**2~~1~~8\* Days of Prayer**

**Vision Doc for August 2021**

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**Vision:**

Collectively as a church, we come together to seek God first through prayer in January and August through 2~~1~~8\* Days of Prayer. These two months are intentional, as they begin new seasons of the year and we are trusting God to accomplish great things, not on our own efforts. Together, we faithfully trust in His power alone to create a lasting impact in our lives, our church, and our world.

**Goals:**

* As a church, we want to cultivate a culture of praying first
  + Prayer is not the last thing we do, it’s the first thing we do
* To move people into a season that will help them refresh and refocus on their relationship with Christ and mission God is inviting each of us to be a part of
* Ensure we are inviting and equipping people into the habit, or spiritual discipline, of prayer so that they have the opportunity to Know God more

**When:**

August 9-September 5, 2021\*

\*For this fall, we’ll do 28 Days of Prayer to align with the weekend series on prayer.

**Who:**

Everyone at CedarCreek is invited to be a part of 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer!

**What:**

* 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer webpage with a variety of resources
* 2~~1~~8 prayer prompts (one for each day) that include a prayer focus, scripture and a prayer
* "Pray First" bracelets
* Morning prayer M-F with Ben on CedarCreek social channels

In addition:

* LivingItOut points to and supports 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer content
* Push notifications
* On weekend: DreamTeam huddle language, added to the weekend message where applicable, weekend slide
* Social media posts

**FAQs:**

*How will guests be equipped to participate in* 2~~1~~8 *Days of Prayer?*

The webpage is key to equipping and the goal is for morning prayer, social posts, the app, etc. to point to the webpage. LIO subscribers will also receive reminders through the M-F LIO.

*How will* 2~~1~~8*Days be promoted and talked about on the weekends?*

"Promotion" of 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer will kick-off August 7/8:

1. DreamTeam huddle language will include the vision, goals and prayer focus (this may start a couple weekends before then)
2. A specific weekend slide will be in the slide rotation before and after services.
3. The weekend series on prayer will also point to 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer
4. Potential inclusion in the weekend send-off

After the weekend of August 7/8:

* Morning prayer, LIO and social media will point to the webpage that has all the equipping resources.
* LivingItOut will carry a devotional from the weekend message and include the Prayer Focus for the Day.
* Social Media – in addition to morning prayer, prompts will be posted.
* DreamTeam Huddles: 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer will be talked about in the huddle. We will encourage people to participate and give a common prayer focus for the weekend.

*What is the staff role on the weekends with* 2~~1~~8 *Days?*

Personally:

* Participate!
  + Pray before meetings, pray before weekend services, pray before our conversations, pray before sending a text.....in everything, pray first.
  + Wear the Pray First bracelet
* Read the LIO, visit the webpage, pray for the daily focus; join in, participate and share the social media posts.

In our staff role:

* + Lead the way. Carry vision for 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer and model the value of "Pray First."
  + Wear the Pray First bracelet
* Using the DreamTeam huddle language in PCO, cast vision for 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer
* Pass out bracelets on the weekend of August 7/8
  + Have discussions with guests about 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer.
  + Share what God is doing in your life through 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer. Ask others the question, “What is God showing you through 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer?” or “In what way do you know God better through 2~~1~~8 Days?”

*What’s included as equipping on the webpage for this* 2~~1~~8 *Days of Prayer?*

A resources section includes:

* + - Prayer Guide
    - Downloadable Parent Resource
    - Downloadable list of daily prayer focus.
  + An opportunity to share their 2~~1~~8 Days of Prayer "experience."