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**THE
RETURN**
GOD'S GRACE,
OUR RESET



21 Day Prayer Guide



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21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Dear FBCV Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for our Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 21, 2025, we are entering a season of prayer, expectation, and renewal. Our theme for this year is:

“God’s Grace, Our RESET: The Return.”

Homecoming is more than an annual gathering—it is a sacred moment when we reflect on God’s goodness, reconnect with one another, and reset our hearts toward His calling. To help guide us in this season, we will be engaging in a 21-Day Prayer Campaign leading up to Homecoming.

This prayer journey invites us to draw closer to God, experience His grace afresh, and prepare our spirits for the joy of returning together in worship. Each week carries a specific focus:

- **Week 1 – Grace Received (Days 1-7)**
 - Reflection on forgiveness, healing, and gratitude for God’s grace.
- **Week 2 – Reset Renewed (Days 8-14)**
 - Seeking spiritual renewal, alignment with God’s will, and readiness for the return.
- **Week 3 – The Return (Days 15-21)**
 - Anticipating revival, fellowship, and the power of God’s presence as we gather for Homecoming.

Daily scripture readings and prayer points will be provided, which can be used during your personal devotion, in family prayer time, or shared in corporate prayer. Together, these 21 days will build anticipation for what God will do in and through us as we return to Him with open hearts.

We invite every member and friend of First Baptist to join us in this spiritual reset. Let us approach Homecoming not simply as an event, but as a holy return—renewed by His grace, reset in our faith, and ready for the future God has prepared for us.

In Christ’s love,

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Day 1 – Grace for a Fresh Start

Scripture (NKJV):

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional Thought:

In Christ, we are not bound by our past. God’s grace opens the door to new beginnings, giving us the freedom to walk in His promises rather than our mistakes. Every day is a chance to start fresh, renewed by His mercy and love.

Reflection Prompt:

What old habits, thoughts, or regrets do I need to surrender so I can walk in the newness of Christ today?

Day 2 – Grace to Let Go

Scripture (NKJV):

“...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal...” – Philippians 3:13–14

Devotional Thought:

Holding onto the past weighs us down. Grace gives us the courage to release regrets, failures, and even the need for control. God calls us to press forward, trusting Him with what is ahead.

Reflection Prompt:

What is one burden I need to release into God’s hands today?

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Day 3 – Grace in Forgiveness

Scripture (NKJV):

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” – Ephesians 4:32

Devotional Thought:

Forgiveness is both a gift we receive and a gift we extend. God’s grace equips us to forgive others, even when it is hard, because we have been forgiven much in Christ.

Reflection Prompt:

Who do I need to forgive—or what forgiveness do I need to receive—to experience freedom today?

Day 4 – Grace for Healing

Scripture (NKJV):

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” – Psalm 147:3

Devotional Thought:

God’s grace reaches into the deepest places of our pain. Whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, He is the Great Healer who restores what is broken and gives us peace.

Reflection Prompt:

What area of my life needs God’s healing touch today?

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Day 5 – Grace for Provision

Scripture (NKJV):

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19

Devotional Thought:

God’s grace assures us that He knows our needs and will provide. His provision may not always come the way we expect, but He is always faithful to care for His children.

Reflection Prompt:

Where do I need to trust God more fully to provide for me?

Day 6 – Grace in the Waiting

Scripture (NKJV):

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

Devotional Thought:

Waiting can be one of the hardest parts of our walk with God. Yet His grace gives us strength in the waiting, reminding us that His timing is perfect and His promises are sure.

Reflection Prompt:

What am I waiting on God for, and how can I use this waiting season to grow in faith?

Day 7 – Grace to Worship

Scripture (NKJV):

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth...” – John 4:23–24

Devotional Thought:

Grace leads us into worship that flows from the heart, not just the lips. True worship is our response to God’s goodness—a life surrendered in spirit and truth.

Reflection Prompt:

How can I make my worship today more authentic and centered on God’s grace?

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Day 8 – Reset My Heart

Scripture (NKJV):

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” – Psalm 51:10

Devotional Thought:

Renewal begins in the heart. God’s grace purifies and restores us when we come before Him in humility. A reset heart seeks after Him with sincerity, free from guilt and shame, ready to be used for His glory.

Reflection Prompt:

What areas of my heart do I need God to cleanse and renew today?

Day 9 – Reset My Mind

Scripture (NKJV):

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” – Romans 12:2

Devotional Thought:

God’s Word reshapes our thinking so we can see life through His truth instead of the world’s patterns. Resetting the mind means replacing lies with God’s promises and aligning our thoughts with His will.

Reflection Prompt:

What thought patterns or mindsets need to be surrendered to God’s truth?

Day 10 – Reset My Priorities

Scripture (NKJV):

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” – Matthew 6:33

Devotional Thought:

When life feels out of balance, grace reminds us to place God at the center. Priorities aligned with His kingdom bring peace and order. When we put Him first, everything else falls into its proper place.

Reflection Prompt:

What priority do I need to shift to place God first in my life?

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Day 11 – Reset My Relationships

Scripture (NKJV):

“...bearing with one another, and forgiving one another... But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.” – Colossians 3:13–14

Devotional Thought:

Relationships can be restored through grace. God calls us to unity, forgiveness, and love that reflects His character. A relational reset begins with humility and a willingness to see others through Christ’s eyes.

Reflection Prompt:

What relationship in my life needs a reset through forgiveness or love?

Day 12 – Reset My Faith

Scripture (NKJV):

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” – Hebrews 11:1

Devotional Thought:

Faith anchors us in God’s promises, even when circumstances look uncertain. A reset faith is bold and unshakable, choosing to believe God’s Word above what we see or feel.

Reflection Prompt:

Where is God asking me to trust Him more deeply right now?

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Day 13 – Reset My Prayer Life

Scripture (NKJV):

“Pray without ceasing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Devotional Thought:

Prayer is our lifeline to God. A reset prayer life means moving beyond routine words into constant, heartfelt communication with Him. Grace gives us access to the Father at all times and in every situation.

Reflection Prompt:

How can I strengthen my daily rhythm of prayer to stay connected with God?

Day 14 – Reset My Worship

Scripture (NKJV):

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” – Psalm 100:4

Devotional Thought:

True worship flows from a grateful heart. A reset in worship means shifting from going through the motions to offering God joyful, sincere praise. Gratitude opens the door for deeper intimacy with Him.

Reflection Prompt:

What can I thank and praise God for today as I reset my worship?

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Day 15 – Return to God’s Presence

Scripture (NKJV):

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” – James 4:8

Devotional Thought:

God’s presence is where we find peace, strength, and direction. When we drift, His grace always invites us back. Drawing near to Him is not about perfection but about pursuit—seeking Him with a sincere heart.

Reflection Prompt:

How can I intentionally draw closer to God today?

Day 16 – Return to Fellowship

Scripture (NKJV):

“...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another...” – Hebrews 10:25

Devotional Thought:

God designed us to thrive in community. Fellowship with other believers encourages, strengthens, and reminds us that we are not walking this journey alone. Returning to fellowship restores joy and unity in the body of Christ.

Reflection Prompt:

What step can I take to reconnect more deeply with my church family?

Day 17 – Return to Service

Scripture (NKJV):

“...through love serve one another.” – Galatians 5:13

Devotional Thought:

Serving others is an expression of God’s love working through us. Grace frees us from selfishness and gives us a heart to serve with humility and joy. Returning to service aligns us with the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

Reflection Prompt:

Where is God calling me to serve others in this season?

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Day 18 – Return to Joy

Scripture (NKJV):

“For the joy of the Lord is your strength.” – Nehemiah 8:10

Devotional Thought:

True joy is not dependent on circumstances but rooted in God’s presence. His joy renews our strength, uplifts our spirit, and gives us endurance. Returning to joy reminds us that God’s goodness is greater than life’s struggles.

Reflection Prompt:

What can I rejoice in today that reflects God’s faithfulness?

Day 19 – Return to Power

Scripture (NKJV):

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...” – Acts 1:8

Devotional Thought:

The Christian life is not lived in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit. Returning to God’s power renews our courage, boldness, and effectiveness in living as His witnesses.

Reflection Prompt:

Where do I need the Spirit’s power to strengthen and guide me today?

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Day 20 – Return to Witness

Scripture (NKJV):

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...” – Matthew 28:19–20

Devotional Thought:

God’s grace is too good to keep to ourselves. Returning to witness means sharing the hope of Christ with boldness and love. The Great Commission is not just a call for a few but for all who follow Jesus.

Reflection Prompt:

Who in my life needs to hear the good news of Jesus this week?

Day 21 – The Great Return

Scripture (NKJV):

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.” – Psalm 126:3

Devotional Thought:

God is faithful to restore, revive, and gather His people. The Great Return is a time of celebration for His goodness and grace in our lives. As we come together in worship and thanksgiving, we declare His greatness and rejoice in His presence.

Reflection Prompt:

What great things has God done for me that I can celebrate today?

Week 3

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Day	Scripture	Prayer
September 1	2 Corinthians 5:17	Pray for new beginnings.
September 2	Philippians 3:13-14	Release past mistakes and burdens.
September 3	Ephesians 4:32	Extend and receive forgiveness.
September 4	Psalms 147:3	Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.
September 5	Philippians 4:19	
September 6	Isaiah 40:31	Strength to wait on God's timing.
September 7	John 4:23-24	Pray for a heart of true worship.
September 8	Psalms 51:10	Pray for a clean heart.
September 9	Romans 12:2	Pray for transformed thinking.
September 10	Matthew 6:33	Seek God first.
September 11	Colossians 3:13-14	Pray for unity and love.
September 12	Hebrews 11:1	Pray for bold, unshakable faith.
September 13	1 Thessalonians 5:17	Pray without ceasing.
September 14	Psalms 100:4	Return to joyful praise.
September 15	James 4:8	Draw near to Him.
September 16	Hebrews 10:25	Pray for renewed connection as a church family.
September 17	Galatians 5:13	Pray for a heart to serve others.
September 18	Nehemiah 8:10	Pray for joy to overflow in the house of God.
September 19	Acts 1:8	Pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.
September 20	Matthew 28:19-20	Pray for boldness to share Christ.
September 21	Psalms 126:3	Celebrate God's faithfulness as we gather for Homecoming!