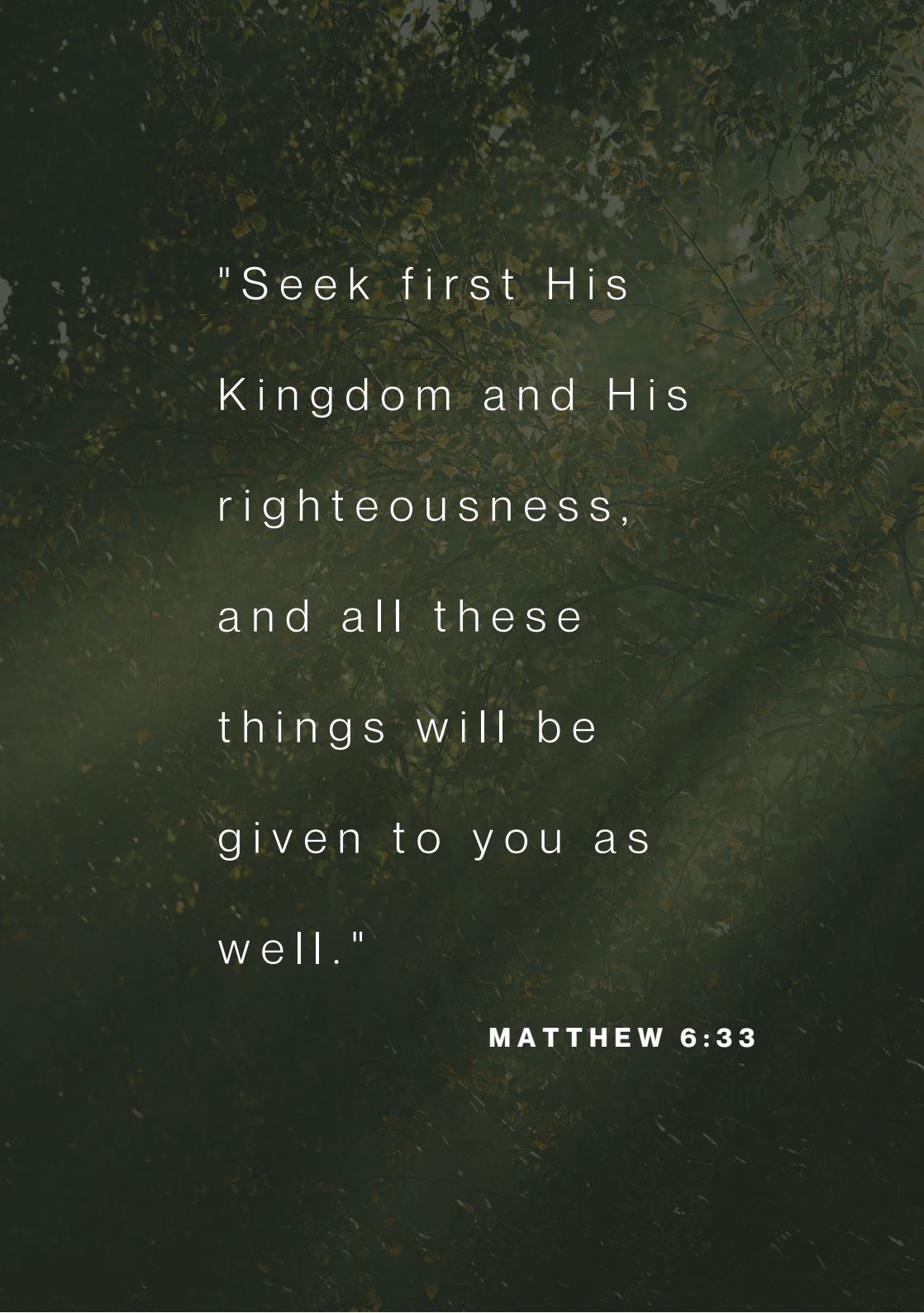

SEEK FIRST

SEPTEMBER 2026

Week of Prayer



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"Seek first His
Kingdom and His
righteousness,
and all these
things will be
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well."

MATTHEW 6:33

MY PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is not simply asking God to bless our plans; it is allowing Him to reshape our hearts around His Kingdom. As we journey together through these six days, our prayer is that God would reorder our loves, renew our vision and remind us that before we belong anywhere else, we belong to His Kingdom. Our prayer is not simply that God would change our circumstances. Our prayer is that He would change us. May these days become a fresh invitation to seek the King above every competing voice and agenda, and to pray again with faith: Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.

JOIN US

Prayer Week isn't simply something to read through; it's something we're doing together as a church family. Alongside using this guide personally, we want to create intentional moments throughout the week to gather, seek the presence of God and pray together. Whether in the room or online, make space to join us as together we pray.

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER SEEK FIRST | 9AM & 11AM

We begin our new teaching series and as we launch both the series and our Week of Prayer, we begin in the right place: seeking the King. Come ready to worship, hear God's Word and surrender ourselves afresh to Jesus.

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER HEART & SOUL | 6:30PM

On Sunday evening we gather again for Heart & Soul — an unhurried evening in the presence of God where, together, we seek the face of Jesus. There is no better way to begin our Week of Prayer than simply making room for Him. Come hungry, come expectant and let's seek Him together.

MONDAY-FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER ONLINE | 7:15AM

Start each weekday seeking God with us. Join us online on YouTube at 7:15am for a short time of prayer as we surrender the day to Jesus and pray together for His Kingdom to come. Before the emails, meetings, school runs and demands of the day begin, let's seek first His Kingdom.

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER HALF NIGHT OF PRAYER | 7PM-MIDNIGHT

We would love everyone who can to prioritise being part of this night. There is something powerful about the people of God gathering with one purpose: to seek Him. Throughout Scripture, we see God's people gathering to pray. The early Church prayed together. They waited on God together. They cried out together. They encountered the Holy Spirit together. And they were sent out together. We believe there are moments when we need more than a few hurried minutes of prayer. We need to make room. To wait. To worship. To listen. To intercede. To seek God without rushing on to the next thing. That's what this night is about.

From 7pm until Midnight, we'll journey through worship, prayer, Scripture, intercession and space to encounter the Holy Spirit. We're believing for God to meet with us, fill us afresh and stir faith for all that He wants to do among us and through us.

You may never have prayed for five hours before — don't let that put you off! You don't need to be an expert in prayer. Simply come with a hungry heart.

Come for the whole evening if you possibly can. Make it a priority. Protect the time. Come expectant.

Let's finish this Week of Prayer the way we began it:
Seeking the King.

Together.

6 SEPTEMBER | SEEK THE KING

Theme: Jesus is worthy of first place.

Key Scripture:

"But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness..." – **Matthew 6:33**

Every kingdom has a king, and every life has something sitting on the throne. The question isn't whether we worship; the question is what, or who, we worship. Our attention, affection, time and energy can easily become consumed by other things, but Jesus calls us back to the one thing that matters most: **seek first the Kingdom of God.**

Jesus doesn't ask to become an important part of our lives; He calls us to place Him at the very centre. Before we pray for our families, our church, our nation or our needs, we first acknowledge that **Jesus is King**. As we begin this Week of Prayer, let's come back to wholehearted devotion and surrender every part of our lives afresh to Him. Seeking begins with surrender.

Prayer Points:

- Worship Jesus and acknowledge Him as King.
- Surrender every area of your life afresh to Him.
- Pray for a renewed hunger for God's presence.
- Ask God to reveal anything competing for first place in your heart.
- Pray that we would become a church that genuinely seeks first God's Kingdom.

Living it Today:

Before you pick up your phone tomorrow morning, spend five minutes simply worshipping Jesus and declaring that He is Lord over your day.

7 SEPTEMBER | A DIFFERENT KINGDOM

Theme: Our citizenship shapes how we live.

Key Scripture:

"Our citizenship is in heaven..." – **Philippians 3:20**

The world is constantly trying to shape us. News, politics, social media, consumerism, fear and the opinions of others all compete for our attention and allegiance. Without even realising it, we can begin to think, speak and respond more like the culture around us than the Kingdom to which we belong. Scripture reminds us that our primary citizenship is in heaven.

Kingdom people live differently because they belong somewhere different. We aren't called to withdraw from culture, but neither are we called simply to reflect it. **We are called to display another culture.** In a divided and increasingly polarised world, let's pray that our thoughts, words, relationships and responses would be shaped more by King Jesus than by the voices around us.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for God to renew your mind and shape your thinking.
- Ask for discernment about the voices influencing your life.
- Pray for wisdom as Christians navigate a divided world.
- Pray for unity across our church family.
- Ask God to guard us from anger, fear and unnecessary division.
- Pray that our conversations and relationships would reflect the culture of God's Kingdom.

Living it Today:

Before reacting to today's news, social media or someone else's opinion, pause and ask: **"How would King Jesus respond?"**

8 SEPTEMBER | KINGDOM HEARTS

Theme: God's Kingdom transforms us from the inside out.

Key Scripture:

"Create in me a pure heart, O God..." - Psalm 51:10

Kingdom transformation always begins inside before it is seen outside. Jesus consistently went beyond outward behaviour to address what was happening in people's hearts. Our greatest need isn't simply better behaviour or better opinions; it is hearts continually being renewed by the presence of God.

Today we invite the Holy Spirit to search us. There may be attitudes to surrender, offences to release, fears to confront or areas where our hearts have become distant from God. Repentance isn't something to fear; it is God's invitation to return. As we open ourselves honestly before Him, let's ask Him to create clean hearts, renew steadfast spirits and make us more like Jesus.

Prayer Points:

- Invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart.
- Pray prayers of repentance wherever God brings conviction.
- Ask God to reveal anything that has become an idol in your life.
- Pray for freedom from fear, anxiety, bitterness and offence.
- Ask God to deepen your desire for holiness.
- Pray for hearts that are increasingly shaped by the character of Jesus.

Living it Today:

Spend ten minutes in quiet before God. Resist the temptation to fill the silence with words and simply pray: **"Holy Spirit, search my heart."**

9 SEPTEMBER | KINGDOM PEOPLE

Theme: The Kingdom is seen through the way we love.

Key Scripture:

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - **John 13:35**

The greatest evidence of the Kingdom isn't impressive events; it's transformed people. Jesus said the world would recognise His followers by the way they love one another. In a culture often characterised by outrage, division and suspicion, imagine the witness of a church marked by generosity, humility, forgiveness, honour and peace. Kingdom people won't always agree about everything, but our love for one another can be greater than our differences. Jesus calls us to forgive when it would be easier to hold onto offence, to serve when we could demand our own way, and to pursue peace rather than division. Today let's pray that our church would increasingly become a community where people don't simply hear about Jesus but **see something of Jesus in us**.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for deep unity across our church family.
- Pray for relationships to be strengthened and restored.
- Ask God to help us grow in humility and grace.
- Pray for courage to forgive and seek reconciliation where needed.
- Pray that people who are lonely or isolated would find genuine community.
- Ask God to make our church a visible demonstration of the love of Jesus.

Living it Today:

Choose one deliberate act of encouragement, generosity, forgiveness or reconciliation. **Make the Kingdom visible through the way you love someone today.**

10 SEPTEMBER | YOUR KINGDOM COME

Theme: God's Kingdom comes through ordinary people in everyday places.

Key Scripture:

"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done..." – **Matthew 6:10**

The Kingdom was never intended to stay inside church buildings. Jesus sends His people into homes, workplaces, schools, neighbourhoods and communities carrying His presence. Wherever God's people go, there is an opportunity for His love, grace, justice, peace and good news to become visible. We don't simply attend church; **we are sent by the King**. When we pray, "Your Kingdom come," we are not simply asking God to do something around us. We are making ourselves available for Him to work through us. Today let's lift our eyes to the people and places God has already positioned around us. There are conversations to have, people to encourage, needs to meet and opportunities to share the hope of Jesus. God's Kingdom can break into ordinary moments through ordinary people who are available to Him.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for friends and family members who don't yet know Jesus.
- Pray for God's presence in our schools, colleges and universities.
- Pray for workplaces, businesses and those carrying leadership responsibility.
- Pray for our neighbourhoods, community and local leaders.
- Ask God to open doors for conversations about Jesus.
- Pray that our church would increasingly bring hope and transformation to our community.

Living it Today:

Ask God for one opportunity to encourage, serve or share Jesus with someone today. Then stay alert enough to recognise the opportunity when it comes.

11 SEPTEMBER | FILL US AGAIN

Theme: Filled with the Spirit.
Sent for His Kingdom.

Key Scripture:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." - Acts 1:8

The Christian life was never designed to be lived in our own strength. We need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Throughout this week we have been seeking the King, surrendering our hearts, praying for His Kingdom and asking God to shape us into the people He has called us to be. As we come to this final day, our prayer is simple: **Holy Spirit, fill us again.** But being filled is never simply about what God wants to do in us; it is also about what He wants to do **through us**. Jesus promised His disciples power to become His witnesses. As we gather for our Half Night of Prayer tonight, let's come hungry for more of God's presence and ready to say yes to His purposes. May God fill His Church afresh and send us into our everyday lives carrying the presence and good news of Jesus.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for deeper intimacy with Jesus and sensitivity to God's voice.
- Ask God to stir spiritual gifts and empower us for His purposes.
- Pray for fresh courage and boldness to share Jesus.
- Pray for salvation and spiritual awakening across our community.
- Pray with faith and expectation for tonight's Half Night of Prayer.

Living it Today:

Come to tonight's gathering hungry for God's presence and ready to surrender yourself afresh to His purposes. Throughout the day pray: **"Holy Spirit, fill me again. Jesus, use my life for Your Kingdom."**

MAKE IT PRACTICAL | 20 WAYS TO MAKE PRAYER PRACTICAL THIS WEEK

Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. It can happen around the breakfast table, on the school run, while walking the dog, sitting quietly at home or travelling to work.

During this Week of Prayer, why not change something about your normal rhythm and intentionally create more room for God? You don't need to do everything on this list. **Choose a few things that will help you seek Him.**

1. START WITH JESUS

Before checking your phone in the morning, give the first fifteen minutes of your day to Jesus.

2. PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Slowly pray through Matthew 6:9-13. Pause over each line and make it your own prayer.

3. TAKE A PRAYER WALK

Walk around your street or neighbourhood and quietly pray for the homes, schools, businesses and people you pass.

4. TURN OFF THE NOISE

Switch off the TV, podcast or music for one journey and use the silence to talk and listen to God.

5. PRAY FOR THREE

Write down the names of three people who don't yet know Jesus and pray for them every day this week.

6. PRAY AROUND THE TABLE

Before eating together, go beyond simply thanking God for the food. Let everyone pray one short prayer.

7. FAST SOMETHING

Give up a meal, social media, television or something else you regularly reach for and use that space to seek God.

8. SET A PRAYER ALARM

Set an alarm on your phone for the same time each day. When it sounds, stop for sixty seconds and pray: **"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done."**

9. READ A PSALM OUT LOUD

Choose a Psalm and turn its words into your own prayer.

10. PRAY FOR YOUR WORKPLACE

Before you walk through the door or open your laptop, pray for the people you will encounter that day.

11. ASK GOD ONE QUESTION

Instead of doing all the talking, sit quietly and ask: **"Jesus, what do You want to say to me today?" Give yourself time to listen.**

12. KEEP A PRAYER LIST

Write down what you're praying for this week. Leave space to record anything you sense God saying or any answers to prayer.

13. SEND AN ENCOURAGEMENT

Ask God to put someone on your heart. Send them a message, Scripture or simple word of encouragement and let them know you're praying for them.

14. PRAY WITH SOMEONE

Don't just tell someone, "I'll pray for you." If appropriate, stop and pray with them there and then.

15. PRAY THE NEWS

Instead of only reacting to something happening in the world, turn it into prayer. Pray for those affected, those making decisions and for God's Kingdom to come.

16. CHANGE YOUR LUNCH BREAK

Use ten minutes of your lunch break to get away somewhere quiet, read Scripture and pray.

17. PRAY ROOM BY ROOM

Walk through your home and pray in each room—for your family, relationships, conversations, rest, hospitality and everything that happens there.

18. WORSHIP

Put on a worship song, put everything else down and give God your full attention. Don't make prayer only about asking—make room simply to adore Jesus.

19. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY

Create ten minutes where everyone can join in—including the children. Keep it simple, creative and pressure-free.

20. MAKE FRIDAY A PRIORITY

Protect 7pm–Midnight on Friday 11 September and join us for our Half Night of Prayer. Rearrange what you can, come expectant and finish the week seeking God together.

MY NOTES

DON'T JUST HAVE A WEEK OF PRAYER...

Let this week change the way you pray.

You don't need impressive words, hours of spare time or years of experience. Start where you are, make some room and turn your attention towards Jesus.

Listen.

Pray.

And above everything else...

SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM.



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