**21 Days of Prayer [& Fasting] Vision Doc**

**AUGUST 2020**

**Vision:**

Collectively as a church, we come together to seek God first in January\* and August through 21 Days of Prayer. These two months are intentional, as they begin new seasons of the year. 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 go to God first in everything we do; prayer is not the last thing we do, it is the first thing we do! As we start a new year, we want to begin with prayer.
* To move people into a season that will help them refresh and refocus from summer, and prepare for this fall.
* Ensure that our hearts and minds are ready to receive from God
	+ Prayer [and fasting in January] are essential disciplines that we need to practice to Know God more and Find Freedom and healing.
		- Prayer connects us to God allowing us to know him.
		- [In January, fasting disconnects us from the world allowing us to see God's vision and purpose for our lives while finding healing and freedom.]
* Remember we are trusting God to accomplish great things and not on our own efforts
* Continue to cultivate a culture of prayer, making it a priority and the first thing we do. #PrayFirst

**When:**

August 10-30, 2020

**Who:**

Everyone at CedarCreek is invited to be a part of 21 Days of Prayer!

**What:**

* Monday - Friday Morning Prayer – Live on Social Media
* Sun-Sat Prayer Focus
* Push notifications sharing the church-wide prayer focus
* 21 Days of Prayer webpage with resources and prayer focus
* On weekend: DreamTeam huddle language, added to the weekend message where applicable, back of message notes (mega), weekend slide
* LivingItOut provides additional equipping content
* For January, 21 Days of Fasting also part of webpage

**FAQs:**

*Will we be doing Pray First bracelets?*

Due to the re-open weekend, the current plan is to not have Pray First bracelets as a handout for this 21 Days of Prayer.

*How will guests be equipped to participate in 21 Days of Prayer?*

Guest will be equipped through the webpage, push notifications, social media and the LivingItOut.

*How will 21 Days be promoted and talked about on the weekends?*

"Promotion" of 21 Days of Prayer will kick-off the weekend of August 8/9**.**

1. DreamTeam huddle language will include the vision, goals and prayer focus
2. A specific weekend slide will be in the slide rotation before and after services.
3. Potential inclusion in the weekend send-off or vision cast

After the weekend of August 8/9:

* 21 Days of Prayer Webpage. Slides, LIO and social media will point to the webpage that has all the equipping LivingItOut will carry a devotional from the weekend message and also the Prayer Focus for the Day.
* Social Media: Ben Snyder will carry 3-4 days of live morning content throughout 21 Days of Prayer which can be shared on the church's social media pages. Arts will provide best practices. A handful of our regular communicators will be asked to participate on the days Ben does not post.
* DreamTeam Huddles: 21 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.

*How can the staff personally participate and support 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting?*

* Lead the way. Carry vision for 21 Days of Prayer/Fasting and model the value of "Pray First."
	+ Pray before meetings, pray before weekend services, pray before our conversations, pray before sending a text.....in everything, pray first.
	+ Wear a Pray First bracelet
* Participate in 21 Days of Prayer. (Read the LIO, visit the webpage, pray for the daily focus; join in, participate and share the social media posts.)

*What is the staff role on the weekends with 21 Days?*

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	+ Wear a Pray First bracelet
* Using the DreamTeam huddle language in PCO, cast vision for 21 Days of Prayer
* Share what God is doing in your life through 21 Days of Prayer. Ask others the question, “What is God showing you through 21 Days of Prayer?” or “In what way do you know God better through 21 Days?”

*What’s included as equipping on the webpage for this 21 Days of Prayer?*

* A resources section includes:
	+ - The "21 Days of Prayer"- Prayer Guide
		- Downloadable Parent Resource
		- Downloadable list of Daily Prayer Focus.
* Video Teachings Resources
	+ - Teaching from the "Thoughts and Prayer Series"
* An opportunity to share their 21 Days of Prayer "experience."
* A place to submit prayer requests.

*What will the prayer focus content be?*

Typically August is focused on Great Commission while January is focused on the Great Commandment. Due to Covid-19 and the season we’re in right now, the prayer focus will speak directly to current circumstances, while keeping the Great Commission in mind.