

January 2021: Hinsdale Covenant Prayer Guide

Sunday Our Church <i>Before you gather to worship, pray for us!</i> (1 Thess. 1:23-25)	Monday The Evangelical Covenant Church <i>Pray Ephesians 4:11-12 for our denomination.</i>	Tuesday The Persecuted Church in North Korea <i>As you pray today, read Revelation 2:10-11.</i>	Wednesday Our Enemies <i>Jesus directs us to pray for our enemies. (Matthew 5:43-48)</i>	Thursday God's Creation <i>Praise God for his work in Creation. (Psalm 19:1)</i>	Friday Light in the Darkness <i>Light a candle and watch it flicker as you pray. (John 1:5)</i>	Saturday Neighbors <i>Take a short walk in your neighborhood as you pray. (Jeremiah 29:7)</i>
					1 Pray for eyes to see God's glory.	2 Pray for your place of work.
3 For student ministries, staff (Cortney and Caleb) and volunteers. Pray our students find and follow Jesus!	4 Pray for the "Serve Globally" department in the ECC, as they seek to extend the whole gospel to the whole world.	5 Pray for the estimated 300,000 Christians living under persecution in North Korea.	6 Pray for a public government leader you didn't vote for.	7 Thank God for the weather. What can you appreciate about January in Illinois?	8 Pray for seniors who feel isolated in their homes or residences.	9 Pray for the person who cuts your hair. Pray for him or her by name.
10 For vibrant, participatory worship that glorifies God and unifies the church.	11 Pray for ECC President John Wenrich.	12 Pray that North Koreans who escape to other countries will be helped by Christians.	13 Pray that your love of others will grow to reflect the love of Christ.	14 Praise God for human creativity and pray for Christian artists among us. (Exodus 31:1-10)	15 Pray for God's light to shine in Chopda, India, through the church and school there.	16 Pray for local businesses and their owners. What business has God put on your heart to pray for?
17 Visitors attending our services (online and in-person) this month.	18 Pray for the "Love Justice Do Mercy" department in the ECC, as they work toward holistic transformation.	19 Pray that Bibles will be able to enter North Korea undetected by authorities.	20 Pray for someone you've struggled to like.	21 Give thanks for the people who helped produce the food you eat today.	22 Pray for God's light to shine through you as you follow Jesus each day.	23 Pray for your neighbors across the street.
24 Pastors Lars, Simon, and Joy. 31 For council members.	25 Pray for the "Develop Leaders" department in the ECC.	26 Pray that new believers will grow to full maturity in Christ.	27 Pray for someone who has hurt someone you love.	28 Give thanks to God for something you like about how he made you!	29 Pray that the Spirit's presence will be evident through unity in our church.	30 Pray for a former neighbor by name. Try connecting with them if you can.

Using this Resource

- Commit to praying 20 minutes every day. This is one way you can help serve the church during this time while you grow in faith and maturity.
- Pray for the request on the day it's listed. Then, move vertically or horizontally to intercede for other topics. You may notice that you're drawn to some requests more than others. This is likely the Spirit's guidance. Trust it.
- To learn more about the persecuted church in North Korea, search for this *Christianity Today* article: "117 Witnesses Detail North Korea's Persecution of Christians" (Jayson Casper, December 21, 2020).

*Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

Do not worry 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.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)

*This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:
All this may seem impossible to you now,
a small remnant of God's people.
But is it impossible for me?
says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*
Zechariah 8:6 (NLT)