

DAY 19

How Do I Start?



Welcome to **day 19** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! As we approach the end of our fast I want us all to start praying for the leadership at our church. This means staff, children's workers, production volunteers, worship leaders, choir members, deacons, trustees, committee members, greeters, kitchen staff, D-Group leaders, and anyone else who takes on responsibility at our church. Pray for those who are currently filling those roles and pray for those who God is calling to lead us in the future. Leadership at any level is a heavy burden and a serious calling. Jeremiah 23 makes that clear. We need leaders with a steadfast focus on Jesus who know how to lead out of the Lord's strength and not their own. We need leaders who can discern the will of God. We need leaders who will consistently point us to God and encourage us to walk with Him. We need leaders who walk humbly and admit fault. We need to be a family that understands grace and forgives our leaders when they stumble. We need Godly leaders.

Things to pray about today:

1. God, prepare our hearts as you lead us through our next 1000 days..
2. Father, protect and guide the leaders we have.
3. Lord, raise up leaders in our church family who have a strong faith, are committed to obedience, and are full of Your grace. Strengthen the leaders we have, call out leaders from our church family, and bring us 5 new families who are ready to invest in the work You are doing in Forest Park.

Today's Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6, 29:1-14 Isaiah 9:1-7, 53

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen