

# NewDay Prayer Guide 2023

*Behold I am doing a new thing.* Isaiah 43:19

We invite you to use this prayer guide in reflection on the promises of God he gives us in his Word. We continue to seek and call on God for his direction for our church and life together. He has done some amazing transformation in and through us over the years! Let us keep our focus on Jesus as he leads us in this next stage of ministry.



## **Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 Prayer Reflection**

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

There is a time for birth and death, planting and reaping,  
for killing and healing, destroying and building,  
for crying and laughing, weeping and dancing,  
for throwing stones and gathering stones, embracing and parting.

There is a time for finding and losing,  
keeping and giving, for tearing and sewing, listening and speaking.

Dear Lord, your Word shows us that there is a time for change, it is natural for every activity to have its allotted time. Lord help us to be trust you as we enter into this time of transition. Guide us with your wisdom and direct our steps in the way that most pleases you. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

## **Trusting God in the Transition Prayer**

God of Love,  
You are with us in every transition and change.  
As we enter into this new era with excitement  
and even some anxiety,  
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.  
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.  
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.  
We thank you for the work of others  
that gives breadth and depth to our own work.  
Be with us as we move forward,  
rejoicing with you and supporting one another.  
We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

## **Jeremiah 29:11 Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we worship You because You are awesome. You know the plans that You have for us; these plans are not intended to harm us, but to give us hope and a future. Lord, we pray that in this period of change, we will remember that You have a plan for our life that outweighs what we see right now. Thank you for remaining with us in this transition of change, thank You Lord, Amen.



## **Proverbs 3:5-6 Prayer**

Oh Savior, I pray that I learn to trust in You with all my heart! I pray against any doubts in You or doubts in the will You have over my life. I do not want to lean on my own understanding, because sometimes Father, I honestly do not understand; but You know all things. I pray that I submit to You so that You can direct me in everything I do, this I pray, Amen.

## **Psalms 18:2 Prayer**

Oh Lord, please walk closely with us during this season of life. We thank You for being our best friend, our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. You are our rock and in You we find refuge because you are our shield and the horn of our salvation. You Lord are our stronghold in the midst of uncertainty which change brings. So, Lord we choose to lean on You because You are the one constant in a world of inconsistency and transition. Thank You Lord, Amen.

## **Philippians 4:6-8 Prayer**

God of Peace, today I choose to be anxious about nothing, instead in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, I present my requests to You. May Your divine peace, which transcends all my understanding, will guard my heart and mind! Despite any difficulty pressing up against me, I pray that Your peace keeps me calm. I declare that Your peace destroys any anxiety within me and renews my mind with things that praises You; this I ask, Amen.

### **Church Community Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on the paths you have called us to take. Your word says that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Thank you for the gift of the church, a community of your children that you have gathered together to worship, serve, pray and love. Give us strength to live as ambassadors for you in the world.

Lord, bless your church and keep us pure, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us your peace and strength. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **Calm Our Fears Prayer**

Ever-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are not sure where we are or who we are.

This is not a comfortable place.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this Unknown place continues as a journey of trust.

Amen.

To you, Almighty and gracious God, we give all honor and glory. We approach you with confidence in your goodness and mercy, and we ask that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we continue with the work you have called us to do.

We have many tasks before us, and we have some anxiety and uncertainty. But in you we trust, to you we hand over our burdens, to you we commend our lives and gifts. Use us as you see fit. May this work be pleasing before you, may our efforts and dedication honor you. In Jesus great name. Amen.



### **PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE**

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future.  
In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside  
and to recognize our potential for creative response.  
Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by "the new"  
and to guard against our own defensiveness.  
Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times,  
and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them,  
which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time.  
All this we ask in the name of you, our friend, our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

Gentle...yet powerful.

Lowly...yet almighty.

Shepherd...yet King.

In your gentleness, guide us.

In your power, strengthen us.

In your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride  
which only destroys us.

In your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things.

As a shepherd, call us to be your servants.

As a King, call us to be your royal priesthood.

O God, who is our shepherd and our King;

O Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead;

O Spirit, who comforts and empowers;

O great One in Three, Holy Trinity, this hour, set us free  
to feel your presence among and with us. Amen.

O Lord,

You are the light that guides our feet.

You are the map that gives us direction.

You are the peace that makes us strong.

You are the leader whom we faithfully follow.

May your light illuminate our lives.

And your guidance bring direction to our work.

May we find inspiration in your Word,

And peace in our hearts as we follow you.

Amen.