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DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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The January prayers have been written by Jessica King, Director of Connections. The Upper Room, a daily devotional guide for United Methodists, provides a devotional reading for each of the days of January that goes with each of the Scripture readings and prayers on this month’s prayer calendar. The devotional for each day will enrich your quiet time with the Lord in the month of January.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 <i>Psalm 25: 1-7</i> God, we want to know your heart. We want to understand you and your infinite wisdom. So open our minds and imaginations to you, and give us ears to hear all the different ways you want to speak to us today.	31 <i>Hebrews 12:1-3</i> Our perfect Jesus, we look to you as God in the flesh to know and understand the character of our creator. You are so full of mercy and love, cloaked with compassion and conviction. We want to become more like you every day, so we enter your presence and ask you to transform us.	PRAYER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE... PRAY ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!				1 <i>Psalm 90:1-12</i> God, you are our refuge. We run to you and are safe. Help us humble our hearts and return to you, our first love. You are the one who knows every hidden place within us, and it is only in you that we find healing and freedom.
2 <i>John 13:31-35</i> Lord, thank you for the gift of community. Thank you that I am surrounded by my brothers and sisters in Christ who challenge me to grow closer to you, love me, and keep me accountable. Help me express your love for them through my actions and my speech so that you will be glorified.	3 <i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i> Heavenly Father, it is you alone that we long for. We welcome your Holy Spirit’s work in our lives. Give us the desire to turn toward you and yield so that you can transform us from the inside out. We are incapable of changing ourselves, so we ask you to come and shape and mold us into the image of you.	4 <i>Job 1:13-22</i> Perfect and loving God, we worship you regardless of our circumstances and feelings. We honor you when things are good and when things are bad because you are a good God, and because you are worthy to be praised. Therefore, give us hearts that are tender toward you and that are overflowing with gratitude in all situations.	5 <i>Psalm 33:1-9</i> Lord, what a joy it is to be your sons and daughters. We have eternity to delight and worship you. Let us never grow weary of singing praise, of telling others of the great things you have done, or of loving our neighbors as ourselves.	6 <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i> Jesus, thank you for the sacrifice you made when you came to Earth as flesh and bones - fully God and fully man to rescue us from our sins. Let us always be eager to give you all our gifts as a sacrifice of praise. We wait with anticipation for your return, but until then, let us live with zeal for you.	7 <i>1 Kings 19:9-18</i> Father, just as you spoke to Elijah and so many others in the Bible, you also speak to us today. Give us ears that are eager to hear your voice. Give us a hunger and thirst for the things of you. Teach us to walk in your way and go where you say. We trust you and love you fully.	8 <i>John 6:5-13</i> Lord, help us see the situations in our lives from your perspective. When things feel impossible or overwhelming, remind us to come to you and ask, for you give freely and lovingly to your children.
9 <i>Ephesians 4:25-32</i> Heavenly Father, increase the love in our hearts for our brothers and sisters. Help us see them with grace and love, just as you do. We thank you for giving us a spiritual family to keep us accountable and help us along the way as we walk together with you as your disciples.	10 <i>Psalm 139:13-18</i> Thank you, God, that there are no mistakes in your creation. I am humbled to think that you, the living God, dreamt of me, created the details of who I am, and longed for me to exist to spend eternity in your praise. Thank you for delighting in me.	11 <i>Matthew 7:7-12</i> Lord, you alone plant the seeds of desire for a relationship with you. We thank you that you have opened our hearts to long for you. We come to you today with expectations of more. We want to be closer to you, to hear you more clearly, to think more like you, and to love others as you do.	12 <i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i> God, since you have created us, you have longed to be in a relationship with us. Instead, we have walked away, chosen our desires over yours, and have needed rescue ever since. Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to save us from ourselves. Thank you for your perfect sacrifice that allows us a way back to you.	13 <i>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</i> Thank you for your law and commands that bring order into our lives and this world. It is only through your law that we find freedom and break away from the slavery of sin. We delight in your commands and joyfully obey them.	14 <i>Luke 22:54-62</i> Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have denied knowing you or hidden parts of our lives from those around us in fear of offending them, of making them uncomfortable, or of placing a target on ourselves. You are our fortress and shield, and we find safety and security in you alone.	15 <i>John 20:24-29</i> How many ways have you declared your love and presence to us? You have revealed yourself through your creation and written Word, yet we still struggle to believe all the promises you have poured over us. Forgive us for our moments of doubt and our struggle to hold on to the illusion of control. You alone are God.
16 <i>Haggai 1:2-5, 12-13</i> You are indeed with us, Lord. In all circumstances and in all times, you are the only consistent and stable thing. Your Word reminds us who you are over and over. Help us rest securely in your presence and your promises.	17 <i>Genesis 1:14-28</i> Lord, you are a God who loves order. Sometimes our lives feel chaotic and confusing, but we only need to turn to you to restore peace and bring light into the chaos around us. Please help us to remember to turn to you for direction and guidance.	18 <i>Psalm 111:10</i> Lord, place in our hearts the understanding of who you are. Let us know that our identity is rooted in the fact that we are your sons and daughters. Let our desire for your delight outweigh our bent desires to please those around us. We want to be pleasing to you, so God, we turn toward you and yield ourselves to you.	19 <i>Luke 6:37-42</i> How often we look at our brother or sister with disapproval or judgment while ignoring the sin in our own lives. Not one of us is perfect, and our brother’s sin is not worse than our own. We are all in need of rescuing. Forgive us for our arrogance and sin that separate us from you.	20 <i>Psalm 91:9-16</i> When I am weak, you are strong. When I let go, I fall into your arms. I take up your easy yoke and light burden. I turn to you, my God, because you are full of mercy and love. Help me remember in moments of trouble and doubt that you are always faithful.	21 <i>John 4:4-26</i> When we were still separated from you by our sin, you pursued us and called us to you. We were unworthy of your love, and yet you freely poured it out over us. Therefore, we will worship you for all the days of our lives and will never grow weary of declaring who you are and the great things you have done.	22 <i>2 Corinthians 12:1-10</i> Lord, I desire for you to be glorified in me. Therefore, use every circumstance of my life to bring glory to your name. In the places where all I see is failure or weakness, you see opportunities to demonstrate your power and righteousness. Use me, Lord, however you see fit so that others are drawn to your goodness and love.
23 <i>Matthew 18:1-5</i> Give me a pure and open heart, one that is eager to dwell in your presence. Let me see you, God, in all of your greatness and all of your glory. You are the one I desire; you are the one I am aching for. Let my love and desire for you increase every day.	24 <i>John 14:1-7</i> Heavenly Father, your name is holy, and we exalt you. We long for you to return and rescue us. We are your church and your bride, and we stand in eager anticipation of you. Give us peace and patience in the waiting, and let us never grow weary of chasing after you.	25 <i>Psalm 139:1-12</i> How great it is to be wholly known and completely loved by you. You are a kind and merciful God who has thoughtfully created me for your pleasure and delight. I rest securely in your gaze as your dearly beloved.	26 <i>Acts 12:6-17</i> Lord, so many of our brothers and sisters around the world are imprisoned by difficult circumstances. We ask that you bring deliverance to your church. We ask for peace for the persecuted and rest for the weary. Give us unity as we await your return.	27 <i>Psalm 94:16-19</i> As we feel overwhelmed by the constantly changing and uncertain circumstances around us, we look to you, God. You are steady, you are stable, you are faithful, and you will never let us down. We thank you for your promise never to leave us or forsake us.	28 <i>James 3:9-18</i> Father, as we enter into your presence, we ask you to transform our hearts into the image of you. We reject the world and what it wants us to become, and we choose you and your holiness instead.	29 <i>Ecclesiastes 3:9-13</i> Lord, thank you for our lives. Thank you for creating such beautiful things to enjoy and wonder about. Thank you for the gift of dreams, music, and imagination. You are so creative and loving, and we rejoice with you in all the beauty you have made.