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

**January 2019**

**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 holiday, and prepare for this new year.
* Ensure that our hearts and minds are ready to receive from God
  + Prayer and fasting 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.
    - Fasting disconnects us from the world allowing us to see God's vision and purpose for our lives while finding healing and freedom. (Fasting is part of January’s 21 Days of Prayer)
* Remember we are trusting God to accomplish great things and not on our efforts
* Continue to cultivate a culture of prayer, making it a priority and the first thing we do. #PrayFirst

**When:**

January 7-27, 2019

**Who:**

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

**What:**

* LivingItOut provides additional equipping content
* "Pray First" bracelets
* Daily push notifications with the church-wide prayer focus
* 21 Days of Prayer webpage
* For January, 21 Days of Fasting also part of webpage
* On weekend: DreamTeam huddle language, added to the weekend message where applicable, back of message notes (mega), weekend slide
* Social media posts

**FAQs:**

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

The webpage is key to equipping for both prayer and fasting.

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

"Promotion" of 21 Days of Prayer will kick-off the weekend of January 7-27**.**

1. DreamTeam huddle language will include the vision, goals and prayer focus
2. It will be featured on the back of the message notes (the Mega) inviting people to participate and pointing them to the 21 Days of Prayer Webpage.
3. A specific weekend slide will be in the slide rotation before and after services.
4. For the first weekend of January Ben Kicks off the "Live Your Best Life" series where he will challenge guests to "Reset" and he will include 21 Days of Prayer
5. "Pray First" Bracelets will be handed out at the weekend service.
6. Potential inclusion in the weekend send-off.

After the weekend of January 7/8:

* 21 Days of Prayer Webpage. Slides, mega, 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: Campus Pastors will create content throughout 21 Days of Prayer which can be shared on the church's social media pages. Arts will provide best practices.
* 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 the Pray First bracelet if comfortable doing that
* 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.)
* Participate in the Fast. There are four types of fast that we will highlight. Choose a plan that works for you and fast throughout the 21 Days.

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

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* Using the DreamTeam huddle language in PCO, cast vision for 21 Days of Prayer
* Pass out bracelets on the weekend of January 6/7
* Have discussions with guests about 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.
  + Be familiar with all the types of fasts we are sharing with our church and invite others to participate.
* 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?*

Guests can choose how they will participate with options that include:

* + - Choose to receive the Daily Prayer Focus -Push Notification
    - Choose to receive the Daily Parent Prayer Focus -Push Notification
    - Receive the LIO Bible Study
    - Take part in Facebook Live Events
    - Participate in the 21 Days of Fasting
    - Have someone pray for them.

A resources section includes:

* + - The "21 Days of Prayer"- Prayer Guide
    - Downloadable Parent Resource
    - Downloadable List of Daily Prayer Focus.
  + Video Teachings Resources (new this January!)
    - Teaching from the "Thoughts and Prayer Series"
  + An Opportunity to share their 21 Days of Prayer "experience."

For 21 Days of Fasting Webpage, content will include:

* + What is Fasting, Why Fast and How to Fast?
  + Invite to participate in the fast by choosing a fasting plan.
    - Soul Fast
    - Selective Fast
    - Partial Fast
    - Complete Fast

*What will the daily push notifications include?*

Daily push notifications will include the church-wide prayer focus. In addition, parents can opt-in to receive an additional notification that will have a prayer focus on the child or student.

*How will we break the fast together?*

We will have communion during the weekend service Jan 26/27.