleasure in serving the Lord.
	Psalm 23:5, Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou	Pray for those who have been maligned or persecuted for standing for
December 10	anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.	Christ. Pray for those who have been wronged to heal and to discover
		the blessings of suffering, such as closeness to Christ.
December 11	Psalm 34:18, The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; And saveth such as	Pray for Godly humility to break down personal pride. Pray for God's
	be of a contrite spirit.	work in our church to bring revival.
December 12	Psalm 51:11, Cast me not away from thy presence; And take not thy holy spirit from me.	Pray thanking God for the presence of the Holy Spirit (Who will not
		leave you).
December 13	Psalm 95:2, Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, And make a joyful noise	Pray and worship God with words of thanks, and pray as you sing a
	unto him with psalms.	joyful song to the Lord. Pray for our music & media ministry team.
	Psalm 139:7, Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?	Pray realizing you are in God's presence—swim in awe, declare your
December 14		insignificance, recognize you are loved. Pray for God to confidently
		guide your steps in His will. Pray for others to know God's presence.
December 15	Psalm 140:13, Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: The upright shall	Pray and give thanks for the good and the difficult things God brings
	dwell in thy presence.	into you life. Pray for help to depart from wicked thoughts, words, and
		actions that prevent open fellowship with the Lord.
December 16	Isaiah 7:14, Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall	Pray with wonder and gratitude for the miracle of Christ's birth. Pray
	conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.	for chances to share this miracle with others anew.

	Jonah 1:3, But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and	Pray for God to guide your steps and protection that God would keep
December 17	went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof,	you following His will. Pray for those who have run away from God to
	and went down to Joppa, and he found a sing going to faishish, so he paid the faie thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.	be restored to Him.
	Matthew 1:23, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they	Pray for many to learn that Christ came, so He could rescue them from
December 18	shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.	their sins. Pray for our church's Christmas offering.
	Matthew 18:20, For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in	Pray for a revival of faithfulness for God's people to congregate and
December 19		fellowship together around truth found in God's Word. Pray for
	the midst of them.	
December 20	Matthew 28:19–20, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name	opportunities to start new churches and the people to lead them.
		Pray for the experience of knowing God's presence as you go about life
	of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things	and share Christ's salvation with others. Pray for more laborers to be
	whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of	called and sent into the world to reach multitudes of souls with the
	the world. Amen.	Gospel. Pray for our Sunday school teachers and classes.
December 21	Luke 15:10, Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God	Pray for the joy of rejoicing with God as lost people come to know
	over one sinner that repenteth.	Christ as Savior and learn of His presence in their own lives.
	Luke 24:32, And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he	Pray for great desire to fellowship with God and His people around
December 22	talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?	Bible truth. Pray God will raise up more teachers to build Sunday
		school classes and disciple new Christians.
	Acts 3:19, Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,	Pray for our missionaries as they share Christ. Pray for new Christians
December 23	when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.	to find joy in being forgiven. Pray for our church family to find a time of
		refreshment as God speaks and ministers to us together.
December 24	Acts 27:35, And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in	Pray thanking God for His daily provisions. Pray for strength and
	presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.	wisdom for the tasks ahead that God is directing you to do.
December 25	John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,	Merry Christmas! Pray thanking Christ for coming to earth to show us
	the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.	His grace and truth. Pray for others to know Jesus as their own Savior
		through the reminders of this special day.
December 26	Romans 16:20, And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The	Pray for discernment and wisdom to spot false teaching. Pray with
	grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.	hope knowing God will one day display His victory over all evil enemies.
December 27	2 Corinthians 1:22, Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our	Pray with confidence about life knowing God is with you each step
	hearts.	through the presence of the Holy Spirit.
December 28	Galatians 4:6, And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your	Pray knowing the Holy Spirit is in you—you are the temple of God. Pray
	hearts, crying, Abba, Father.	to your Heavenly Father knowing He desires to fellowship with you.
December 29	Hebrews 13:5, Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such	Pray for contentment. Pray for God to bless you, so you can be a
	things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.	blessing to others as a conduit of His love.
December 30	1 Peter 3:15, But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an	Pray lifting praise to God for the hope He gave you through Christ's
	answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness	cross and resurrection. Pray others see God's hope through you. Pray
	and fear.	for wisdom about how to answer the questions of those who are
		spiritual blind, so they might see Christ with eyes of faith.
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