SEEING 20/20... AND PRAYING!

Hearing and Seeing What God is Saying and Doing —50-Day Scripture/Prayer Calendar For Now. Today... and Forever. Living in and Looking Forward to All Jesus Paid for and All He Promises!

This Daily Walk and Prayer Calendar looks at the promises of God in the midst of the pleasures and perils of life.

How He works **His will matters each day.** He is continually working, changing each child of His, arranging each day, rearranging each body of believers so that they mature—looking, acting, speaking, seeing, more and more like Jesus. It's all so we **see** and **hear** Him more clearly. What is God doing today? In your life? The circumstances differ for each of us, but God remains the same. So, **See 20/20**—look up, listen up, discover and **see** what God is saying and doing... and **Pray!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
See God	See Me	See Others	See Scripture	See Opposition	See Time and	See Eternity				
				and Opportunity	Timing					
Day 1 September 13	Day 2 Secure 14	Day 3 Trials & Trust 15	Day 4 What Next? 16	Day 5 Even Angels 17	Day6 Today and Then 18	Day 7 Value Living 19				
God Places Us.	1 Peter 1:3-5 God does	1 Peter 1:6-9. Help	1 Peter 1:10-11. Prophets	1 Peter 1:12. Even the	1 Peter 1:13-16. Jesus	1 Peter 1:17-21. How				
1 Peter 1:1-2. Wherever	this for ME or YOU	others face tests and	of old marveled at what	Angels wonder about all	will fulfill every plan,	valuable are you? Not				
God's children reside,	making us secure like the	trials in their faith walk.	the Spirit of God began	that Jesus faced, all He	every promise. He is holy	your portfolio, but your				
each is placed as God's	Best Father, the	Here and Now is not all	revealing the	did and said, all He is	and honest, never lying.	<i>heart</i> -folio, what Jesus				
chosen child to walk with	Strongest Elder Brother,	there is. <i>There</i> and <i>Then</i>	sufferings of Christ and	doing now, and all that is	Trust Him, His promises,	has done for you, in you,				
Him and experience His	the Richest Friend. No	are coming. Help others	the many glories to	coming. More opposition	grace for today and	to you, with you. Live				
forgiveness, grace, and	change or decay in any	trust the Lord with the	come—what could that	and more opportunity!	forever. Never live in the	according to the value HE				
peace. How is your walk	of our inheritance from	"here & now" looking to	mean? More to come!	He has more planned!	past Trust His timing	places on you. Live for				
and obedience today?	Him. What a Savior!	the "there & then."			for today and the future.	what lasts!				
Day 8 Believe Forever 20	Day 9 New Appetite 21	Day 10 Cornerstone 22	Day11 Mercy & Light 23	Day12 Victors 24	Day13 My Times 25	Day 14 For Now 26				
1 Peter 1:22-25. See and	1 Peter 2:1-3. I'm born	1 Peter 2:4-8. Help	Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter	1 Peter 2:11-12. War all	1 Peter 2:13-17. God	1 Peter 2:18-20. Live				
believe God today.	anew like a new baby.	others trust Jesus, the	2:9-10. God called. He	around, and a lot within.	knows your times, your	now, trusting Jesus to				
Remember all He has	New appetite for the	Chosen Cornerstone.	spoke. He chose us to	Tough days but	days, where you are, and	give you power, wisdom,				
said and done, all the	better food God has.	Never crooked. Never	walk with Him, to show	surrender to Jesus to win	who you deal with	and patience with				
changes He has made.	Grow in knowing the	unlevel or misleading.	how excellent He is and	the inner battles. Look	daily—including	people. He understands				
New heart, new love,	taste of the Lord's	Ever trustworthy. Be an	how merciful He can be	for opportunities to help	government. Trust His	life on earth and wants				
new life, and new	kindness. Unselfishly give	example for others. They	to anyone willing to trust	others surrender to	timing, trust Him to work	us to trust Him. More				
forever!	others a taste too.	can trust Him, too!	Him, follow, and obey.	Jesus—to win their wars.	in you and through you.	grace is on the way.				
Day 15 Look at Him 27	Day 16 The One 28	Day 17 Influence 29	Day18 So Many 30	Day 19 October 1	Day 20 Good Timing 2	Day 21 What Matters 3				
1 Peter 2:21-23. While	1 Peter 2:24-25. The Lord	1 Peter 3:1-4. Live	1 Peter 3:5-6. Scripture	Could Be! 1 Peter 3:7.	1 Peter 3:8. Today is a	1 Peter 3:9. Think of				
living a day-to-day life,	is the ultimate "Shepherd	thinking of others. Be the	records the lives, words,	Look for opportunities to	good time to live in	what matters forever.				
focus on Christ. Never be	and Guardian of your	influence someone else	and deeds of so many. Be	honor other believers	harmony with others.	Don't trade evil for evil				
deceitful. Recall what	souls." At times, a	needs, in character and	like one who trusted	like family or forever	Time for kindness? Your	or insult for insult. Like				
Christ said and did not	shepherd looks after the	conduct, in trusting and	God, not fearing, but	friends. Each is a "fellow	attitudes and actions	Christ, give what lasts, a				
say Keep looking to	one—even you as that	obeying the Lord and His	obeying His Word, and	heir of the grace of life,"	could be just in time for	blessing, even praying for				
Him <i>"who judges</i>	"one"—guarding and	Word from the inside	waiting for His promises	a recipient of God's	someone else—God's	blessings for another—				
righteously."	guiding you. Trust Him.	out Everyday!	for His better plans.	eternal life.	timing to bless.	friend or foe (Luke 6:28).				
Day 22 God Sees 4	Day 23 Daily Hope 5	Day24 It Matters 6	Day25 He Knows Good 7	Day 26 Real Hope 8	Day 27 Keep On 9	Day 28 The Exchange 10				
1 Peter 3:10. What we	1 Peter 3:11. It is good to	1 Peter 3:12. God is	1 Peter 3:13. God is good	1 Peter 3:14-15. Even	1 Peter 3:16-17. Keep on	1 Peter 3:18. Jesus Christ				
say and don't say	"turn away from evil and	watching and listening to	and knows good—He	when you do what is	doing what is right. Be	died "once for sins, the				
matters. God sees and	do good." Seek peace "so	what we do and say and	shows us in His Word	right and someone	clear with God and	righteous for the				
hears. When we "refrain"	far as it depends on you "	pray. It matters and	what is good. Become	resists or opposes, trust	others day by day.	unrighteous"—the Great				
from speaking evil or	(Romans 12:17-18). This	answered prayer matters	" zealous for what is	Christ. Tell of your hope	Others may deride you or	Exchange. Because of				
insult, we open the door	makes for right living,	forever for yourself and	good," what He says is	and of His Lordship and	your good behavior but	what He did, He can				
for speaking good, a	right now.	for others . Pay attention	good—in words and	salvation. Give others	keep on. God will work in	"bring us to God" forever!				
blessing, what benefits.		to God, to self, to others.	deeds.	reason for hope.	you and through you.					
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Day 29 Patient 11	Day 30 Outward Sign 12	Day31 All ShouldBow13	Day 32 God's Will 14	Day 33 Time Now 15	Day 34 Limited Time 16	Day35 Eternity isNear 17
1 Peter 3:19-20. God is	1 Peter 3:21. Outwardly,	1 Peter 3:22. All should	1 Peter 4:1-2. In His	1 Peter 4:3. Now we	1 Peter 4:4-6. Many	1 Peter 4:7. Since the End
longsuffering, that is,	baptism pictures the	bow as "angels and	Word, God made clear	have opportunity to live	malign the saved but will	is very near, nearer than
patient with people, as in	inner cleansing, the	authorities and powers"	that self-will means	out the will of God,	give an account to Jesus	we think, "be serious" in
the days of Noah. His	forgiveness of sins and a	should bow. He is the	death, but His will means	experiencing His kind of	the Judge. The gospel	prayer about what
patience has an end,	"good conscience." Come	Risen Lord enthroned.	life. Christ suffered death	life, having used enough	assures all, even	matters forever—God
seen in those who	to Jesus through the	Help others see, call on,	in the flesh to open the	time in what opposes His	believers already dead,	and His Word, people,
refused to obey His call.	"appeal" of faith in His	and know Jesus as Lord	way for each to live	will and brings only	that God will make them	faith in Jesus, and
Trust Him to save you .	death and resurrection.	and Savior.	God's will, not self-will.	decay and death.	forever spiritually alive.	people's eternal destiny.
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Day 36 Love Like God 18	Day 37 "Special Gift" 19	Day 38 For Others 20	Day 39 God Knows 21	Day 40 Opposition 22	Day 41 SufferingTime23	Day42 Glory to Come 24
1 Peter 4:8-9. God loves	1 Peter 4:10. Each of us	1 Peter 4:11. God knows	1 Peter 4:12-13. Jesus	1 Peter 4:14. Many have	1 Peter 4:15-19. Suffering	1 Peter 5:1. Peter wrote
and forgives. We should	has been gifted by God	what others need to hear	faced all kinds of	opposed Christ and many	is linked to our sin or	about "the glory that is
fervently love others by	with <i>"a special gift"</i> to	and what service each	adversity. Trust what	more will oppose those	others' sin. Do nothing	to be revealed." What we
His power, ready in love	serve others. Serve	needs. Whether gifted to	God has spoken in	who follow Him and His	that brings suffering to	face today is not all there
to "cover" others' sins.	responsibly daily,	speak or serve in some	Scripture about how to	Word. As He was blessed	oneself or another.	is; when Christ returns,
This includes opening	revealing the multi-	way, look to God for His	handle adversity, enemy	and received glory from	Endure the time suffering	He will come in His glory
one's heart and home	colored grace of God	guiding and enabling.	attacks and ways. Trust	His Father, so His	from evil, trusting God as	Live today preparing for
without complaining.	through word and deed.	Jesus will be praised.	what He has said.	followers will be blessed.	"faithful Creator."	<i>that</i> day.
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Day43Looking at Him 25	Day 44 <i>"Clothed"</i> 26	Day 45 He Cares 27	Day 46 Battle Ages 28	Day47 God at Work 29	Day 48 All Time 30	Day49 Forever Grace 31
1 Peter 5:2-4. Shepherd	1 Peter 5:5-6. Like	1 Peter 5:7. God keeps	1 Peter 5:8-9. Through	1 Peter 5:10. We face	1 Peter 5:11. Jesus is	1 Peter 5:12. Peter wrote
the people of God, caring	servants to one another,	on caring. Help others	the Ages, Scripture	suffering momentarily;	always Lord, for time and	of "the true grace of
for them as tender	"clothe yourselves with	know His care, so no one	records many spiritual	the pain will cease. God	eternity. Every day He is	God" clearly seen and
sheep. Eagerly look to	humility toward one	worries. By His Mighty	battles and how the Lord	Himself, "the God of all	ruling, caring, loving, and	known in Jesus Christ.
Him, following His will.	another." God sets up in	Hand, God is able to take	gave victory after victory.	grace" not only calls us	working all to His eternal	God enables each
Expect rewards, even an	battle against pride, but	care of any need. What	Keep looking at Scripture	to Himself and "to His	glory. Contested, never	believer to "stand firm"
"unfading crown of	gladly blesses humility	God has done for one He	and the Lord for His love,	eternal glory in Christ"	conquered, His	in His grace for time and
<i>glory"</i> from Him !	with His "mighty hand."	can do for others.	power, and victories.	but will "perfect" each.	"dominion" is "forever."	eternity.
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Day 50 **November 1**Family Forever.

1 Peter 5:13-14.
Believers in "Babylon" or
Rome or wherever can
experience grace, love,
and peace "in Christ."
Keep on looking to Jesus
Christ, the source and
security for each child of
God.

Consider setting aside a Special Tine for Prayer Today, Day 50! "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" John 17:3 [NASB]

"But as for me, I would seek God, and I would place my cause before God; Who does great and unsearchable things, Wonders without number."—Job 5:8-9 [NASB]

Seeing and Knowing is at the *heart* of walking with God. Everyone walks about stumbling in darkness, until the Lord opens the eyes to see as He sees. Ephesians 1:18 presents a promise, a spiritual reality, and a prayer, that "the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe." Seeing with eyes of faith means seeing what God is doing. Sometimes that means quitting certain things, leaving behind certain habits, adding other things or habits, dealing with toxic people or situations, or adjusting in some other ways... always to better believe, see, and act. Whatever the case, now is the time to **pray!**

Take the Time you need—**Now**! How we use **TIME** is always crucial in these matters—**time in prayer** can help us **SEE** better. We are continually advised of ways to "save time," "use your time," "spend some extra time." Exhortations abound: Look for "spare time"—"Don't waste time." God exhorts us in Ephesians 5:15 to "redeem the time," referring to consciously "buying up" our time day by day, using it wisely, not foolishly, making the most of each moment. One of the best ways to make good use of time is to **pray**. **Prayer** is one of the best uses of time—Prayer Time is never wasted time, but potentially invested time. God works in answer to prayer in ways that defy our human logic. He goes beyond our abilities and sensibilities to accomplish what only He could do... **when we pray**. We may face a battle over **time** or **timing**, even delays and detours, but God is at work, even when we cannot see His work.

Remember: God *always sees* clearly! That means sometimes He acts "two minutes till too late," but He is never late... or early... Always on time!

See *Now* as the **Time to Pray**...

Be looking! Some of God's answers to Prayer:

1) Yes, now. I am glad you asked. 2) Yes, but not yet. You or others are not ready. 3) Yes, little by little. Trust Me in this.
4) Yes, but different (or better) than you think. 5) Yes, but ask for more. 6) No, never. I love you too much.

FOR YOU PERSONALLY—How to Use the 50 Day Prayer Calendar—"Seeing 20/20" —A CALL TO 50 Days of Seeing God and Praying

How are things looking? Are you having "the time of your life" or "tough times"? How is your prayer life? Are you spending "time" in prayer, "time" with God, or is your "time just too stretched"? Remember—God gives us the time we need—each of us has **enough time to do the will of God**... but not enough time to do His will **and** our will, our "add-on" projects, wishes, or plans. We need to **see** things God's way. That means deleting some things, maybe "good" things, but from God's perspective they are not "better" or "best." Look for **God's Best** things.

Look around—no end of needs or work to do... more work tomorrow, and the next day, and the next. More needs, more requests from others, more, more, more. What should we do? We need to see clearly, see God at work, and pray. Seek the Lord for His Wisdom from Above, to know what is **His Best** for each day. Spend time in His Word and time with Him. **Time with the Lord is invested time, never wasted time; it helps us see better**.

Consider this a *personal* adventure in "how God can show me His will, enabling me to *see* His ways better," especially in prayer. This can be a *family* adventure as well. It can apply to your *job*, *school*, and *church*. The Lord has much for us to see His way. In Psalm 25:4, David prayed, "make me know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths." Later, David prayed, "teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth" (Psalm 86:11). Moses asked the Lord to let him experientially know God's ways in order to truly know Him (Exodus 33:13). Psalm 103:7 notes that "the sons of Israel" knew God's "acts," but the Lord "made known His ways to Moses." Knowing one's acts is often equated with knowing about someone but knowing one's ways is more related to an *intimate* knowledge. Moses experienced that; as we walk with God, we need to seek Him to better know *His ways*—in prayer, in Scripture, in daily life. Jesus prayed for us to "know" Him and the Father (John 17:3). The disciples *prayed* many times and saw God guide them in their days (Acts 1:14, 24).

This **50-Day** *Prayer Adventure* is designed to give a specific focus **each day** grouped around one of Seven Faith Focus Points—Each day *see* what God says in Scripture and *Pray*! Here are the Seven Points, each focusing on seeing what matters to God ...

- **1. See God**—God is Great and Good. He works to fulfill His purposes whether in nations, states, cities, neighborhoods, jobs, schools, churches, families, or *your* personal life.
- 2. See Me—Each person matters to God. It is crucial to see "me" 20/20 as God sees. He knows every heart, every hurt, motive, and need.
- 3. See Others—God shows no partiality to anyone. Helping and caring for others is part of God's plan for each person, being your "brother's keeper."
- **4. See Scripture** The Word of God is pure and can be trusted. Scripture reveals God and His amazing wisdom, mercy, holiness, and love.
- 5. See Opposition and Opportunity—We face many needs, challenges, perplexities, and questions. It is always right to pray, not wait until others weigh in with their suggestions, opinions, or 'answers.' All kinds of opposition arise in daily life, as do various opportunities. We need to see clearly to pray and to respond rightly to any opposition or opportunity.
- **6. See Time and Timing**—God's desires and delights are ultimately completed in doing His **will** in His **Time** and with **His Timing**. God uses **Time** and **Timing** in the lives of people individually as well as in families, churches, communities, and nations.
- **7. See Eternity**—Beyond time and beyond full comprehension, God calls us to live in light of eternity, investing in relationships. Relationships and Eternity matter.

HERE'S HOW DAILY... Use the Scriptures for each day as your morning Quiet Time reading (or other times during the day). The point is regular intake of God's Word and praying God's will God's way. Read each Scripture. Meditate and Think it over. Pray that Scripture back to the Lord for yourself or for someone else. Ask God for wisdom, insight, and clear application to your life. Jot down your thoughts or a prayer request based on that Scripture. Focus First on the Lord and your relationship with Him. God works for His Name's sake. Pray for those God brings to mind—they need to know God cares and answers prayer.

For example, the Prayer Scripture for every Monday focuses on *See Me*. For Monday, Day 9 the title phrase is "New Appetite" and the <u>Scripture reading</u> is from 1 Peter 2. When a person comes to faith in Christ, God gives that person a new nature with a new appetite. Just like a newborn baby needs the super nourishment of milk, so God's children need the super nourishment of the Word of God—God changes us from the inside out and part of that change is through the supernatural work of His Word. Pray, asking the Lord to work in your life through His Word. Ask Him to work in your family, in many families, with church leaders and in the larger *family of God*, as well as in our communities/nation. Ask the Lord for insight and application and pray for *those* He brings to mind. *See 20/20...* AND PRAY!

Ways to Pray...

There are several ways to *Participate* in "Seeing 20/20"—50 Days of Praying. These include Personal Prayer, Family Prayer, Prayer Partner Prayer, Small Group Prayer, Church-wide Prayer, even Community-wide, Region-wide, or Nation-wide prayer.

The <u>Prayer Partner</u> Option—You may *also* want to pray together with a Prayer Partner—in the family, at work or school or church. **Set a time** each day to pray—this includes **Cell phone simplicity, Online,** with any **set time** to pray. The point is *praying together*, seeing what *God* could do.

The <u>Day of Prayer and Fasting</u> Option—Some will want to spend a day or several days in Prayer with Fasting during these 50 Days. This could include a **Personal Day of Prayer**. Pick one or several of the 50 days or part of day when you can be focused and undistracted.

The <u>Weekly Small Group</u> Option for Prayer—In addition to your Daily Time, you may want to gather with others Weekly for prayer. The need certainly cries out loudly for us to call on the Lord personally and *together* with other believers. This could be with folks in your Sunday School Class/ Connection Group/ Life Group or Small Group, with two or three work associates, with fellow students at school or on the college campus, on the Internet or Phone, any arrangement, anywhere believers can talk and pray.

An <u>Extended Time of Prayer</u>—Take a Day or Part of a Day and Pray with several in your Bible Study Group or other Small Group or even as a Couple or a Family.

<u>PrayerEveryWhere</u>—Consider prayer walking the streets, homes, schools, businesses, and recreation areas around **your church**—or around **your** neighborhood or community. Draw a circle around where you live and begin prayer walking that area during these 50 days.

Think of What Could *Become* Because of Our *Praying*!
Think of What Has *Come* Because of What *Christ* Has *Done*!
Think of What Is *Coming* Because of What *Christ* Has *Promised*!

Pray for Spiritual Awakening!

Know Jesus for Sure!—Psalm 145:18-19 promises, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them." God responds to the honest, humble heart-cry—"Lord Jesus, I believe You died on the Cross for my sin and arose from the dead. I admit my sinfulness, turn from my sins, and ask You to forgive my sins. Please cleanse me, change me, come into my life as Lord and Savior, and make me Your child forever. I want to follow You the rest of my life. Thank You for saving me and giving me the gift of eternal life. Daily fill me with Your Spirit, giving me Your love and power. Amen."—**He saves the one who calls on Him!** (see Luke 18:13-14; John 1:12; 3:16-17; 20:30-31; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23-26; 5:1-2, 6-10; 6:23; 10:9-13; Galatians 3:8-14; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18; 1 John 1:5-9) [Scriptures are quoted from the NASB].