

Keep on Praying!

“Continue in prayer.” (Colossians 4:2)

So much is happening now! We are still reeling from the elections, recounts and upcoming runoffs. Now we are hearing great news about upcoming vaccines in 2021 for COVID. In some places though, we are hearing of heart aches and more cases with possible shutdowns. Because of the concern for its spread, many of us are now looking at a very different Thanksgiving and possibly Christmas this year, ensuring everyone will be back together next year in good health.

This is the time to persevere in prayer! It may not have been your way in the past to continue in prayer, but now you have drawn closer to God during these months and know He is your hope. You know He wants to draw you even closer to Him bringing you through these days. Jesus gave us two parables to encourage us to persevere – the man who bothers his neighbor at midnight for bread because he has a visitor (Luke 11:5-8) and the widow who persevered with the judge to help her (Luke 18:1-8). God will reward your faithfulness in prayer in ways you cannot even imagine yet!

Prayers for Nov 15-21

Lord, we praise You for your guidance in the development of the COVID vaccines and pray for them to be extremely effective and safe for all to utilize as they are released.

Father, give us Your insight in reaching out to those who are hurting from the effects of this virus and use it as an opportunity to show Your compassion and love in our community.

Let us reach out to meet the needs of our family, neighbors and friends who are isolated at this time due to the virus.

May we respect and care for each other by taking the necessary precautions to keep this virus from spreading.

Abba Father, instill in us Your peace so we will be Your light sharing that peace to all touched by our lives.

May the Holy Spirit flow through our nation releasing in our hearts Your calmness, restoring harmony and unity as we move forward in this electoral process of recounts and runoffs.

Lord, we are humbled, surrendered and grateful to You as we prepare for this Thanksgiving because You have drawn us closer to You with the experiences of this year. Thank You, Abba Father.

“Perseverance in prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance but rather laying hold of God's willingness. Our sovereign God has purposed to sometimes require persevering prayer as the means to accomplish His will.”

by William Thrasher

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