

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 <i>See God</i>	Monday <i>See Me</i>	Tuesday <i>See Others</i>	Wednesday <i>See Scripture</i>	Thursday <i>See Opposition and Opportunity</i>	Friday <i>See Time and Timing</i>	Saturday <i>See Eternity</i>
Day 1 September 13 God Places Us. 1 Peter 1:1-2. Wherever God’s children reside, each is placed as God’s chosen child to walk with Him and experience His forgiveness, grace, and peace. How is your walk and obedience today?	Day 2 Secure 14 1 Peter 1:3-5 God does this for ME or YOU... making us secure like the Best Father, the Strongest Elder Brother, the Richest Friend. No change or decay in any of our inheritance from Him. What a Savior!	Day 3 Trials & Trust 15 1 Peter 1:6-9. Help others face tests and trials in their faith walk. Here and Now is not all there is. There and Then are coming. Help others trust the Lord with the “here & now” looking to the “there & then.”	Day 4 What Next? 16 1 Peter 1:10-11. <i>Prophets</i> of old marveled at what the Spirit of God began revealing.... the sufferings of Christ and the many glories to come—what could that mean? More to come!	Day 5 Even Angels 17 1 Peter 1:12. Even the Angels wonder about all that Jesus faced, all He did and said, all He is doing now, and all that is coming. More opposition and more opportunity! He has more planned!	Day 6 Today and Then 18 1 Peter 1:13-16. Jesus will fulfill every plan, every promise. He is holy and honest, never lying. Trust Him, His promises, grace for today and forever. Never live in the past... Trust His timing for today and the future.	Day 7 Value Living 19 1 Peter 1:17-21. How valuable are you? Not your portfolio, but your heart -folio, what Jesus has done for you, in you, to you, with you. Live according to the value HE places on you. Live for what lasts!
Day 8 Believe Forever 20 1 Peter 1:22-25. See and believe God today. Remember all He has said and done, all the changes He has made. New heart, new love, new life, and new forever!	Day 9 New Appetite 21 1 Peter 2:1-3. I’m born anew like a new baby. New appetite for the better food God has. Grow in knowing the taste of the Lord’s kindness. Unselfishly give others a taste too.	Day 10 Cornerstone 22 1 Peter 2:4-8. Help others trust Jesus, the Chosen Cornerstone. Never crooked. Never unlevel or misleading. Ever trustworthy. Be an example for others. They can trust Him, too!	Day 11 Mercy & Light 23 Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10. God called. He spoke. He chose us to walk with Him, to show how excellent He is and how merciful He can be to anyone willing to trust Him, follow, and obey.	Day 12 Victors 24 1 Peter 2:11-12. War all around, and a lot within. Tough days but surrender to Jesus to win the inner battles. Look for opportunities to help others surrender to Jesus—to win their wars.	Day 13 My Times 25 1 Peter 2:13-17. God knows your times, your days, where you are, and who you deal with daily—including government. Trust His timing, trust Him to work in you and through you.	Day 14 For Now 26 1 Peter 2:18-20. Live now, trusting Jesus to give you power, wisdom, and patience with people. He understands life on earth and wants us to trust Him. More grace is on the way.
Day 15 Look at Him 27 1 Peter 2:21-23. While living a day-to-day life, focus on Christ. Never be deceitful. Recall what Christ said ... and did not say... Keep looking to Him “ <i>who judges righteously.</i> ”	Day 16 The One 28 1 Peter 2:24-25. The Lord is the ultimate “ <i>Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.</i> ” At times, a shepherd looks after the one —even you as that “one”—guarding and guiding you. Trust Him.	Day 17 Influence 29 1 Peter 3:1-4. Live thinking of others. Be the influence someone else needs, in character and conduct, in trusting and obeying the Lord and His Word from the inside out... Everyday!	Day 18 So Many 30 1 Peter 3:5-6. Scripture records the lives, words, and deeds of so many. Be like one who trusted God, not fearing, but obeying His Word, and waiting for His promises for His better plans.	Day 19 October 1 Could Be! 1 Peter 3:7. Look for opportunities to honor other believers like family or forever friends. Each is a “ <i>fellow heir of the grace of life,</i> ” a recipient of God’s eternal life.	Day 20 Good Timing 2 1 Peter 3:8. Today is a good time to live in harmony with others. Time for kindness? Your attitudes and actions could be just in time for someone else—God’s timing to bless.	Day 21 What Matters 3 1 Peter 3:9. Think of what matters forever. Don’t trade evil for evil or insult for insult. Like Christ, give what lasts, a blessing, even praying for blessings for another—friend or foe (Luke 6:28).
Day 22 God Sees 4 1 Peter 3:10. What we say and don’t say matters. God sees and hears. When we “ <i>refrain</i> ” from speaking evil or insult, we open the door for speaking good, a blessing, what benefits.	Day 23 Daily Hope 5 1 Peter 3:11. It is good to “ <i>turn away from evil and do good.</i> ” Seek peace “ <i>so far as it depends on you</i> ” (Romans 12:17-18). This makes for right living, right now.	Day 24 It Matters 6 1 Peter 3:12. God is watching and listening to what we do and say and pray. It matters and answered prayer matters forever for yourself and for others . Pay attention to God, to self, to others.	Day 25 He Knows Good 7 1 Peter 3:13. God is good and knows good—He shows us in His Word what is good. Become “zealous for what is good,” what He says is good—in words and deeds.	Day 26 Real Hope 8 1 Peter 3:14-15. Even when you do what is right and someone resists or opposes, trust Christ. Tell of your hope and of His Lordship and salvation. Give others reason for hope.	Day 27 Keep On 9 1 Peter 3:16-17. Keep on doing what is right. Be clear with God and others day by day. Others may deride you or your good behavior but keep on. God will work in you and through you.	Day 28 The Exchange 10 1 Peter 3:18. Jesus Christ died “ <i>once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous</i> ”—the Great Exchange. Because of what He did, He can “ <i>bring us to God</i> ” forever!

<p>Day 29 Patient 11 1 Peter 3:19-20. God is longsuffering, that is, patient with people, as in the days of Noah. His patience has an end, seen in those who refused to obey His call. Trust Him to save you.</p>	<p>Day 30 Outward Sign 12 1 Peter 3:21. Outwardly, baptism pictures the inner cleansing, the forgiveness of sins and a “<i>good conscience</i>.” Come to Jesus through the “<i>appeal</i>” of faith in His death and resurrection.</p>	<p>Day31 All ShouldBow13 1 Peter 3:22. All should bow as “<i>angels and authorities and powers</i>” should bow. He is the Risen Lord enthroned. Help others see, call on, and know Jesus as Lord and Savior.</p>	<p>Day 32 God’s Will 14 1 Peter 4:1-2. In His Word, God made clear that self-will means death, but His will means life. Christ suffered death in the flesh to open the way for each to live God’s will, not self-will.</p>	<p>Day 33 Time Now 15 1 Peter 4:3. Now we have opportunity to live out the will of God, experiencing His kind of life, having used enough time in what opposes His will and brings only decay and death.</p>	<p>Day 34 Limited Time 16 1 Peter 4:4-6. Many malign the saved but will give an account to Jesus the Judge. The gospel assures all, even believers already dead, that God will make them forever spiritually alive.</p>	<p>Day35 Eternity isNear 17 1 Peter 4:7. Since the End is very near, nearer than we think, “<i>be serious</i>” in prayer about what matters forever—God and His Word, people, faith in Jesus, and people’s eternal destiny.</p>
<p>Day 36 Love Like God 18 1 Peter 4:8-9. God loves and forgives. We should fervently love others by His power, ready in love to “<i>cover</i>” others’ sins. This includes opening one’s heart and home without complaining.</p>	<p>Day 37 “Special Gift” 19 1 Peter 4:10. Each of us has been gifted by God with “<i>a special gift</i>” to serve others. Serve responsibly daily, revealing the multi-colored grace of God through word and deed.</p>	<p>Day 38 For Others 20 1 Peter 4:11. God knows what others need to hear and what service each needs. Whether gifted to speak or serve in some way, look to God for His guiding and enabling. Jesus will be praised.</p>	<p>Day 39 God Knows 21 1 Peter 4:12-13. Jesus faced all kinds of adversity. Trust what God has spoken in Scripture about how to handle adversity, enemy attacks and ways. Trust what He has said.</p>	<p>Day 40 Opposition 22 1 Peter 4:14. Many have opposed Christ and many more will oppose those who follow Him and His Word. As He was blessed and received glory from His Father, so His followers will be blessed.</p>	<p>Day 41 SufferingTime23 1 Peter 4:15-19. Suffering is linked to our sin or others’ sin. Do nothing that brings suffering to oneself or another. Endure the time suffering from evil, trusting God as “<i>faithful Creator</i>.”</p>	<p>Day42 Glory to Come 24 1 Peter 5:1. Peter wrote about “<i>the glory that is to be revealed</i>.” What we face today is not all there is; when Christ returns, He will come in His glory. Live today preparing for that day.</p>
<p>Day43Looking at Him 25 1 Peter 5:2-4. Shepherd the people of God, caring for them as tender sheep. Eagerly look to Him, following His will. Expect rewards, even an “<i>unfading crown of glory</i>” from Him!</p>	<p>Day 44 “Clothed...” 26 1 Peter 5:5-6. Like servants to one another, “<i>clothe yourselves with humility toward one another</i>.” God sets up in battle against pride, but gladly blesses humility with His “<i>mighty hand</i>.”</p>	<p>Day 45 He Cares 27 1 Peter 5:7. God keeps on caring. Help others know His care, so no one worries. By His Mighty Hand, God is able to take care of any need. What God has done for one He can do for others.</p>	<p>Day 46 Battle Ages 28 1 Peter 5:8-9. Through the Ages, Scripture records many spiritual battles and how the Lord gave victory after victory. Keep looking at Scripture and the Lord for His love, power, and victories.</p>	<p>Day47 God at Work 29 1 Peter 5:10. We face suffering momentarily; the pain will cease. God Himself, “<i>the God of all grace</i>” not only calls us to Himself and “<i>to His eternal glory in Christ</i>” but will “<i>perfect</i>” each.</p>	<p>Day 48 All Time 30 1 Peter 5:11. Jesus is always Lord, for time and eternity. Every day He is ruling, caring, loving, and working all to His eternal glory. Contested, never conquered, His “<i>dominion</i>” is “<i>forever</i>.”</p>	<p>Day49 Forever Grace 31 1 Peter 5:12. Peter wrote of “<i>the true grace of God</i>” clearly seen and known in Jesus Christ. God enables each believer to “<i>stand firm</i>” in His grace for time and eternity.</p>
<p>Day 50 November 1 Family Forever. 1 Peter 5:13-14. Believers in “<i>Babylon</i>” or Rome or wherever can experience grace, love, and peace “<i>in Christ</i>.” Keep on looking to Jesus Christ, the source and security for each child of God. Consider setting aside a Special Time for Prayer Today, Day 50!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” John 17:3 [NASB]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“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]</p> <p>Seeing and Knowing is at the <i>heart</i> 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 “<i>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</i>.” 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!</p> <p>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.</p>					
<p style="text-align: center;">Remember: God <i>always sees</i> clearly! That means sometimes He acts “two minutes till too late,” but He is never late... or early... Always on time!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See <i>Now</i> as the Time to Pray...</p>						
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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. **Dot 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 Scripture reading 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 Prayer Partner 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 Day of Prayer and Fasting 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 Weekly Small Group 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 Extended Time of Prayer—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**.

PrayerEveryWhere—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].