

MERCER CREEK
CHURCH

21 Days of Prayer

Day 1

In Acts 1:14 we read that **“They all joined together constantly in prayer...”** Life and ministry as they knew it had changed, the followers of Jesus were trying to figure out, “what do we do now,” in the uncharted land that they had found themselves. What do they do in the uncertainty of their moment? **“They all joined together constantly in prayer...”**

Today and in the days ahead will you join us on this journey of seeking God? Moments of the unknown, moments of transition and moments of uncertainty can become holy moments when they drive us to deeper desperation and dependance on God. Would you join us in praying that God would use this time of prayer and the PEAK assessment to draw us closer to Him, to align our church more with His mission, and to see more of His heart for our church?

Day 2

“Search me, oh God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23

Let’s make this our prayer both personally and for Mercer Creek. God, would you use the PEAK assessment to search the heart of our church? Have we drifted from Your heart? Where might we have pride or sin that you want us to deal with? For me personally, God, what do you want to show me in this journey? God, we surrender this whole journey to you.

Day 3

"Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

Habakkuk 3:2

In preparation for the PEAK assessment, some long-time Mercer Creekers shared about all the ways that they had seen God work through Mercer in past years. Today, make Habakkuk's prayer your prayer. We are so grateful for God's faithfulness through our 83 years of history, but today pray that God would do even greater works in the season ahead.

Day 4

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

This month, so many of our ministries and small groups are kicking off. Many of our ministries are going through significant transitions, and some are still looking for more leaders. Pray for our ministries and ministry leaders today. Pray that each area would faithfully plant and water seeds for the Kingdom, and pray that God would work in mighty ways through the faithfulness of these teams.

Day 5

Jesus said in Mark 12:31 **"...love your neighbor as yourself."**

Pray today that our burden for our neighbors, our community, and even the lost would grow. Pray that God would give us wisdom on how best to love our community. And pray that we would each live as faithful witnesses to His love and truth where He has planted us.

Day 6

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

Ephesians 6:18

Today, take some time to pray for our church body. God is the one who brought us together. He knows we need each other. Pray for the needs of those you know who are struggling and ask God how you can be a blessing in your *service* to others.

Day 7

In John 17 Jesus prays that his church would be united. Verse 21 says **“that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you sent me.”** Pray that as our church goes through this PEAK assessment process, that God would use this as a tool to unite us toward His vision and direction. Pray that we will be more united than ever when this journey is complete.

Day 8

“Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord...”

2 Chronicles 20:3

When things seem the most confusing or uncertain, turning to God in prayer is always the best choice. Pray today for our Mercer Creek community and this unique place that we find ourselves in. Pray for God’s guidance and leadership for the season ahead. Pray for our pastors and board, pray for the PEAK assessment team, pray for clarity about God’s heart for our future.

Day 9

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Acts 4:31

Today, pray for our evangelistic impact on our community. Pray that as we draw closer to God, that we would be filled and empowered to share God's love and truth with our community. Pray that God would do a great work in our county.

Day 10

Please take time today to pray specifically for our Upper County church. This congregation has been going for a little over two years. Planting during Covid has been interesting, but God has still been doing a great work in this part of our county. Pray for the families and volunteers that make this church so special. Pray that God would continue to draw new families to make Mercer Creek Upper County their home church.

Day 11

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6

Spend some time today praying for yourself and for Mercer Creek about pride. Ask God to reveal areas of pride to you. Take time in confession and repentance. Pray that we as a church would walk in humility.

Day 12

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Acts 13:2

In this season of relaunching, we are praying that God would raise up volunteers and leaders to do ministry in our church and in our community. Would you pray for God to make it clear to all who should be serving in ministry this year. Pray that God would supply all of the workers for his work at Mercer Creek.

Day 13

Jesus says in John 15:5, **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."** Pray that we as a church would remain deeply connected to God, abiding in His presence, so that we can have effective and fruitful ministry. Pray that we would bear much fruit.

Day 14

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

Spend some time today in confession and repentance with God. Where do you need His forgiveness today? Where do you need healing today? Where do we need forgiveness as a church? Where have we drifted from his will? In repentance today, pray that we as a congregation and church would have clean hands and a pure heart.

Day 15

Jesus says in Acts 1:8 **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”** Pray today that we would be a church filled with the Holy Spirit and that God would empower us to have a mighty evangelistic impact in this county and to the ends of the earth.

Day 16

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

Today pray that God would be glorified through Mercer Creek Church. Pray that He would “do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” in the season ahead and pray that we would see His power poured out in mighty ways demonstrating His greatness.

Day 17

Jesus says in John 10:27 **“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.”** Would you pray that as our PEAK assessment team gathers and processes all of our congregational feedback, that they would clearly, and in a united way, hear the voice of God. Pray that God would use this process to move us forward towards greater obedience to Him.

Day 18

In the letters to the churches in Revelation, we see Jesus rebuke the church in Ephesus. After encouraging them he says in chapter 2 verse 4 **“Yet I hold this against you; You have forsaken your first love.”** These sobering words should cause us to lean in and ask, “God, are you still our church’s first love?” Would you take some time today to ask God to search your heart in this matter, and pray that God would always be our church’s first love?

Day 19

"My heart is not proud, O Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore."

Psalm 131

Pray that as we continue through our PEAK assessment journey that we would find our peace in God. Pray that we would be free from any anxiety about unknowns and next steps, but that we would put our full trust in God's leading.

Day 20

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the Lord, 'and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,' declares the Lord, 'and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.'"

Jeremiah 29:12-14

Pray today, that as we seek God that we would walk in greater intimacy with Him and that He would restore our brokenness and make us the church that He desires.

Day 21

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19

As we come to the end of this prayer journey and the PEAK assessment closes, the work is far from over. In the days ahead our teams will be processing and discerning what God is about to do in the season ahead. Pray for our team and our church as we eagerly anticipate God to do his "new" and next thing in and through our church.

Day 22

(Bonus Day)

We may have finished our 21 day journey of praying for Mercer and our PEAK assessment journey, but today and the days ahead, consider praying for the other churches in our community. Maybe today you pray for all of them, maybe in the days ahead you pray for one a day until you've prayed for them all. As much as we want God to pour out His Spirit at Mercer and do a mighty work in and through us, we want to see all of the body of Christ and all of the Kingdom thriving in our corner of the world. Keep praying!