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**21 DAYS of
PRAYER & FASTING**

February 9th - March 1st, 2026

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As we recommit ourselves to going BEYOND in 2026, we want to invite you to join us for 21 days of prayer and fasting. We believe that prayer is the great privilege of those who by faith in Jesus have been reconciled to God. Prayer is not simply the means by which we receive something from Jesus. It is a glorious opportunity for us to approach the throne of grace and seek the face of our Redeemer. In prayer, we both seek and see him—gazing on his face, not just searching for his hand. With him clearly in view, our prayers become a response to his glory and goodness, not just a reaction to our need or want.

For the next 21 days, we will walk through a few passages in the book of Acts to reflect and observe how the early church dealt with the challenges and issues of their day. Prayer was an essential routine for the early church, and they served as a great example of what our prayer life should look like. It was because of their prayers that God blessed the early church with miracles and extraordinary acts. We want the same thing for you and Hallmark Church.

Each day, we will focus on a few verses.¹ We'll provide some encouragement and a few prayer points from the passage. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. You might also make a list of needs and requests that you want to bring to the Lord during these 21 days. Keep that list handy as you pray, and be sure to note when and how you see God responding to your prayers.

We would love to encourage you to find a prayer partner for this journey. It might be your spouse, a close friend, or someone from your small group. Commit to praying and encouraging each other during these 21 days. Schedule times to pray together. Share your prayer lists and talk about how you see God answering prayers along the way.

Fasting is an integral part of this prayer journey that we don't want you to neglect. It is not a way to manipulate God or prove our sincerity. Think of it as a way to turn from what gives physical sustenance or enjoyment and focus on what feeds and nourishes your soul. One theologian says we starve the flesh to feed the spirit. Fasting does not have to be from food but could be from a

¹ All verses are taken from the NLT (New Living Translation)

hobby or a daily routine. For example, you could fast from social media, television, news consumption, or phone usage during certain hours. Every time you desire to do those things, it would serve as your natural built-in alarm clock to stop and commit to prayer instead.

The early church went through many of the celebrations and challenges that we still go through today.—Over the next 21 days, let these Holy Spirit-inspired passages lead your praying. You might consider memorizing them or rewriting them in your own words. However you choose to engage, we hope you'll make the most of this opportunity to be renewed and refreshed by time spent seeking the face of God.



If your household includes children, we have provided a simple prayer model for each day and a question to prompt their own prayers. When praying with kids, you may choose to simply read the verses for the day and then move straight to this family-friendly prompt. Discuss the question and pray briefly based on kids' answers. The words provided can help guide young kids.

Day 1: Acts 6:1

“But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent...”

Prayer Focus: A growing church will face tension, and God calls us to go BEYOND conflict into grace-filled unity.

1. Pray for humble hearts when conflict or tension arises.
2. Ask God to show us any pride or bitterness that hurts unity.
3. Pray that Hallmark Church would respond to conflict in a Christlike way.



Kids Prompt: What should we do when we have a problem with someone?

Pray with Kids: “Father, help me be kind when I’m upset. Help me say sorry and forgive. Thank You for loving me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Day 2: Acts 6:2

“We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God...”

Prayer Focus: The church goes BEYOND distraction by keeping God’s Word at the center.

1. Pray that the Bible would guide every decision we make.
2. Ask God to grow our hunger for His Word.
3. Pray for our leaders as they teach and preach faithfully.



Kids Prompt: Why is the Bible important for our church?

Pray with Kids: “God, thank You for the Bible. Help me love Your Word and listen to it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Day 3: Acts 6:4

“We apostles will spend our time in prayer and teaching the word.”

Prayer Focus: God calls us BEYOND routine into real dependence on Him through prayer.

1. Ask God to deepen your desire for a stronger prayer life.
2. Pray that our leaders would be strong in prayer.
3. Pray that Hallmark Church would truly be a praying church.



Kids Prompt: When do you like to pray?

Pray with Kids: “Jesus, thank You for listening when I pray. Help me talk to You every day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Day 4: Acts 6:3

“Choose seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom.”

Prayer Focus: God moves His church BEYOND talent to Spirit-filled character.

1. Pray that God would continue to raise up faithful, Spirit-filled leaders at Hallmark.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow wisdom and integrity in you.
3. Pray that our serving teams would lead with humility and love.



Kids Prompt: How can the Holy Spirit help you?

Pray with Kids: “Dear God, help me to listen to your Holy Spirit. Help me to trust in you and not myself. And help me to love others like you love me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Day 5: Acts 6:5-7

“So God’s message continued to spread...”

Prayer Focus: When the church handles problems God’s way, we go BEYOND obstacles and the mission grows.

1. Thank God that He brings growth even through hard times.
2. Pray that our church stays focused on reaching people for Jesus.
3. Ask God to multiply disciples in our city.



Kids Prompt: Who needs to hear about Jesus and how can we tell them?

Pray with Kids: “God, thank You for helping Your church grow. Thank you for loving me. Help more kids to know You too. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Day 6: Acts 6:10

“None of them could stand against the wisdom and the Spirit with which Stephen spoke.”

Prayer Focus: The Holy Spirit takes us BEYOND fear and gives boldness for the gospel.

1. Ask God to make you bold when sharing your faith.
2. Pray for wisdom in hard conversations.
3. Thank God that His Spirit is stronger than fear.



Kids Prompt: What helps you be brave when you're nervous?

Pray with Kids: “God, help me be to brave for You. Give me Your wisdom and help me tell my friends about You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Day 7: Acts 6:15

“At this point everyone in the high council stared at Stephen, because his face became as bright as an angel’s.”

Prayer Focus: Trusting Jesus gives us a peace that goes BEYOND understanding, serving as a witness even to our enemies.

1. Pray for a deep sense of God’s peace to rule in your heart, regardless of circumstances.
2. Ask God to help you reflect Jesus even to people who are difficult to love.

3. Pray that as we enter the next week of prayer, our focus would remain fixed on Jesus.



Kids Prompt: What helps you feel better when you're scared?

Pray with Kids: "Jesus, thank You for being with me even when things are hard. Help me to shine Your light for everyone to see. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Day 8: Acts 15:1–5

"But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, "The Gentile converts must be circumcised and required to follow the law of Moses."

Prayer Focus: As the church grew, so did opinions. Some people started saying faith in Jesus wasn't enough—you had to add rules, traditions, and extra expectations. But the apostles pushed back hard on that. Why? Because grace doesn't need upgrades. Sometimes we do the same thing. We add pressure to our faith—trying to earn God's love or prove ourselves. But Jesus already did the work.

1. Thank God that salvation is by grace alone through faith in Jesus.
2. Ask God to reveal any ways you've added pressure, performance, or expectations to your faith.
3. Pray that our church would always protect the simplicity and power of the gospel.



Kids Prompt: Do you think God loves you more when you behave really well?

Remind them that God’s love is a gift.

Pray with Kids: “Jesus, thank You for loving us just as we are. Help us remember we don’t have to earn Your love. Thank You for Your grace. Amen.”

Day 9: Acts 15:6–11

“So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue.”

Prayer Focus: The leaders didn’t rush to fix the problem. They gathered, listened, and talked it through. They paid attention to what God was already doing—not just what felt comfortable. Listening is hard, especially when emotions run high. But God often speaks in moments when we slow down and listen together.

1. Ask God for humility to listen before reacting or deciding.
2. Pray for wisdom for our church’s leaders as they seek God’s direction.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognize His work, even when it challenges our preferences.



Kids Prompt: What are some times when it’s hard to listen? Talk about how God speaks to us when we slow down and pay attention—through prayer, the Bible, and trusted people.

Pray with Kids: “God, help us slow down and listen to You. Help us hear Your voice and follow You. Thank You for always guiding us. Amen.”

Day 10: Acts 15:12

“Everyone listened quietly as Barnabas and Paul told about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.”

Prayer Focus: Paul and Barnabas shared stories of how God was moving. Those stories changed the room. They reminded everyone that God was already at work BEYOND their expectations. Sometimes the best fuel for faith is remembering.

1. Thank God for the ways you’ve seen Him move in your life and our church.
2. Ask God to give you boldness to share stories of His faithfulness.
3. Pray that remembering God’s work would increase our faith for the future.



Kids Prompt: Can you think of a time God helped you or answered a prayer?

Pray with Kids: “God, thank You for all the ways You help us. Thank You for being with us in the past and today. Help us trust You for what’s next. Amen.”

Day 11: Acts 15:13–18

“When they had finished, James stood and said, “Brothers, listen to me. Peter has told you about the time God first visited the Gentiles to take from them a people for himself. And this conversion of Gentiles is exactly what the prophets predicted. As it is written: ‘Afterward I will return and restore the fallen house[d] of David. I will rebuild its ruins and restore it, so that the rest of humanity might seek the Lord, including the Gentiles— all those I have called to be mine. The Lord has spoken— he who made these things known so long ago.’

Prayer Focus: James didn't rely on feelings or opinions—he pointed everyone back to Scripture. God's Word didn't limit what God was doing; it confirmed it. The Bible doesn't hold us back—it keeps us steady as God moves us forward.

1. Thank God for the truth and stability found in His Word.
2. Ask God to help you read Scripture with open eyes and a willing heart.
3. Pray that our church would always align decisions with God's Word and God's mission.



Kids Prompt: Why do you think the Bible is important? Explain that God's Word helps us know what's true and how to follow Him.

Pray with Kids: "God, thank You for the Bible. Help us understand Your Word and follow what You teach us. Help us make good choices. Amen."

Day 12: Acts 15:19–21

"And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

Prayer Focus: The leaders made a clear decision: don't put unnecessary barriers in front of people trying to follow Jesus. The goal wasn't control—it was access. That question still matters today: Are we helping people meet Jesus, or making it harder than it needs to be?

1. Ask God to reveal any barriers that keep others from encountering Jesus.

2. Pray for courage to let go of preferences that hinder the mission.
3. Ask God to help our church always be a place of grace, clarity, and invitation.



Kids Prompt: How can we help our friends feel welcome at church or when they learn about Jesus? Talk about kindness, sharing, and including others.

Pray with Kids: “Jesus, help us be kind and welcoming to everyone. Help us show Your love with our words and actions. Use us to help others know You. Amen.”

Day 13: Acts 15:22–31

“The messengers went at once to Antioch, where they called a general meeting of the believers and delivered the letter. And there was great joy throughout the church that day as they read this encouraging message.”

Prayer Focus: The church didn’t just make a decision—they communicated it with care and encouragement. The result? Joy, clarity, and unity. When God’s people walk in unity, it strengthens everyone.

1. Thank God for the unity He brings through the Holy Spirit.
2. Ask God to heal any division or misunderstanding in your relationships.
3. Pray that our church would be known for encouragement and peace.



Kids Prompt: Why is it important to get along with others? Talk about how working together and forgiving each other makes things better.

Pray with Kids: “God, help our family love each other well. Help us forgive, work together, and bring peace wherever we go. Thank you for making us one family. Amen.”

Day 14: Acts 15:32–35

Then Judas and Silas, both being prophets, spoke at length to the believers, encouraging and strengthening their faith. They stayed for a while, and then the believers sent them back to the church in Jerusalem with a blessing of peace. Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch. They and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord there.

Prayer Focus: After everything was settled, the mission didn’t stop. The church kept teaching, encouraging, and moving forward. When God gives clarity, He also gives strength. This is what BEYOND looks like—trusting God, staying united, and continuing the mission.

1. Thank God for His faithfulness to strengthen His people.
2. Ask God to renew your passion for His mission.
3. Pray that our church would move BEYOND—with unity, clarity, and boldness.



Kids Prompt: What are some ways we can follow God this week? (Praying, being kind, helping others, trusting God.) Encourage them that God helps us keep going.

Pray with Kids: “God, thank You for giving us strength. Help us follow You every day. Give us the courage to do what’s right and love others well. Amen.”

Day 15: Acts 13:2

“One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.’”

Prayer Focus: God moves His mission forward through a church willing to go BEYOND routine prayer into deep dependence on Him.

1. Pray that Hallmark Church would go BEYOND surface-level faith into Spirit-led prayer.
2. Ask God to align our hearts before asking Him to move through our plans.
3. Pray that worship and prayer would remain the foundation of every decision we make.



Kids Prompt: “How can we listen to God when we pray?”

Pray with Kids: “God, help me listen to You. Help our church pray and trust You more. Amen.”

Day 16: Acts 13:3

“So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.”

Prayer Focus: A healthy church doesn't cling to comfort—it sends people BEYOND what feels safe into God's calling.

1. Pray for courage to go BEYOND comfort zones and step into obedience.
2. Ask God to prepare hearts for Commitment Sunday as we surrender fully to Him.
3. Pray that Hallmark Church would be a sending church, not a consumer church.



Kids Prompt: “What is something brave God might want you to do?”

Pray with Kids: “Jesus, help me be brave and follow You. Help me trust You wherever You send me. Amen.”

Day 17: Acts 13:9

“Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. 10 Then he said, “You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord?”

Prayer Focus: God calls His church to handle opposition and conflict biblically and boldly, relying on the Holy Spirit.

1. Pray for wisdom to navigate challenges with truth and grace.
2. Ask God to keep Hallmark Church unified when tensions arise.
3. Pray for Hallmarks leaders to respond to opposition in a way that gives glory to God and moves the mission forward.



Kids Prompt: “What should you do when something feels hard or unfair?”

Pray with Kids: “God, help me do the right thing even when it’s hard. Help our church trust You. Amen.”

Day 18: Acts 13:12

“When the governor saw what had happened, he became a believer, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.”

Prayer Focus: When the church lives out its faith, others are drawn BEYOND curiosity into belief.

1. Pray that our lives would reflect a faith worth following.
2. Ask God to use Hallmark Church as a clear witness in our community.
3. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus through both words and actions.



Kids Prompt: “How can you show Jesus’ love today?”

Pray with Kids: “Jesus, help me show Your love to others. Help people see You through me. Amen.”

Day 19: Acts 13:17

“The God of this nation of Israel chose our ancestors and made them multiply and grow strong during their stay in Egypt. Then with a powerful arm he led them out of their slavery.”

Prayer Focus: Looking back at God’s faithfulness gives us confidence to step BEYOND what we can see.

1. Thank God for His faithfulness in Hallmark Church’s story.
2. Pray for faith to trust Him with the future—especially in financial obedience.
3. Ask God to help us remember that He has always been at work.



Kids Prompt: “What is something God has helped you with before?”

Pray with Kids: “Thank You, God, for always helping me. I trust You with what’s next. Amen.”

Day 20: Acts 13:38-39

“Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is made right in God’s sight—something the law of Moses could never do.”

Prayer Focus: The gospel calls us to live BEYOND guilt and fear, fully surrendered to Jesus.

1. Pray that the gospel would remain central in every ministry at Hallmark.

2. Ask God to free our hearts from fear so generosity can flow from joy, not pressure.
3. Pray for lives to be transformed as people say yes to Jesus.



Kids Prompt: “Why is it good that Jesus forgives us?”

Pray with Kids: “Jesus, thank You for forgiving me. Help me forgive others too. Amen.”

Day 21: Acts 13:52

“And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

Prayer Focus: A Spirit-filled church lives BEYOND circumstances, marked by joy, unity, and mission.

1. Pray for renewed joy as we walk together toward Commitment Sunday.
2. Ask God to unite Hallmark Church around the Hallmarks of Hallmark, to be Biblically Driven, Personally Involved, Radically Generous, and Outwardly Focused.
3. Pray that Hallmark’s obedience today would lead to greater gospel impact tomorrow.



Kids Prompt: “What makes you thankful to God today?”

Pray with Kids: “God, thank You for loving me and giving me joy. Help our church follow You together. Amen.”