

21-Day Prayer Guide: Honoring Pastor Paul Sheppard & Seeking God's Future

January 5 – January 25, 2026

Theme: Remember. Pray. Anticipate.

As Pastor Troy has invited us to join him in this time of prayer and fasting, please feel free to use the guidelines below as a resource during these 21 days.

RESTRICT YOUR EATING. Practice one of the following for either all 40 days, 21 days, or at least 10+ days of this consecration period. Here are some ideas:

- fast from solid foods for 24 hours at a time.
- fast from solid foods for 12 hours at a time (e.g., from 6am to 6pm).
- eat only one meal per day.
- eat only fruits, light soups, and vegetables.
- abstain from favorite foods or beverages (e.g., fast food, Starbucks, sodas, desserts, etc.).
- eliminate sugar and flour all 21 days.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are under a physician's care, consult him/her before fasting. And to avoid dehydration, be sure to drink plenty of water while fasting.

Prayer Guide

This 21-day prayer guide is designed to honor Pastor Paul Sheppard’s faithful service and to lead our hearts in seeking God’s guidance for the future of Destiny Christian Fellowship. It is structured into three weeks: Remembering God’s Faithfulness, Deepening Our Prayer and Faith, and Anticipating God’s Future.

The following table provides the daily theme, scripture, and specific prayer focus for this 21-day period.

Day	Date	Theme	Scripture	Prayer Focus
Week 1: Remembering God’s Faithfulness				
1	Jan 5	Gratitude for Pastor Paul Sheppard’s Faithfulness	Psalms 100:4	Thank God for Pastor Paul Sheppard’s life and leadership. Reflect on the ways his faithfulness shaped your walk and the life of our church.
2	Jan 6	Honoring Pastor Paul Sheppard’s Spiritual Legacy	2 Timothy 2:2	Pray for continued fruit from Pastor Paul Sheppard’s teaching and example; for disciples being raised up through the foundation he built.
3	Jan 7	Remembering His Prayer Life	1 Thessalonians 5:17	Commit to emulate Pastor Paul’s devotion to prayer, asking God to deepen your own prayer life.
4	Jan 8	Gratitude for the Church Family He Loved	Philippians 1:3–6	Pray for unity and love within the church, giving thanks for the family Pastor Paul nurtured.
5	Jan 9	Reflecting on Faithful Service	Hebrews 6:10	Praise God for Pastor Paul’s selfless service and ask for strength to follow his example.
6	Jan 10	Remembering God’s Provision Through Him	Philippians 4:19	Reflect on God’s faithfulness to provide through Pastor Paul Sheppard’s leadership; pray for continued provision.

Week 2: Deepening Our Prayer and Faith

7	Jan 11	Gratitude for Trials and Growth	James 1:2–4	Thank God for the challenges Pastor Paul guided the church through; pray for patience and perseverance.
8	Jan 12	Seeking God’s Wisdom	James 1:5	Ask God for wisdom to lead, make decisions, and navigate the seasons ahead, following Pastor Paul’s example.
9	Jan 13	Prayer for Spiritual Renewal	Isaiah 40:31	Pray for renewed spiritual strength for yourself, the church, and its leaders, building on Pastor Paul’s foundation.
10	Jan 14	Commitment to Prayerful Leadership	Colossians 4:2	Pray for church leaders to be steadfast in prayer, as Pastor Paul faithfully modeled.
11	Jan 15	Growth in Faith	2 Peter 3:18	Pray for personal and church-wide faith to grow stronger and deeper in this new season.
12	Jan 16	Seeking God’s Presence Daily	Psalms 27:4	Pray that God’s presence would guide every decision and action of your life and the church.
13	Jan 17	Boldness in Ministry	Acts 4:29–31	Pray for courage and boldness to step into new ministry opportunities, trusting God as Pastor Paul did.

Week 3: Anticipating God’s Future

14	Jan 18	Prayer for Spiritual Discernment	Philippians 1:9–10	Pray for clarity in discerning God’s voice in personal life, leadership, and church direction.
15	Jan 19	Vision for the Church’s Future	Proverbs 29:18	Pray for a clear vision of what God desires for the next season of Destiny Christian Fellowship, building on Pastor Paul Sheppard’s legacy.

16	Jan 20	Faith for the Next Generation	Psalms 78:4–7	Pray for the raising up of faithful leaders and disciples who will continue the spiritual heritage Pastor Paul left behind.
17	Jan 21	Courage to Step Forward	Joshua 1:9	Pray for courage to step into new opportunities and ministries God is calling the church toward.
18	Jan 22	Unity in Purpose	Ephesians 4:3	Pray that the church will be united in mission and vision, honoring the foundation laid by Pastor Paul.
19	Jan 23	Expectation for God's Work	Ephesians 3:20	Pray with expectation, believing that God will do immeasurably more than you can ask or imagine, continuing the work Pastor Paul began.
20	Jan 24	Preparing Our Hearts for Anniversary	Lamentations 3:22–23	Pray for hearts ready to honor Pastor Paul Sheppard's anniversary with gratitude, hope, and faith.
21	Jan 25	Celebration and Dedication	Philippians 1:6	On the anniversary of Pastor Paul Sheppard's passing, thank God for his life and legacy, celebrate His faithfulness, and dedicate the next season to God's guidance and blessing.

Let us Commit to continue seeking God's face in the coming months, remembering all we've prayed for.