

30/30 Prayer Challenge

Prayers for West Ridge

1. Please pray for **God's provision** for West Ridge Church that we may meet the needs of our community, missions, and members.
2. Please pray for the **Christmas Eve Services** at West Ridge Church on both campuses. Pray for the 1000's of guests that will be present. Pray that the gospel will be received and that lives will be changed.
3. Please pray for the **New Year** of opportunities and challenge in the Northwest Atlanta Community that God has called West Ridge Church to meet.
4. Please Pray for **Hope for Christmas** on December 11th. Pray for the volunteers. Pray for the families that will receive the gifts. Pray for God's provision of food, toys and family gifts.

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Day 1

Believing God

Scripture for today: Read Isaiah 43:10

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God that He has chosen us for this prayer journey. Praise God and thank Him that His desire is for us to know Him and believe Him.

Confess: any unbelief you may have in God's ability to hear and answer our prayers. Confess any gods you may have that shifted your focus off God and spending time with Him in prayer.

Ask: God to help everyone on this prayer journey be consistent the next 30 days of prayer. Pierce hearts to join us and bring to mind those you want me to invite to pray. (Pray through the WRC prayer list).

Prayer: Father, we know that without faith it is impossible to please You and when we come to you we must believe. (Heb 11:6) Grow us in unity and commitment to believe You God. We believe You are who You say you are. We believe You can do what You say You can do. We ask you to help us in our unbelief. (Mt 9:24) Reveal any unbelief as we commit ourselves to pray for the next 30 days.

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Day 2

Applauding God

Scripture for today: Psalm 47

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for all He has done at West Ridge Church in the past 11 years.

Confess: Our focus on needs more than appreciation of all He is and what He has done.

Ask: Ask God to transform us into a body of believers at WRC that applauds and focuses on what God is doing in and through His people and community. (Pray through the WRC prayer list)
David applauded God, he continually wrote songs of prayer and praise. So go ahead and applaud God. Make a list like David of all the things God has done for us!
Prayer: God, we thank you for blessing us a church, a community and nation. We are thankful for your protection and your unfailing love. You reign, You are seated on Your throne, You are high and lifted up. You God are in control of our nation, of our church and of our lives. We exalt You, we thank You, we love You!

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Day 3

Unity in Christ

Scripture for today: Ephesians 4:1-6

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the peace through Christ He gave us to know when we are unified with Him; living in His Spirit and operating His power.

Confess: Where we lack peace. Confess where our hearts may not be unified in Christ and God to reveal what “effort “needs to be made to be unified in His Spirit.

Ask: To unify WRC through humility, gentleness, patience with one another in love. (Pray through the WRC prayer list)

God desires unity, so much He sent Jesus to die for all our sins. In the same way we need the grace God’s gives us today, let us give grace to others for the sake of unity.

Prayer: God, You have called us in Christ to be unified. We pray all believers at WRC lay down any differences for the sake of peace, unity and knowing it honors and pleases You. Unite WRC in Christ.

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Day 4

Devoted to Prayer

Scripture for today: Romans 15:30; Colossians 4:2-6

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God for sending Brian to WRC and for speaking through him.

Confess: Any lack of devotion to pray or any conversation lacking in grace towards those God has chosen to lead WRC.

Ask: God how can you pray for Brian and his family right now. (Pray for the WRC prayer list)
Like Paul in his letter to the Romans, Brian knows he needs and is asking WRC to pray for him. God hears and honors our prayers. How can you make praying for our pastors a habit?

Prayer: Father we pray Brian’s speech and preaching is in demonstration of the Spirit and power. 1Cor 2:4 Reveal to Brian the deeper things of You, by Your Spirit. 1Cor 2:10 We pray that no weapons formed against him will prosper, and every tongue rising against them shall be shown to be in the wrong (Isa 54:17) Father, let the gifts and anointing on Brian’s life come forth. Cor 12:11 Birth the things that You have spoken to Brian in his heart, Luke 1:45 as he continually gives himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word Acts 6:4.

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Day 5

What Do You Want?

Scripture for today: Matthew 20:29-34

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God He is merciful. Shout loud how awesome our God is. Thank God, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Heb 13:8)

Confess: Our unbelief in God's supernatural power reigning on the earth and Jesus' willingness and ability to perform miracles today. Confess not inviting Jesus into your circumstances.

Ask: Ask the same question back to Jesus right now. 'What do **YOU** want Jesus?' Be still and listen for God to answer. Pray for help to be obedient. (Pray through the WRC prayer list)

Like the blind man we have needs. Jesus knows, but He still asks. Is it your marriage, your finances, one of your children? What are the greatest needs of the ministry you serve at WRC?

Prayer: Jesus, I lift up my personal requests now... I pray WRC becomes a church unified in prayer. I pray we are obedient in giving; WRC ends the year with a balanced budget, volunteer and financial needs are met in Hope for Christmas and You bless WRC Christmas services.

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Day 6

Grace Made Perfect

Scripture for today: Read 2 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 17:19-23

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God for His grace, God's unmerited favor, for His power made perfect in our weakness.

Confess: Confess where you are weak or lack of faith in your situation. Maybe it's trusting God with your tithing, believing God in your marriage, a relationship, or moving forward with God.

Ask: God what is standing in the way of victory in this situation. Is it pride, fear, or unbelief? Is it you? Ask God to move that mountain! (Pray through the WRC prayer list) We think we have to be "spiritually fit" to pray boldly, but Jesus said, 'faith the size of a mustard seed.' God does his best work when we are the weakest. Jesus closes his lesson for us (vs 22-23) with a glimpse of Jesus in Gethsemane; face to the ground. Jesus arrested, his death and resurrection. Mountain of sin removed forever! Grace; God's greatest victory for mankind!

Prayer: God, I thank you that you do not require me to be strong and have a faith walk history like the apostle Paul, to do Your best work in me and in our circumstances at WRC. Thank you for your grace, Thank you for your favor. My hope God is in *Your* strength in *Your* power.

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Day 7

A Family that Loves

Scripture for today: Eph 3:14-21

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise the God of heaven and earth who loves and is love allows us to call Him Father. Thank God for our WRC family.

Confess: any challenges you have right now to receive and give God's unconditional love.

Ask: God to forgive you. Ask God how you can pray for and/or serve in love the people that most challenge you. (Pray through the WRC prayer list)

We are members in a very large family! Our Father desires us to operate at WRC like a close knit

family; celebrating our differences and loving unconditionally. Pray Eph 3:14-21 for our WRC family. Write it down in your prayer journal or an index card and pray it regularly. Our very large family journeys to follow Jesus in smaller intimate groups called Journey Groups.

Prayer: Father, Jesus formed the first group of 12 and the church family grew. We pray for every WRC member to participate in a Journey Group to *grow* in Truth and *love*, to *serve* You, one another and the community, and to *share* You Jesus and invite them into our WRC family.

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Day 8

Walking Towards Light

Scripture for the day: Psalms 56: 12-13

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God today that He is Lord and that you are His.

Confess: Any sin in your life.

Ask: God to keep you from sin and guide you in walking in His light.

Light and darkness are polar opposites. Today walk towards the Light, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for the very salvation of my soul. When I ponder on those words I realize the enormity of them. You have saved “a wretch like me...” Thank you, my precious Heavenly Father.

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Day 9

Blessings

Scripture for the day: Psalms 57: 7-8

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the blessings in your life.

Confess: Any ungratefulness for blessings received.

Ask: For the Lord to focus your eyes on the many blessings he has bestowed upon you.

Even in the midst of turmoil in his life, David found time to thank the Lord and sing His praises.

Today, sing praises to the Lord for the blessings in your life, despite any turmoil.

Prayer: Dear Lord, today I am thankful. I look at the story of my life and see provision, protection and blessings all around. Help me not to lose sight of gifts You have given so generously.

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Day 10

Willing Heart

Scripture for the day: Matthew 1:20

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for sending baby Jesus in a miraculous way to save those who believe in Him from their sins.

Confess: the sin in your life

Ask: For your Savior to help you repent and overcome your sins.

Mary was a sinner and yet God chose her to deliver the Savior of the world. God can use anyone who is His and is willing. Humble yourself before the Lord and tell Him, "Lord, I'm here and I'm willing. Use me in whatever way You choose to further Your Kingdom."

Prayer: Thank you God, for sending baby Jesus to live as an example for me to follow. Please help me to be more like Jesus each and every day.

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Day 11

Unfailing Love

Scripture for the day: Psalms 143:8

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God that His love is unfailing and that you can trust Him.

Confess: Any area in your life that you have not fully trusted Him with and today, give it to Him.

Ask: God to increase your faith in Him as He proves Himself trustworthy in your life. He will not let you down.

In today's scripture David is crying out to the Lord for His love, protection and mercy. The key word in this scripture is "unfailing." We can have complete confidence in Christ, our Savior, because his word and love are "unfailing."

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that I know I can trust You with every aspect and every intricate detail of my life. Today, I give you the area of my life that I have been withholding from You.

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Day 12

Praise and Glory

Scripture for the day: Psalms 57: 9-11

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank the Lord for His love and faithfulness.

Confess: Any ingratitude in your life for blessings received.

Ask: The Lord to hear your songs of praise, words of gratitude and acknowledgement of His blessings.

Today, be reminded that Jesus deserves to be praised and worshipped. Give Him the glory He so richly deserves.

Prayer: Lord, to You be the Glory for all that You do and have done and are doing in my life, as well as in the world. You hold the universe in Your hands, how humbling it is to be able to speak words of praise to You, my Creator.

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Day 13

Forgiveness

Scripture for the day: 1 John 1:8-10

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for His forgiveness.

Confess: the sin in your life.

Ask: Christ to forgive you and to help you have a repentant heart.

To repent means “to turn away from.” Ask the Lord to help you turn away from any sin in your life and run the other direction as fast and as far as you can. He will enable you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I confess my sins and ask you to empower me to go and sin no more.

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Day 14

Power of Prayer

Scripture for the day: Psalm 54:1-2

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank the Lord for the privilege of prayer.

Confess: Your neglect to take everything to Him in prayer first.

Ask: God to remind you to lean on His power and not on your own weakness.

When the Ziphites went to Saul, who wanted to harm David, and told him that David was hiding among them the first thing David did was go to the Lord with his needs. What a great example for us to follow.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for the power of prayer. Please help me to remember to come to you first and not leave You as a last resort.

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Day 15

A Gift- Thank You!

Scripture for today: 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for all He is doing at WRC in prayer! Thank God that He calls us and gives us the gift of prayer. Thank God that He hears, He sees and He speaks!

Confess: any pride that is keeping you from bending your knee to what God is asking. Confess anything that is keeping you from an open dialogue and powerful prayer life with God.

Ask: God’s help to keep prayer, an important part of your journey. (Pray through WRC prayer list) In verse 14 God asks us; humble ourselves, pray, seek God and turn away from sin. God in return will; hear us, forgive us, and heal our land. His eyes will see; His ears attentive; His heart bent towards us.

Prayer: God, we thank you for choosing and consecrating us! Thank You, Jesus You dwell in us forever, Your heart is always there. Nothing we do makes us deserving to come into Your throne room and have our prayers heard. Jesus, You did it all, thank you! Thank you for the gift of prayer.

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Day 16

Crave Spiritual Blessings

Scripture for today: Ephesians 1:3-6

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank our Father that He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. Praise Jesus we are made blameless in God’s sight! Praise His glorious grace!

Confess: our need, our yearning, our desire for God to bless our lives.

Ask: God to speak blessings over you, your family, marriage and current challenges. In love, God adopted us into His family; we are heirs to His blessing. Without God's blessing, without his hand over everything we believe God has called us to do we are nothing, we are incapable and many times unqualified in the natural realm. (Pray through the WRC prayer list.)

Prayer: God, when you created the universe you spoke and it was. Your spoken word is power. I lift up my life to You God; my marriage, my children, my walk with Jesus. I pray; 'Bless it Father! Bless it! Your voice moves the heavenlies. My heart's desire is for my life to bless Your Name Jesus.

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Day 17

God Bless it! God Bless It!

Scripture for today: Zechariah 4:6-9

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise God that we no longer have to depend on prophets to hear from God. Praise God for the Holy Spirit in which God dwells and speaks to each one of us personally.

Confess: our desperate need to hear and operate in His Spirit. Confess by faith, through obedience, in the power of the Holy Spirit *God* will accomplish and God complete *His* work at *His* church, West Ridge.

Ask: Jesus' help to be obedient to His Word and small still voice. (Pray through the WRC prayer list) Zerubbabel heard from God, spoke to his mountain of obstacles, held up the finishing capstone in faith for the completion of God's work, and acknowledged God's grace, blessings, favor!

Prayer: Jesus, You are the Cornerstone of WRC, You are finishing stone of WRC and prayer is our foundation; By the power of Your name our mountain of obstacles will be leveled and it is You who will accomplish God's purposes for WRC through us. God Bless, God Bless WRC! Grace, grace to it!

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Day 18

Praise the Name of the Lord!

Scripture for today: Psalm 113

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise the Name of the Lord! Praise our God who is omnipotent, the Maker of heaven and earth. Praise the Mighty Warrior, the compassionate Father, the Way the Truth and the Life! Praise the King enthroned and exalted on high forever! Praise the Name of the Lord!

Confess: Our need to devote time with God every day to come to know Him more intimately.

Ask: God to reveal the Name to call on, praise and know in a more intimate way.

The apostle Paul said, "For my determined purpose is that I may know Him" (Phil 3:10AMP). How does God want to reveal Himself to you today; as your Rock? your Provider? your Counselor? your Comforter? His right hand of power and strength? (Pray through the WRC prayer list)

Prayer: God, I thank you that You remind me to call on Your Name and to praise Your name. I desire to know You more intimately as my (make it personal i.e. The Joy of my Salvation, My Hope of Glory, My One and Only etc.). For my determined purpose is that I may know You! I praise Your Name!

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Day 19

It Is Not About Me

Scripture for today: Isaiah 58:6-12

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for His grace and provisions for our church and this country.
Confess: our need to grow in concern for those homeless, naked and hungry. Confess the need for His provisions in Burkina Faso. Confess any change of heart necessary in serving and giving to missions.

Ask: God to give you a global perspective and a heart for the country God gave us to serve, Burkina Faso. Ask God, to widen WRC territory of influence. Ask for His hand to be in everything that we do and protect us from the evil one. (Pray the WRC prayer list)

God tells us in His Word that if we care for the poor; He will take care of us, our light will shine; He will heal us, guide and strengthen us and when we pray; He will hear our cries for help.

Prayer: Father it is so hard to trust Your Word that says if we spend ourselves on the poor, naked and hungry, You will hear our cries and take care of us. We have so many needs as a church family, as you see our requests below on our prayer blog. We will choose to trust You, walk in obedience and faith.

Day 20

Dedication to Seeking Him

Scripture for the day: Matthew 2:1-2

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the example of the wise men traveling from distant lands to worship their Savior.

Confess: Any lack you may have in your desire to persevere the Lord with all of your might in all circumstances.

Ask: Jesus to teach you how to seek Him in everything you do with the enthusiasm and perseverance of the wise men.

In most manger scenes Jesus is a newborn baby and the wise men are worshipping Him, but did you know that it took the wise men approximately three years to find Jesus? May we all seek Him with such dedication.

Prayer: Lord, please help me to seek You with all of my might, my strength and my time in all things that I ever put my hands to.

Day 21

The Gift of Jesus

Scripture for the day: Matthew 2:11

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for the many gifts you have already received in life, most of these will not be material ones, but those of good health, your parents, children, siblings, protection, provision, just to name a few.

Confess: Any areas in your life where you may not be giving as much as you should.

Ask: Jesus to help you give yourself to Him this year as a gift for His birthday and to give to others generously.

Have you ever considered giving Jesus a gift for Christmas? Most of us are so caught up in buying, wrapping, giving and receiving of material gifts that we never consider what we could give to the One who is having a birthday. This year, let Christmas be the birthday party that it is meant to be.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, please show me how to celebrate your birthday this year. Help me to see that I have much to give You for Your birthday.

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Day 22

Love the Unlovable

Scripture for the day: Matthew 5:43-45

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God for opportunities to show love to those we see as unlovable.

Confess: Any sinful feelings you may have against your “enemy.”

Ask: God to help you to love your enemy.

Time after time in the Bible Jesus sets an example of loving others that we may consider unlovable. Some examples are tax collectors, adulterer and murderers. Is there anyone you consider unlovable in your life? Today, pray for them and ask the Lord to help you do as He commands in Matthew 5:43.

Prayer: Dear Lord, please forgive me for the sinful thoughts and feelings I have had towards those whom I consider to be my enemies. Please show me how to love them.

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Day 23

Celebrate

Scripture for the day: Luke 1: 31-33

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank the Lord for Jesus and His upcoming birthday celebration

Confess: Any Christmas' in the past that He has not been the central focus on His birthday.

Ask: Jesus to help you to celebrate His birthday this year by giving Him the glory at His birthday celebration.

Is Christmas a birthday celebration in your home? If not, make a commitment to make this Christmas about His miraculous birth. Throw a birthday party for Jesus.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to make You the center of our celebration this year. Please help me to minimize Santa and other distraction and to maximize You.

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Day 24

Courage

Scripture for the day: Luke 1:35 & 38

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you, Lord, for the example of courage that Mary set for us in the Bible.

Confess: Any fear you may have in serving the Lord.

Ask: The Lord to give you the courage to respond to any calling He has in your life just as Mary did.

Sometimes we are afraid of getting too close to the Lord for fear that He may send us to a third world country or ask us to do something that we are afraid of. Imagine the impact Christ followers could have if we all boldly responded like Mary did to the Lord's call. Today, choose to willingly do whatever the Lord calls you to do. He will direct your path as long as you are willing.

Prayer: Dear Lord, even though I have some hesitation, today I submit myself to You. I am Your willing servant, please lead the way and I will follow.

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Day 25

Honor and Glory

Scripture for the day: Luke 1:46-47

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank you Lord for loving me.

Confess: Any complaints you may harbor in your thoughts.

Ask: God to be glorified in your life through praise and thanksgiving.

Mary was careful to give the Lord the credit, honor and glory for all that He had done and was doing in her life. She realized that apart from God, her circumstances would have been totally different.

Prayer: Lord, help me to serve You humbly, recognize my total need for You and to be careful to give You the glory for all that You choose to do in my life. In everything I want to give thanks to You and recognize that You deserve to be glorified.

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Day 26

Our Healer

Scripture for the day: Matthew 23-24

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank God that He alone has the power to heal.

Confess: Any faith that you may lack in His infinite ability to heal.

Ask: God to strengthen your faith and remind you that He is able.

Do you limit the Creator of the world with your lack of faith in His ability? Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that Jesus has the infinite ability to heal any illness, any suffering, and any pain. Will He heal you or the one you love? That is for Him to reveal in His time, but can He? Absolutely.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, today I am reminded that You are more powerful than any disease or suffering. Thank you for reminding me that You are able.

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Day 27

Never Unforgiveable

Scripture for the day: Matthew 6:14-15

Praise and Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for dying on the cross to save you from your sins. Be grateful for the forgiveness you have been given.

Confess: Any unforgiving feelings you are harboring.

Ask: Jesus to show you how to forgive.

According to the Bible, which sins are unforgivable? That's right, none. Jesus didn't limit His forgiveness to only those who have not murdered or only to those who have never lied. If He can forgive all sin, how much more should we?

Prayer: Dear Lord, please help me to forgive those in my life who have sinned against me. In the Bible, you command me to do so. Even though it isn't easy, I know that I can through You. I'm asking You to show me how.

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Day 28

Fight for Your Family

Scripture for today: Nehemiah 4:14-15

Praise and Thanksgiving: God we praise You! You are a great! You are our awesome God!

Confess: any fear or unbelief that God will be victorious in the salvation of a spouse, child or family members. Confess any lack of prayer for your spouse and family.

Ask: Ask God to frustrate the enemy's plot against your loved ones. Ask God for perseverance and faith to fight for your family members and home. (Pray through the WRC prayer listings)

The enemy wants you to believe that your loved ones will never be saved or turn back to God. It is your faith that pleases God, so fight for your family, fight the good fight of faith. Bring their names to the throne of God regularly in prayer, trust in God's timing and Way. (John 14:6)

Prayer: God I lift up to you, (lift up specific names). I pray for their salvation. It is Your desire that none shall perish. Help me be faithful in prayer to fight for my family members that are lost or those who have turned from You.

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Day 29

Boast that You Know Me!

Scripture for today Jeremiah 9:23-24, John 17:3

Praise and Thanksgiving: Praise our Eternal God, Elohim that desires us to know Him!

Confess: any lack of passion to know God more and to boast (lay claim to, enjoy, and brag) about your relationship with God and Jesus with others.

Ask: Ask God to reveal someone to share your relationship with Jesus with this week. Ask for courage and boldness to invite them to our Christmas service. (Pray through the prayer listings)
In John 17:3 Jesus defines eternal life as an opportunity to personally know God and His son Jesus. God tells us do not boast of wisdom, strength or prosperity, but boast that you know God.

Prayer: Thank you God, that You desire me to know You. You tell me to boast and tell others about my relationship with You. I am sorry I fear what others think more than sharing. Help me this week to share You and invite others to our Christmas service so they too may know You.

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Day 30

Our Father's Will

Scripture for today: John 6:35-40

Praise and Thanksgiving: We praise You Jesus, our Bread of life; You alone satisfy all hunger and thirst forever! All glory and thanks be to You Father for our eternal life in Christ Jesus!

Confess: our need for Jesus daily to thrive spiritually as much as we need bread and water to sustain our natural life.

Ask: Ask God to work in every heart who received food and gifts from Hope for Christmas that all in need will receive the greatest gift offered- Jesus Christ. (Pray through WRC prayer listings)

Jesus is our Bread of Life the only one that can sustain us in this world. As much as we hunger and thirst for food and water we need to hunger and thirst for Jesus the Word and His Spirit to fill us and guide us.

Prayer: It is our Father's will that no one perish and all receive eternal life through You, Jesus.

We pray for salvation for everyone who is in need of You Jesus. We pray a burning desire to know You fills their heart. Move and bring the lost to our Christmas service.