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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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| | Revelation 22:21, The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. | Pray with excitement knowing God is going to finish His plan, and ask |
| | Revelation 22:21, The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. | Pray with excitement knowing God is going to finish His plan, and ask Him to show you your part in it. Pray for grace to love and serve Him |
| December 31 | Revelation 22:21, The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. | |

