

ZION'S HERALD

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Church Services in January

January 5th 8:30 and 11:00 AM

No Sunday School

January 12th 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Sunday school 9:45AM

Adult Forum 10:00 AM

January 19th 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Sunday school 9:45AM

Adult Forum 10:00 AM

January 26th 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Sunday School 9:45AM

Adult Forum 10:00 AM

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

12:30PM

From the pasture:



Pastor Mike Keys, *Interim*

January is often a time for resolutions and new stuff in our lives. Resolutions either become embedded into our daily life or they have already been dropped. One resolution floating out there is to stay better connected to family and friends while serving in Redmond. I recognize that I have a phone that can be used to dial or text and even email; I just have to do it. Another one is to have a plan for not showing up every day at the office; without family and my gardens to fill up my day working is the default. What I realize is these are all on me ...can't blame anyone else. We will see what January will bring.

New (and some old) stuff at Zion:

+ Listening Process is in full swing.

Reminder if you want to participate and have not been contacted, please put your name and phone # on the sign- up sheet in the Hall. LISTENERS the Deadline for completing and entering data is January 12. The plan is to have a preliminary report by the Congregation Annual Meeting January 26.

+ Worship over the next 4 months will show some new forms. During Epiphany Season (Jan-Feb)--which starts with the Baptism of Jesus, we will have a Thanksgiving for Baptism in lieu of the Confession at the beginning of service. Rev. Dr. Martin

Luther encouraged the faithful to remember their baptism daily;
and together we will do so each Sunday.

I am recommending to the Worship and Music Team that during Lent (Mar-Apr) we do a new liturgy as part of our sung music. During the interim, it is appropriate to expose the congregation to worship forms that may be different than what they have "always done."

+Health Ministries team has expanded with several more volunteers to help with the variety of services provided. For those unable to worship with us in person, bringing communion to them monthly would be a welcome addition. We may have to purchase a couple more communion kits. We are looking at having a Healing Service within our Sunday Feb 19th worship.

These are just a couple of things to look forward to. PM

January Forums

1 John Letter of Love

This Letter is directed to people who were already Christians, outlining how that faith should affect a person's life. God is light; so walk in the light.

God is spirit; so worship in the proper spirit. God is love; so demonstrate that love to others.

12th Walking in the Light & a Warning
1 John Chapter 1:1-2:28

19th Children of God & Love One Another
1 John Chapter 2:29-3:24

26th Testing the Spirits – Faith Conquers the World
1 John 4:1-5:21

From The Council President

The new year is close at hand. With that comes our annual Congregational meeting. This year it is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 PM. Council reports will be out on January 12th.

With our transitioning to calling a new pastor, a report from the Transition Team will be a major item on the agenda of the Congregational Meeting. Listening sessions have begun and if you have not been contacted and would like to participate, PLEASE DO! Contact Kay at the church office at 541-923-7466.

I'm so appreciative of our Zion family, and I look forward to all that God has in store for us in the new year. Many blessings to all of you this blessed time of year!

In His service,
Bob Bohac



Transition Team Report

After having attended interview training sessions presented by Pastor Mike Keys, the Transition team has begun the interview process. During the training sessions, the team would pair off with another member who would play the part of the 'listener' and one the 'interviewer'. After completing the first session, Pastor Keys would question the team on how they felt the process went. Following this, the team would then pair off with another member and assume the opposite role from the one that they had just played. All in all, it was a very illuminating and enjoyable experience as we came to know one another from another perspective.

From a Zion membership list, Pastor Keys invited us to select 3 members from the congregation. Please be prepared to be contacted by one of the interview team which now comprises congregation recommended interviewers as well as those on the Transition team. The information being gathered will be very vital to the completion of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which will be reviewed by the Synod leadership prior to moving to the 'Call' process.

If you have any questions about the 'interview' process, the Transition team will be available to address them. Thank you for your prayers and support of this effort.

In His service,
Jack Newman



Happy New Year everyone:

A huge thank you to the 35 Zion women & Pastor Mike who helped make our Christmas WELCA luncheon & "Share A Gift" so much fun on Wednesday, December 18th. We had 6 delicious soups made by the culinary hands of Bohac, Grant, Haas, Jones, Marston, & Prazak. Our baker, Nancy Cheney provided our rolls. A variety of desserts were brought to share by many attending the luncheon.

During the event Christmas Carole's were sung, checks of \$850 were presented to Oasis and Jericho Road from profits made from our successful Christmas bazaar, followed by a spirited gift exchange sometimes done voluntarily and sometimes by "swiping!" Thank you to each for making the afternoon fun, spirited, & memorable. Pictures of the event will be posted in the fellowship hall.

Our next WELCA gathering is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday, January 15, at a NEW time of 11:45-2:00pm, in the Zion fellowship hall. Please mark the change on your 2025

calendar. Pastor Mike will be leading and sharing with us.

God bless each of you throughout 2025:

Bobbie Haas **WELCA**



Come join us for Breakfast!

We had a great time at breakfast last month! We meet on the **FIRST Tuesday** of the month at the Redmond Pancake House for a time of good food and fellowship. **Our next breakfast will be held at the Redmond Pancake House on Tuesday, January 7th, at 9:30 a.m.** Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to save a seat.



Sign Up for Altar Flowers!

A new 2025 altar flower sign-up schedule is up by the church kitchen entrance. Since we have now resumed two church services, please take time to sign up to provide altar flowers for the church services. These dates can be in honor of special occasions, in honor of loved ones, in thanksgiving, or simply your way of assisting in our Sunday worship.

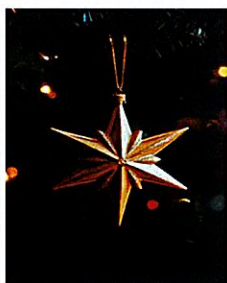
There are openings in January and February.

"THANK YOU'S"

Thank you to Dave and Becky Bexley and family for the Nativity scene and lighting. It was great having this added to our church landscape during the Christmas season!



Thank you to all those who participated in putting the Youth Christmon Pageant! Thank you for the youth that participated. Thank you for the teachers, music staff, our esteemed Host and our Tech staff. We couldn't have done it without you. A special thanks to all the people that came to see our Pageant!



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our very successful holiday bazaar - the raffle table was beautiful, well put together (thank you Kathy Degenhardt and your helpers). It was a very successful raffle table, as we were able to present four \$850.00 checks this year to Jericho Road, Oasis Village, Tuck and Terrebonne Elementary Schools. Truly a 'feel good' moment and much appreciated.

The day of the bazaar was crazy- a wonderful day both in regular bazaar and food and in our 'gently used area'. Thank you to everyone who helped on Friday and Saturday and all our wonderful shoppers on Saturday!

Barbara Jones



From Our Health Ministry Team:

Fall Prevention

Physical activity can go a long way toward fall prevention. Consider activities such as walking, water workouts or tai chi – a gentle exercise that involves slow and graceful dance-like movements. These activities reduce the risk of falls by improving strength, balance, coordination and flexibility.

If you avoid physical activity because you're afraid it will make a fall more likely, tell your health care provider. Your provider may recommend carefully monitored exercise programs or refer you to a physical therapist. The physical therapist can create a custom exercise program aimed at improving your balance, flexibility and muscle strength.

Wear sensible shoes. Consider changing your footwear as part of your fall prevention plan. High heels, floppy slippers and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. So can walking in your stocking feet. Instead, wear properly fitting, sturdy, flat shoes with non-skid soles. Sensible shoes may also reduce joint pain.

Remove home hazards. Take a look around your home for potential fall hazards. To make your home safer:

- Remove boxes, newspapers, electrical cords and phone cords from walkways.
- Move coffee tables, magazine racks and plantstands from high-traffic areas.
- Secure loose rugs with double-faced tape, tacks or a slip-resistant backing – or remove loose rugs from your home.
- Repair loose, wooden floorboards and carpeting right away.
- Store clothing, dishes, food and other necessities within easy reach.
- Immediately clean spilled liquids, grease or food.
- Use nonslip mats in your bathtub or shower. Use a bath seat, which allows you to sit while showering.

Light up your living space. Keep your home brightly lit to avoid tripping on objects that are hard to see. Also:

- Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom and hallways.
- Place a lamp within reach of your bed in case you need to get up in the middle of the night.
- Make clear paths to light switches that aren't near room entrances. Consider trading traditional switches for glow-in-the-dark or illuminated switches.
- Turn on the lights before going down stairs.



(Health Ministry, continued)

- Store flashlights in easy-to-find places in case of power outages.

Use assistive devices. Your health care provider might recommend using a cane or walker to keep you steady. Other assistive devices can help, too. For example:

- Handrails for both sides of the stairways
- Nonslip treads for bare-wood steps
- A raised toilet seat or one with armrests
- Grab bars for the shower or tub
- A sturdy plastic seat for the bathroom or tub – plus a hand-held shower nozzle for bathing while sitting down.

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/healthy-aging/in-depth/fall-prevention/art-20047358>

TREASURER'S REPORT

In November, we are \$18,914 below our budgeted income goal. The general fund balance is \$132,432. General giving for category 1 was \$14,955 and category 2 was \$9,843 for a total of \$24,798. Our general expenses YTD are \$310,741 compared to \$300,713 in 2023.



A memorial service will be held on
January 10TH at 11:00 AM for
Bob Fast

What's Happening



Party for acolytes is Saturday,
January 4th 12:30 – 2:00PM.
Pizza, cupcake decorating
station and crafts, at the
church.

Annual Meeting of the
congregation will be Sunday,
January 26th at 12:30 PM.
Refreshments will be served. The
annual report should be completed
by January 12th.



December was a very memorable month for Zion youth. Some of the kids put in a lot of hard work with Gloria to learn a song on the handbells which they played at our annual Christmas program. A big thank you to the kids that participated and to Gloria who took the extra time to teach everyone! The Sunday school kids worked with Joy to put on a great performance this year, teaching us all about Christmons. It was a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

The youth group and Sunday school kids all joined together this year to do a joint Christmas party, with lots of games, food, gifts and songs. So be on the lookout for the pictures to follow.

We know this time of year can be so busy, so thank you to all of the parents and loved ones who committed to bringing the kids to Sunday school and all of the youth events.

Fun youth events!

Save the date:

-Jan. 26th- youth group (Junior High/ High School) Trampoline zone

day! After the 11:00 service! Transportation provided from the church and back.

-Summer camp

registration: Information will be going out soon to all who are interested. This will be for 6th-12th grade. And we will begin planning fundraising for this awesome experience in the next few months.

Sunday school kids (1st-5th grade) we will be planning a fun afternoon out for the month of February so stay tuned!



HELP WANTED:

We're looking for people who can help out in the sound booth, either making sure the Sunday worship microphones are on when needed, or clicking the PowerPoint during the singing. If you know how to download an app on your phone, you're fully technically qualified to be a part of the Sound Booth Team! You'll find that it's fun and rewarding, and you'll enjoy the other wild and crazy sound booth tech people. Training is available, and forgiveness for mistakes is always immediately given! Call the church office if you're interested (541-923-7466), and we'll be in touch with you!

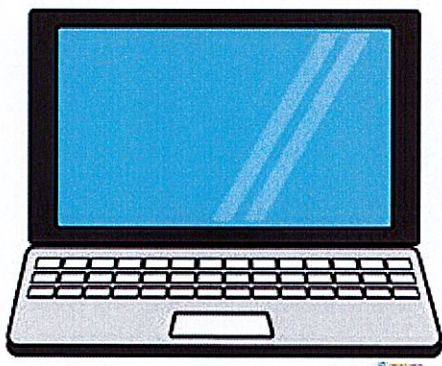
Servers:

This time of year, our snowbirds have still not returned and we are short of people to help out as ushers, lectors and coffee servers.

Thank you to those who signed up for coffee hour this last month!

If anyone would like to read, usher or help with coffee, or anything else, please reach out to Kay and we will make a spot for you! Thanks!

We could use a counter to assist with computer entries – on Monday morning – once a month. Let us know if you can do some data entry for us.



Fair Trade Coffee & More

Zion sells Fair Trade coffee, tea & chocolate! You will find them in a self-serve cupboard in the kitchen. All products are organic and sold at wholesale prices. Your fellowship coffee is also Fair Trade. We sell several different chocolate bars. Prices are listed in the cupboard along with a box to place your payment in. Need help? Ask Dolly Marston.

JERICO ROAD OUTREACH

January 2025

Stew/Chili/Hearty Soups **Snacks, Protein Bars**

During the month of January, we will focus on food donations of Canned Stews, Chili and Hearty Soups for our community neighbors in the homeless camps through Jericho Road Outreach. Of course, you may always bring items from the list below.

Following is a shopping list of the most popular foods:

Canned Items: Spam, Salmon, Chicken Chunks, Pork, Beef Stew, Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup, Canned Fruit (peaches, pears and mixed).

Also:

Dry Cereal (Cheerios, Wheaties)
Snack/Protein bars
Peanut Butter
Boxed Milk

Please Note:

A sufficient inventory is on hand for canned vegetables, dried beans (lentils), pork & beans, baked beans, dried noodles, rice, top ramen, tomato soup, tomato sauce, and dog food. No more is needed at this time. No perishable, frozen or foods that require cooking/baking.

Cash donations given to Zion must be designated on the check or envelope with cash as "Jericho Road Outreach", in order for it to be used for food or essential items given to our neighbors in the homeless camps.



Fred Meyer's Community Rewards Program

Zion is part of Fred Meyer's Community Rewards program! Every time you use your Rewards Card, you are sending a donation to Zion!

If you haven't already signed up, set up an online Fred Meyer account, search for Community Rewards and find Zion's non-profit number: **NU926**. It's that easy!

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers those who live in long term care homes:

Brookside Assisted Living – Junemarie
Brookside Assisted Living – Patti
Chinook Assisted Living – Lois R.
Juniper Springs – Alice M.
Marquis Piedmont Rehab – Patti

And those in need of ongoing prayer:
Pastor Chet and Gerry R

In Case of Inclement Weather

Zion Lutheran Church encourages individuals and families to rely on their own best judgment when conditions such as inclement weather, dangerous road conditions, or other situations might put their health and safety at risk by attending church services or church-related events.

Events for Children and Youth during the week will be cancelled whenever the Redmond public schools are closed.

Meetings or Other Events, with the exception of Sunday morning education classes and worship services, will be cancelled at the discretion of the team leader in charge of the event. The team leader, with assistance from the office staff or others, will notify participants.

Sunday Morning Worship Services may be cancelled at the determination of the Pastor, in consultation with church council leadership. The decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. that morning and communicated to the congregation as quickly as possible through a variety of communication channels.

Please consult any of the following after 6:30 a.m. to see if church is cancelled:

- 1) Check the church web site:
www.zionrdm.com
- 2) Call the church's voicemail for cancellation information **(541) 923-7466**
- 3) Listen to or watch local TV and radio stations
- 4) Check the church Facebook page, **Zion Lutheran Corner**
- 5) A **Zion E-News** email will be sent to those on the email list

Remember to use your best judgment if there is inclement weather or dangerous situations. Your safety is our highest priority!!

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BIRTHDAYS: Chet Evenson Larry Carpenter Celestia King Peggy Jeffries Diane Seitz Anthony Yegge	John Holliday Don Veverka Mallory Iverson Angie Struck David Owens Jeanne Egging Jeri Hogan	Kinsley Fast Samuel Eldridge Aurora Eldridge Tim Sundseth Carolyn Allen Pat Cook Wayne Ropp	1 AA 7 AM in F Hall	2 AA 7 AM in F Hall Quilters 8:30 Vurch readings 11:30	3 AA 7 AM in F Hall	4 Party for Acolytes 12:30–2:00PM
5 Worship Services with Holy Communion 8:30 & 11 AM 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	6 AA 7 AM in F Hall Epiphany Annual reports due	7 AA 7 AM in F Hall Breakfast at the Pancake House 9:30 AM Bell Practice 3 PM	8 AA 7 AM in F Hall C.O. Retired Educators 11:00 – 1:30 PM	9 AA 7 AM in F Hall Quilters 8:30	10 AA 7 AM in F Hall Memorial Service for Bob Fast at 11:00 AM.	11 Stamp Club 10 AM - Noon
12 Worship Services with Holy Communion 8:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 9:45 Adult forum 10:00 First Sunday after Epiphany	13 AA 7 AM in F Hall Council review 4:00	14 AA 7 AM in F Hall Health Ministry 1:00 PM Bell Practice 3 PM Finance Team 4 PM Jericho Road Board Mtg 6:00 PM	15 AA 7 AM in F Hall WELCA 11:45 AM (no council meeting this month)	16 AA 7 AM in F Hall Worship & Music 1:30 Zoom	17 AA 7 AM in F Hall	18
19 Worship Services with Holy Communion 8:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:00	20 AA 7 AM in F Hall	21 AA 7 AM in F Hall Bell Practice 3:00 PM	22 AA 7 AM in F Hall	23 AA 7 AM in F Hall	24 AA 7 AM in F Hall	25
26 Worship Services with Holy Communion 8:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:00 ANNUAL MTG 12:30 PM	27 AA 7 AM in F Hall	28 AA 7 AM in F Hall	29 AA 7 AM in F Hall	30 AA 7 AM in F Hall	31 AA 7 AM in F Hall	

JANUARY SERVERS				
	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th
Serving as:				
8:30 Service				8:30 Service
Assist Minister	Gloria McLeod	Mary Bolinger	Pat Cook	Gloria McLeod
Altar Guild	Jack & Susan Newman	Barbara Jones	Susan Harrison	Diana Holliday
Acolyte	Georgia Small	Ella Bexley	Mallory Iverson	Ella Bexley
Ushers	Mike & Susan Harrison	John & Diana Holliday	Bob and Anne Bohac	Terry & Kay Lynch
Lector	Anne Bohac	Jack Newman	Fran Atchison	Connie Hensley Jones
Communion Asst	Ron and Bobbie	Connie Hensley Jones	Glenn & Karen	Jack and Susan
	Haas	Barb Lutz	Boehlke	Newman
Collect Cups	Georgia Small	Ella Bexley	Mallory Iverson	Ella Bexley
	Bentley Harrison	Luke Bexley	Georgia Small	Luke Bexley
Coffee	Glenn & Karen	Kay Lynch	Diana Holliday	Mona Mole
	Boehlke	Barb Lutz	Barbara Jones	Priscilla Bigler
Counters	Nancy Cheney	Linda Green	Nancy Cheney	Dawn Marie
	Kathy Degenhardt	Evelyn Moser	Barb Cook	Evelyn Moser
Flowers	Jack & Susan Newman			
11:00 Service				11:00 Service
Assist Minister	Jason Elms	Corinne Elms	Jason Elms	Nancy Keeton
Altar Guild	Deb Lewis	Dolly Marston	Barb Cook	Susi Grant
Acolyte	Riley Fast	Jack Kelley	tdb	tdb
Ushers	Barb Iverson	Sharon Leutschafft	Mike and Nancy	Barb Iverson
	Tina McCarthy	Jean Wetzel	Keeton	Tina McCarthy
Lector	Jan Jacobs	Jan Jacobs	Mike Keeton	Jim Gilbertson
Communion Asst	Larry & Susie	Deb Lewis	Mike and Jan Jacobs	Gary and Susi
	Carpenter	Barb Cook		Grant
Collect Cups	Riley Fast	Jack Kelley	tdb	tdb
	Deb Lewis	Dolly Marston	Barb Cook	Susi Grant
Coffee	Tammy Larson	Jo Ryanewski	Dolly Marston	Larry and Susie
	Jan Jacobs	Donna Altig		Carpenter
Flowers	Jack & Susan Newman			
				Flowers

Why Is January Significant for Prayer?

January holds a special place in the hearts of many as it marks the beginning of a new year, offering a fresh start and an opportunity for spiritual renewal. It's a time when people reflect on the past year and set new goals for personal growth, spiritual health, and alignment with God's will. January is often associated with resolutions, but more importantly, it is an ideal time to draw closer to God through prayer, seeking His guidance, wisdom, and blessings for the year ahead.

Day 1: A Prayer for a Fresh Start

Scripture: Isaiah 43:19 – *“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

Dear God, as I begin this new year, I thank You for the gift of a fresh start. Please help me to walk in Your ways and to trust You with every new opportunity. Make a way for me where I see no way, and refresh my spirit with Your love. Amen.

Day 2: A Prayer for Peace

Scripture: Philippians 4:7 – *“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Lord, I ask for Your peace to fill my heart today. No matter what challenges come, let Your peace guard my heart and mind. Help me to trust in You and rest in Your promises. Amen.

Day 3: A Prayer for Strength

Scripture: Isaiah 40:29 – *“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”*

Father, when I feel weak, I know that You are my strength. Please fill me with Your power and help me to persevere. Give me the courage to face each day with confidence, knowing You are by my side. Amen.

Day 4: A Prayer for Wisdom

Scripture: James 1:5 – *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

God, I ask for Your wisdom today. Guide me in all that I do, and help me make decisions that honor You. I trust that You will give me the wisdom I need to navigate each situation. Amen.

Day 5: A Prayer for Guidance

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

Lord, I trust in You with all my heart. Please guide me today, showing me the right path to take. Help me to follow You with all my strength, and I know You will make my way clear. Amen.

Day 6: A Prayer for Health and Healing

Scripture: 3 John 1:2 – *“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.”*

Lord, I pray for good health today. Heal my body, mind, and spirit. Help me to care for myself and live in good health, so I can serve You and others with strength and joy. Amen.

Day 7: A Prayer for Faith

Scripture: Mark 11:24 – *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

God, strengthen my faith. Help me to trust You fully and to believe in the power of prayer. I know that when I pray with faith, You hear me and will answer according to Your will. Amen.

Day 8: A Prayer for Protection

Scripture: Psalm 91:11 – *“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.”*

Lord, please protect me and my loved ones today. Send Your angels to guard us and keep us safe from harm. I trust that You are watching over us always. Amen.

Day 9: A Prayer for Provision

Scripture: Philippians 4:19 – *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”*

God, I trust that You will provide for all my needs. Thank You for Your faithfulness in meeting my needs, both physically and spiritually. Help me to rely on You fully, knowing You are my provider. Amen.

Day 10: A Prayer for Forgiveness

Scripture: 1 John 1:9 – *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

Lord, forgive me for the times I have fallen short. I confess my sins to You and ask for Your cleansing and forgiveness. Help me to live a life that honors You and walks in Your grace. Amen.

Day 11: A Prayer for Gratitude

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

Lord, I thank You for all the blessings in my life. Even when life is hard, help me to find reasons to be thankful. Teach me to be grateful for every moment, knowing that You are with me in all things. Amen.

Day 12: A Prayer for Joy

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:10 – *“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

God, fill my heart with Your joy today. Help me to find joy in the small moments and in Your presence. May Your joy be my strength as I face each day with a thankful heart. Amen.

Day 13: A Prayer for Patience

Scripture: Romans 12:12 – *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*

Lord, help me to be patient today. In moments of waiting and uncertainty, remind me that You are working behind the scenes. Give me the patience to trust in Your perfect timing. Amen.

Day 14: A Prayer for Protection

Scripture: Psalm 23:4 – *“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*

Lord, I know that You are with me through every dark moment. Protect me and guide me through life’s challenges. Help me to feel Your comfort and peace, knowing that You will never leave me. Amen.

Day 15: A Prayer for a Good Heart

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

Lord, purify my heart. Help me to be kind, loving, and forgiving. Create in me a heart that reflects Your love and mercy. Renew my spirit, so I can serve You with joy. Amen.

Day 16: A Prayer for Humility

Scripture: James 4:10 – *“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”*

Father, help me to be humble. Teach me to put others before myself and to seek Your will in all things. I trust that You will lift me up when I walk in humility. Amen.

Day 17: A Prayer for Unity

Scripture: Ephesians 4:3 – *“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*

God, I pray for unity in my family, my church, and my community. Help us to work together in peace and love. May we be a reflection of Your unity and harmony. Amen.

Day 18: A Prayer for Comfort

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 – *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”*

Lord, I seek Your comfort in times of sadness and trouble. Please wrap me in Your loving arms and bring me peace. Help me to comfort others with the love and comfort You give me. Amen.

Day 19: A Prayer for Faithfulness

Scripture: Lamentations 3:23 – *“They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

Father, thank You for Your faithfulness. Help me to be faithful to You and to others. May Your love fill me each day, and may I be a faithful servant of Your will. Amen.

Day 20: A Prayer for Blessings

Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26 – *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

Lord, I pray for Your blessings today. Please bless my family, my work, and my life. May Your peace be upon me, and may I always feel Your presence in my life. Amen.

Day 21: A Prayer for New Opportunities

Scripture: Revelation 3:8 – *“I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.”*

God, I ask for Your guidance as new opportunities arise. Open doors for me that no one can shut, and give me the wisdom to walk through them. Thank You for the opportunities You provide. Amen.

Day 22: A Prayer for Freedom

Scripture: John 8:36 – *“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

Lord, thank You for the freedom You give. Help me to live in the freedom that comes from knowing You. Release me from any chains that hold me back and set me free in Your love. Amen.

Day 23: A Prayer for Overcoming Fear

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7 – *“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”*

Father, I ask You to remove fear from my heart. Fill me with courage, power, and love. Help me to face each challenge without fear, trusting that You are with me. Amen.

Day 24: A Prayer for Forgiving Others

Scripture: Matthew 6:14 – *“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”*

God, help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me. Let go of any bitterness and release those who have hurt me. Teach me to show grace and mercy, just as You have shown it to me. Amen.

Day 25: A Prayer for Trusting God

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5 – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”*

Lord, help me to trust You fully, even when I don't understand everything. I know that You are in control and that Your plan is greater than mine. I choose to trust You today. Amen.

Day 26: A Prayer for Spiritual Growth

Scripture: Colossians 1:10 – *“So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”*

God, help me to grow in my faith every day. Teach me to live a life that honors You and brings glory to Your name. I want to bear fruit in all that I do and grow in my understanding of You. Amen.

Day 27: A Prayer for Joyful Giving

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7 – *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful*

Day 28: A Prayer for Strength

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31 – *“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*

Lord, renew my strength today. When I feel weary or overwhelmed, help me to remember that I can find strength in You. Lift me up and give me the endurance I need to keep going. Amen.

Day 29: A Prayer for Peace

Scripture: Philippians 4:7 – *“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

God, I ask for Your peace to fill my heart. When anxiety or stress come, help me to rest in Your presence. Let Your peace guard my heart and mind, knowing that You are in control. Amen.

Day 30: A Prayer for Purpose

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 – *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”*

Lord, thank You for the purpose You have for my life. Help me to trust Your plans, even when I don't understand them. Give me the courage to walk in the direction You have set before me, knowing You will guide me. Amen.

Day 31: A Prayer for New Beginnings

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 – *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

Lord, thank You for the new beginnings You offer. As we step into a new month, help me to embrace the fresh opportunities and challenges ahead. May my life reflect the new creation You’ve made in me. Amen.