

PRAY SHALOM

GROVE PARK

A 21 day prayer guide for the people of God longing for Christ's power and presence in their lives, and for reconciliation, redemption and renewal in our community.

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Dear Prayer Warrior,

Thank you for being willing to step out in faith and pray with Jesus for the "Shaloming" of Grove Park, Atlanta. We are excited to see what God will do for His glory as He knits our hearts more fully to Himself and to each other through prayer.

You will hear the word "Shalom" a lot in this book, so let me explain what that means.

Shalom is the Hebrew word for *holistic peace*. It is a word used throughout Scripture to describe the absolute joy, flourishing, fulfillment, and bliss found in the presence of God, and the beautiful interdependent relationships God's people eternally share with Him, each other, and all of creation. Shalom is what has come into the world through Christ, and is made complete when Christ returns and fully eradicates sin and death forever. God is glorified as Shalom happens. We have a mission as God's people to discover and display the Shalom of God's Kingdom to this hurting world by faithfully proclaiming the Gospel in WORD and DEED as we share life with our neighbors and seek the peace of Atlanta.

Because we believe the Gospel really is good news, and the only hope for our world, we are bringing together God's people to join Jesus in His mission to awaken, strengthen and multiply Spirit-filled disciples.

Jesus told us in Matthew 6:9 to pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Heaven and earth being united forever is God's ultimate plan, and He invites us as His people to pray to that end. So we pray... Not because we have to, or to try and gain more favor from God (we already have that in Christ), or to try and twist His arm to give us what we want. We pray because we love our Savior Jesus who bled out for us and rescues us forever from sin and death. We joyfully seek to obey Him as our King, and follow His leading by falling to our knees in prayer in joyful submission to His will.

This prayer guide can be used for your personal times with God as well as with others in your community. Let me encourage you to write as much as possible in the journal section of the book. The more you journal while praying each day, the more you will get out of this special season of prayer.

For the King and the Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Danny Iverson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Danny Iverson

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MEDITATION

2 Chronicles 7:14

"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 and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Reflection: *The fact that sinners like us are God's people should humble us and lead us into repentance for our wickedness and dependance on God to transform our lives as well as our City.*

PRAYER

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- ❖ Begin your 21 days of prayer and fasting by confessing your sin to God and trusting in His forgiveness that He has freely given in Christ. Write out the sinful tendencies of your heart if you dare, and after confessing them write forgiven over them.
- ❖ Ask God to hear from heaven and heal your life as well as our community from the wickedness destroying *Shalom*.

MEDITATION

Jeremiah 29:7

"But seek the Shalom of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its Shalom you will find your Shalom."

Reflection: *We are called to use everything we are to seek the peace, welfare and flourishing of our city. As our city flourishes, we too will flourish and experience God's power and presence.*

PRAYER

- ❖ Think of five ways that you would like to see God change our community to be more like His Kingdom. Write them out and pray them.
- ❖ Ask God to bring flourishing in and through your life in such a way that He receives the greatest glory and others receive great joy and hope.
- ❖ Ask the Lord to send you wherever, or to whomever He wants to. Take a few minutes and listen to His voice and write down what you feel in your spirit.

AUGUST
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MEDITATION

Psalms 29:10-11

"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with Shalom!"

Reflection: *We serve a great King who has chosen us to be a part of His Kingdom. He is in control of all situations and is always using His strength to bless His beloved people with peace.*

PRAYER

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- ❖ Praise God for His power and might... Thank him that He is a mighty King who blesses His people.
- ❖ Talk to God about the floods (hard circumstances or sin) you and those you know are facing. Write out these floods as honestly as possible.
- ❖ Ask Him for faith to believe that He is in control of all things and able to rescue you from the flood and bless His people with Shalom.

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MEDITATION

Philippians 4:6–7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Reflection: *We have no reason to be afraid if God is indeed who He promises He is in His Word. Thank God for that reality and pray like it's true – your life will start to look a bit more like Christ's.*

PRAYER

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- ✦ Take some time to confess to God your fears and anxieties.
- ✦ The best way to not be anxious is to thank God. Take some time to write everything you are thankful for, no matter how small. Say it out loud as you write and thank the Lord, the giver of life and every good and perfect gift.
- ✦ Ask for Christ's Shalom to fill you and protect your heart and mind from a bitter, self-absorbed, complaining spirit.

MEDITATION

Matthew 6:9–13

“Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Reflection: *Our wonderful and powerful Father in heaven is making His Kingdom real in this world as we as His people truly pray this prayer from our heart.*

PRAYER

- ✦ Thank God for being your heavenly Father who will never leave you or fail you, even if your earthly father did.
- ✦ Pray for God to show a preview of the Kingdom of heaven to this world through your life and our witness as His people here in Grove Park.
- ✦ Write out ways you need to be delivered from evil that is not of God's Kingdom. Repent and believe in the forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ.

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MEDITATION

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Reflection: *This song the Angels sang at Jesus' birth is our prayer: that God would be glorified in everything, and humanity would truly flourish as God's people display His peace everywhere.*

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN GROVE PARK

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- ✦ Ask God to bring God's people in Grove Park together to pray, love and serve our community. Pray against distraction during this season of prayer.
- ✦ Pray the enemy would be silenced and God's people would work together to bring peace and reconciliation in our community no matter what color, culture or class they are a part of. Pray for unified diversity.
- ✦ Pray that God would receive great glory as His people sow seeds of peace into the lives of their neighbors and love them with the love of Christ.

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MEDITATION

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Reflection: *The shalom this world offers is a false shalom that brings chaos and ultimately death and misery. Jesus lived, died and was raised back to life to show us that the peace which He gives us is the real peace we all long for. As we are believing this truth, fear loses its grips on us.*

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PRAYER

- ❖ Pray that the true Gospel of God's righteousness, judgement, but also grace and mercy would penetrate even "churched" people. Pray that all of God's people would hope in Jesus' righteousness, not the law or their own works for false shalom.
- ❖ Pray that God's people would not give into the lusts of the world no matter what type of false shalom it offers.

MEDITATION

Psalms 85:8

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Reflection: *When we listen to God's Word instead of the world, we hear Him whisper sweet Shalom to us, and it gives us the strength not to run back to our sin and addictions.*

PRAYER

- ❖ Take some time to read a portion of God's Word out loud and listen to the Words you read carefully. Write out what you feel God is saying to you.
- ❖ Praise the Lord for what He has spoken to you through His Word
- ❖ List out those in your life who are caught in folly. Ask for the Holy Spirit to speak to them and convict them of their sin and lead them into repentance and faith in Jesus.

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MEDITATION

Hebrews 12:14

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Reflection: *God's people are called and empowered by the Spirit to be Holy peacemakers in this world. Through the power of the Gospel we are agents of reconciliation and experience Jesus.*

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN GROVE PARK

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- ❖ Pray for deep and supernatural unity amongst God's people in Grove Park, especially the believers. Ask God for a unity that connects us regardless of our racial, ethnic, cultural, or socio-economic status.
- ❖ Pray that children would be released from the generational curses and cycles of fighting and violence. Pray against bullying.
- ❖ Pray that the children would be rescued from the domain of darkness, and brought into the kingdom of His beloved Son, (Colossians 1:13)

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MEDITATION

Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace (Shalom) whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Reflection: *When everything we are is surrendered to the reality of our union with Christ, we find ourselves in a state of beautiful bliss and wholeness. When we take our eyes off of Jesus, like Peter did when he tried to walk on the water, we sink into the chaos and fears of this life.*

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PRAYER

- ❖ Take some time to repent to the Lord for the ways you have taken your eyes off of Jesus. Write out the ways you have seen yourself and our community sink away from God's presence when that has happened. Be real and honest.
- ❖ Cry out to the Lord and ask God to lift you back up and give you His perfect peace. Ask God to grant you faith and to keep your mind focused fully on Jesus today in all that you do.

MEDITATION

Zechariah 9:10b

...and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Reflection: *God has shown up on planet earth in the person of the LORD Jesus Christ to speak peace to all people groups. His Shalom SHALL conquer this world and we as His people SHALL share life forever with our great God and each other.*

PRAYER

- ❖ Pray for International students to be reached in Atlanta, particularly that Muslims from a large nearby Mosque would be brought to Christ. Pray that God would draw to Himself a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, to stand before the throne and before the Lamb. That they would wear white robes (Christ's righteousness) and hold palm branches in their hands (instruments of praise and adoration unto King Jesus).

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MEDITATION

Psalms 67:1-2

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Reflection: *God has been so gracious to us and allowed us to know Him for the sake of making His power and presence known to all the earth. What a privilege we have to receive and give this grace to each other and the world.*

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PRAYER

- ❖ Pray that God would do something in Grove Park that impacts impoverished cities throughout the world. Because of what God does through us, may the nations be reached!
- ❖ Write out and pray for different nationalities around the world that do not know Jesus or have not heard the good news of the gospel.
- ❖ Pray for Hammond and Laura McEver, who are moving back to Grove Park to help start international student ministry here. Pray about joining them to help.

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MEDITATION

Isaiah 32:17

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

Reflection: *Righteousness always leads to Shalom. Because of the Righteousness of Jesus Christ, we as God's people have access through His Spirit to eternal life that will not disappoint.*

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PRAYER

- ✦ Thank God for His righteousness. Sit quietly for 5 minutes and rest in Jesus, not thinking about anything except the goodness of the Lord and His faithfulness.
- ✦ Pray for all the pastors you know, especially Pastors in Grove Park like Pastor Harper, Danny and Pastor Dwayne. Ask God to protect them and give them rest in the midst of all the ministry and burdens they bear.
- ✦ Pray for righteous justice in our community for the oppressed and hurting.

MEDITATION

James 2:5

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

Reflection: *Jesus said that the blessing of the Kingdom of God is for the poor. When we are bankrupt in ourselves and our own resources we become rich with dependence on God and love Him more than the false and fading wealth of the world and truly trust Him to provide.*

PRAYER

- ✦ Pray blessing for the poor in Grove Park, that they would be rich in faith and truly show this world the ultimate treasure of Jesus and His Kingdom.
- ✦ List our your felt needs or the needs of someone in our community who is struggling. Ask God to meet those needs and strengthen our faith.
- ✦ Ask the Lord to bring down unjust systems that oppress the poor and strip them of dignity. Pray for deacons like Miss Ella, as they seek to alleviate burdens.

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MEDITATION

1 John 3:16–17

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Reflection: *We have a God who radically shares with us because He loves us. The more we believe and rest in this reality the more we love and sacrificially share with others.*

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PRAYER

- ✦ Take some time to repent for ways you have closed your heart toward those in need and not lived out the generous love of Jesus.
- ✦ Rejoice in God's generous love and forgiveness toward you despite your selfishness toward those who are hurting. Praise Him for His grace.
- ✦ Write out a list of those in your life who God might be calling you to help. Ask God to show you ways you can meet those various needs in Jesus' name, even in small ways.

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MEDITATION

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Reflection: *As we confess our sin and our need of Jesus to each other, and run to the cross, there is indeed great healing. When a righteous person opens up their lips and prays Shalom for their brother and sister in Christ, there is great power.*

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PRAYER

- ❖ Pray for their to be a deep awareness of personal and community sins that need to be dealt with.
- ❖ Pray that people will not live in darkness or denial but in the light.
- ❖ Take some time to write down people you might have sinned against and need to confess your sin to. Make an effort before your fast ends to confess to them.

John 20:21

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

MEDITATION

PRAYER FOR NEW CHURCH LAUNCH TEAM

- ❖ That God would bring together the right team with very little turn over.
- ❖ That each person would discover and embrace their "piece of the puzzle" and do it fully unto the Lord and that God would guide each member's footsteps into the people and relationships in which they are to invest.
- ❖ Protection from the intense spiritual attacks that have been happening. That our commitment to prayer and God's word would constantly be at the forefront of our time commitments and interactions. That the enemy would not distract us from the "work of prayer"
- ❖ That disciples would rise up that become committed to making more disciples.

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MEDITATION

Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

- ❖ Pray for Latonya and Carlos Boston who run a ministry in the community called PAW (Paradise Atlanta Westside) kids. It is a holistic enrichment program focused on reaching at-risk kids in the community and assisting their families. It is a home away from home for many kids who have hard home lives and need love and discipline to help them grow. Pray for God to provide a program director and the funding to grow their staff team. Pray for all the needy kids and their families they are ministering to. Pray for peace and protection over their facility.
- ❖ Pray for Westside Atlanta Charter school and all the students and teachers there. Pray for a true Spirit of knowledge as well as wisdom and for an amazing school year where many students meet Jesus through God's peoples' presence there.

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MEDITATION

Isaiah 32:17

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MEDITATION

Isaiah 32:17

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MEDITATION

Hebrews 13:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ **Chuck Johnston:** Pray for God to open up doors for the purchase of run down houses to be renovated and filled with Christian Families who can help be a part of bringing hope and peace to Grove Park. Pray also for his wife JoElyn, who is teaching art for the kids in the community. Pray for protection and health for them and great leadership on their block.
- ❖ **Pray for Kingdom Partnerships with other Churches and other non-profits.** Pray that God will bless us with unity in our Kingdom mission and lead us to work well together for collective impact on the community. Pray for wisdom for all the leaders and for provision of resources to help each ministry flourish.
- ❖ **Brandon Young:** Pray for Provision as he is moving into the community to start a boys home for disabled orphans. Pray for God to meet all the needs for this home and lead him as he develops it. Pray for all the pieces to come together and for God to move in a mighty way through this ministry.
- ❖ **Scott Singletary:** GOAL: Would Y'all please pray and ask JESUS to let the Kindricks want to come and help us at the state house? We sent this request to a Kendrick family member :) and asked them to ask them for us. Its a three day Sacred Assembly in the Rotunda in Atlanta during the Session! Pray for revival. to humble ourselves, cry out to JESUS and exalt HIM. VISION: Honor JESUS first, then protect babies and family through the legislature in 2016!
- ❖ **Coach Edwin Cook** as he serves our kids. Ask the Lord to give Him strength.
- ❖ **Miss Ella** and for her cleaning business to continue to grow.
- ❖ **Kimberly Iverson:** Pray for Kimberly to continue to grow as a mother of their 6 kids. Pray for the Iverson's children: Daniel Josiah (9), Trinity (7), Katy-Grace (6), Benjamin (4), Malachi (3) and Judah (9 months), that they would be protected and grow in their walks with God. Pray for Kimberly as she teaches the Bible to numerous kids in the community. Pray that God would bring just the right kids into the ministry who are hungry to learn God's word and grow, and would protect the ministry from kids that just want to disrupt and take advantage of her kindness and hospitality.
- ❖ **The Edgecomb Family:** Pray for Herb's interviews and for their family to adjust to life in a new place. Pray they will continue to trust Jesus in everything.
- ❖ **Pray for Mike** and his work and health. Pray for his house repairs to be completed.
- ❖ **Pray for the renovations of properties:** Just as God appointment skilled workers to construct the Tabernacle, may God send skilled workers to train local young men to work on renovating the houses, creating Tabernacles, or Shalom houses for God's Spirit to anoint and reside in. Need this to be a speedy process so that Launch team members can move in.
- ❖ **Pray for our Neighborhood association.** Pray that God will draw many neighbors together to rally around transforming Grove Park. Ask God for unity in the midst of this very diverse group that consists of people across color, culture and class lines as well as religions. Pray that Christ will be honored in all that we do.
- ❖ **Families!!** For more stable families to move in, and for those family units that are unstable to solidify, thus providing safe and nurturing places for the next generation to be raised up. Praise God for the families that have already moved in and for those that are already in the community who are seeking to live for Christ. Pray for healthy marriages to mark the family unit.

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