

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

Day 1

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

—1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Prayer Point

Remember your salvation! Remember that the Holy Spirit continues to transform your yielded life every day preparing you for heaven. Thank God for his work in your life, and rejoice in the redeeming and transforming work God continues to do through Dutch Cove.

Day 2

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

—Colossians 3:12-15

Prayer Point

Ask God to empower us to forgive each other and live in the grace he has extended to us. Ask him to show you any place where you have withheld forgiveness, and make personal the prayer Jesus taught us: "Father, forgive me of my sins, and forgive those who have sinned against me.

Day 3

But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

—Ephesians 4:15-16

Prayer Point

Thank God for the myriad of spiritual gifts present in our faith family and pray that the Spirit would lead us to speak to one another in a way that is encouraging and leads to spiritual growth and maturity. Ask God to show you where your interactions need to change and ask him to show you someone you need to encourage this week.

Day 4

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor (detest) what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

—Romans 12:9-10

Prayer Point

Ask God to give us a genuine love for one another in the church that is characterized by a devotion to showing honor to each other. Pray that you would see opportunities to live this out each day.

Day 5

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

—Philippians 2:1-4

Prayer Point

Thank God for his Spirit that binds us in love as brothers and sisters. Pray that true humility would be the mark of how we treat one another at Dutch Cove. Ask God to enable us to live as these verses command. Pray he would create this kind of heart in you.

Day 6

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

—1 Peter 1:22

Prayer Point

Ask God to stir our church to deep love for one another. Pray that this would manifest itself in every member, spilling out into every area of our life together and from there serve as a bold witness to the redeeming power of Jesus to our community.

Day 7

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

—Ephesians 4:1-3

Prayer Point

Pray that God would give us the patience to bear with one another in the body of Christ. Ask Him to show you what is your part in keeping the unity of the Spirit.

Day 8

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

—1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Prayer Point

Give God thanks for your brothers and sisters at Dutch Cove. Pray that these three would continually be evident in you and in the church: work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance (steadfastness) inspired by hope.

Day 9

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

—1 Timothy 2:1-4

Prayer Point

Pray today for all those who are in authority, including those in public service and those you are your supervisors at your workplace. Pray for their submission to Jesus. Pray that you can influence them to follow Christ in every way. Help them do this by showing them what it is like to live in the Spirit of God and to do your best with excellence not as one who works for men but as for the Lord himself.

Day 10

I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake. For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

—Philemon 1:4-7

Prayer Point

Ask God that the partnership between pastor, ministry leaders, and the people of God would lead to a deep understanding of the Gospel. Pray that there would be a mutual love between our pastor, ministry leaders, and congregation that produces joy and encouragement. Ask God to use you to foster this.

Day 11

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

—Hebrews 13:17-18

Prayer Point

Pray for your pastor. Pray for his personal walk with God, for his sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as he leads our church, and pray for his family as he leads them as his first ministry. In the same way, pray for all of our staff, ministry leaders, and Life Group leaders. Ask God for Dutch Cove to have confidence in her leaders and a willingness to follow them. Pray that your leadership would be diligent in setting the pace for the entire church to make disciples, and they would tirelessly call the people of God to serving Jesus wholeheartedly.

Day 12

Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. You must not turn aside, for then you would go after futile things which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile. For the Lord will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the Lord has been pleased to make you a people for Himself. Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way. Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, both you and your king will be swept away."

—1 Samuel 12:20-25

Prayer Point

Thank the Lord that he does not change, he will not abandon his people, and he continues to transform us into a people redeemed for his glory. Ask God to stir in all of us a devotion to pray for one another, encourage one another to stand strong for Jesus, and persevere in faith in our homes and in the public square. Repent for when we have covered our light with a basket, and ask God to give you, and all of Dutch Cove, a heart that is inclined to repent, serve him and obey his word.

Day 13

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

—1 Peter 5:1-3

Prayer Point

Pray that your pastor would have a willing heart, faithfully shepherding the flock of God. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and discernment as he seeks to fulfill this calling, and pray for your role in serving the church by serving alongside your pastor in the ministry of the gospel.

Day 14

We proclaim Him [Jesus], admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

—Colossians 1:28-29

Prayer Point

Pray that as we make Christ-centered disciples that we would do so with the wisdom of God. Pray that we would be bold in declaring the truth. Ask God to give you a teachable spirit. As we teach others to observe all that Jesus commanded, pray for them to be receptive to the Word of God.

Day 15

For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

—2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Prayer Point

Thank God today that even when you are burdened beyond belief, he is never, ever unable to deliver you. Pray today that God would sustain our hope, embolden our trust, and give us grace and strength to suffer well for his glory as we encounter trials of various kinds. Pray that God would use you to pray for one another, encourage one another, and bless one another with great generosity.

Day 16

For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

—2 Corinthians 1:12

Prayer Point

Pray that we would live in complete reliance on God's grace every day. Ask God to help us lead our selves, our families, and those within our circle of influence with integrity, and that our lives point people to Jesus.

Day 17

Who is among you that fears the Lord, that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

—Isaiah 50:10

Prayer Point

Thank God that he is always trustworthy and reliable. Pray that in times of darkness and confusion we would all trust in and rely on God. Ask God to fill you with confidence in his ability to work in you and in His church.

Day 18

Make me know Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

—Psalm 25:4-5

Prayer Point

Thank God that he knows you and loves you, and he wants you to know him and love him. Ask God to teach and guide you today. Pray that as a church we would all rely on him, placing all our hope in him alone. Ask God to make himself known to you today and to give you the resolve to pray and depend on Him as he makes our paths clear and his truth known.

Day 19

Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him. O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

—Isaiah 30:18-21

Prayer Point

Praise the Lord today for his deep compassion and desire to pour out his grace on you. Pray that as God's children we would believe and trust our Father's heart of compassion for us. Ask God to make you open and sensitive today to his voice. Pray that God would teach and lead you as you read his Word.

Day 20

Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord will stand.

—Proverbs 19:21

Prayer Point

Pray that we would all trust in God's commitment to fulfill His own purposes for us at Dutch Cove. Pray today that his kingdom would come and His will would be done. Ask Him to uncover any place where your plans are contrary to his purposes.

Day 21

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and he delights in His way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.

—Psalm 37:23-24

Prayer Point

Ask God to give you a heart that finds great delight in Him and in his Word. Pray that as a church we would see how God has directed our steps. Pray that we would trust God to finish the work that he has started in us.

Day 22

Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!

—Deuteronomy 5:29

Prayer Point

Pray that we would be filled with awe and wonder as we consider the greatness of our God. Ask for the kind of heart that fears the Lord and for a devotion to obedience out of a ever deepening gratitude for his grace. Pray for every generation to do their part to make disciples who love the Lord their God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength in order to multiply the church for his glory among the nations. Ask God to make His pleasure – His glory – our greatest desire.

Day 23

They quickly forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel...

—Psalm 106:13

Prayer Point

Ask God to fill your mind and heart with the wonder of all he has done. Give thanks to him for his wonderful deeds. Remember your salvation. Remember the Holy Spirit's work in your life. Trust the Lord, and ask him to counsel you, to direct you. Ask him to lead us in faith as his people, trusting him to continue to do great things for us and in us.

Day 24

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts.

—Zechariah 4:6

Prayer Point

Ask God to reveal any place where we are relying on our own strength. Pray that our church would be marked by a demonstration of his power and that we would depend on his Spirit.

Day 25

Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;

—2 Thessalonians 3:1

Prayer Point

Pray that the good news of the gospel would spread rapidly throughout Dutch Cove, Canton, and our surrounding community. Pray that God would give faith to those who hear it. Pray that God would open your eyes to the opportunities in front of you to speak the good news of Jesus to the lost, the broken hearted, the good and the desperate.

Day 26

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
—Colossians 1:9-10

Prayer Point

Praise the Lord that he is concerned about our lives and the life of our church. Pray that we would all be filled with the knowledge of his will. Ask God to bless our labor as a church. Pray that we would all be fruitful. Pray that Dutch Cove would know God and make him known.

Day 27

And [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
—2 Chronicles 7:14

Prayer Point

Thank God for his promises. He never fails to answer them. Ask God to make this verse true of us at Dutch Cove. Pray that he would fulfill this promise in us -- his people called by his name. Plead with him to send the revival we so desperately need. Lord Jesus, let revival begin in our lives, our homes, our church.

Day 28

Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.
—Psalm 86:11

Prayer Point

Pray that you would have an undivided heart. Pray that nothing would be more precious to you than God himself. Ask God to fill Dutch Cove with men and women whose hearts are after God's own heart.

Day 29

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.
—Jude 24-25

Prayer Point

Give thanks that God set in motion before the foundation of the earth his unconquerable plan to redeem us to eternal life with him. Ask God to gain glory for his name through what he does here at Dutch Cove. Pray that God would fill us with joy as we labor in our mission field and wait for him to fulfill what he has promised. Pray that God would fill your mouth with praise today as you meditate on his great love.

Day 30

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of

heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:42-47

Prayer Point

Pray that God would lead us to greater devotion to him and to one another. Pray that the world would see and know that we are followers of Jesus because of our love for one another. Ask God to add to our number daily those who are being saved.

Day 31

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21

Prayer Point

Pray that we would never limit what God can and will do by our unbelief. Pray that the gospel ministry of Dutch Cove will impact generations unto the glory of God.

EACH WEEK THROUGH 2019

Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!” And God granted him what he requested.

—1 Chronicles 4:10

Prayer Point

Pray that God would bless Dutch Cove indeed with the blessing only God can provide. Ask him to enlarge our opportunities and effectiveness in spreading the gospel and making disciples. Pray for the power of the presence of God in our lives and his protection from harm and deliverance from the deceptions of evil one.