



Kingdom Countdown: 21 Days of Prayer for VBS

This week's focus: Spiritual readiness, peace, alignment with God's will.

Week 1

Day	Scripture	Prayer
1	"Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (<i>John 8:12 ESV</i>).	Thank You, Jesus, for who You are. Thank You that I no longer have to walk in darkness, but with You, I walk with the light of life. I ask that you shine brightly through this year's VBS—in our church and our local community. Help me prepare my heart for what You want to do this year through VBS.
2	"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (<i>Psalms 119:105 ESV</i>).	Thank you, God, for the Bible—Your Word. I pray that it will be a guiding light for every decision and moment throughout this year's VBS. I pray like Samuel did, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
3	"Do not be anxious 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" (<i>Philippians 4:6-7 ESV</i>).	God, I thank You that Your word instructs me not to be anxious about anything. In the lead up to VBS, I lay down any anxiety or fear at Your feet, and I give thanks instead for the wonderful work You're going to do in my church and community. I ask for your supernatural peace over all the details and tasks coming up. Especially in stressful areas like budgeting or scheduling volunteers. You are my provider. I trust You.
4	"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you" (<i>Isaiah 26:3 ESV</i>).	Today, Lord, I pray for myself and the entire VBS team of leaders and volunteers. I pray that we would learn from the story of Peter walking on the water, to keep our eyes fixed on You, Jesus. I pray that each of us would walk in Your perfect peace as we seek to wrap up final details and prepare to receive Your amazing kids.

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5	"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" (<i>James 1:5 ESV</i>).	I thank You, Lord, that You said that if anyone lacks wisdom, all we have to do is ask for it. Today, I ask You for Your wisdom in every detail from check-in to check out. I pray that I would operate not out of a place of stressful decision-making, but that I would have the mind of Christ. Open my eyes and ears to see and hear what You are doing in this year's VBS.
6	"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (<i>Matthew 11:28-30 ESV</i>).	Jesus, thank You for making things easy when I choose to partner with You! I surrender to You any burdens or expectations I've been carrying on my own, and I rest in the fact that You've got this. I ask that VBS will be filled with Your presence! Help me walk with You in every moment.
7	"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (<i>Ephesians 6:10-11 ESV</i>).	Thank You, Lord, that in my weakness, You are strong! I pray for spiritual strength and protection in the mission ahead. I put on the full armor of God—the Shield of Faith. God, I trust You for every need and desire! Jesus, I wear the Breastplate of Righteousness because I am made righteous because of the sacrifice you made! Thank You! The Sword of the Spirit. I pray You would speak through Your word. Holy Spirit, help me pray bold prayers and speak life into everything and everyone around me. I wear the Belt of Truth—teach me Your way, Lord! I want to operate in truth! The Helmet of Salvation—I declare that I have a sound mind! Finally, the shoes of readiness to share the gospel—Lord, I pray the good news is shared effectively this VBS!

This week's focus: Evangelism, community impact, invitations, and open hearts.

Week 2

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8	<p>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (<i>Matthew 5:14-16 ESV</i>).</p>	<p>Thank You, Lord that You have set us up as Your church to be a light on a hill. I pray that light would not be hidden but that people in our community would see our good works and give you all the glory. I pray that this year's VBS would not be hidden, but that it would be visible and welcoming to families who are already a part of our church family and those yet to connect.</p>
9	<p>"But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God'" (<i>Luke 18:16 ESV</i>).</p>	<p>Jesus, I thank You that You know every child attending our VBS by name, even if they have yet to be registered. I ask for wisdom as we use different marketing tools to get the word out about VBS, but I also ask that your Spirit would draw in the children and the families of our community. I pray for divine appointments throughout the coming weeks with different people both in person and online.</p>
10	<p>"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (<i>Acts 1:8 ESV</i>).</p>	<p>Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, Lord. I pray that You would fill me and my team with boldness and creative ideas to invite our neighbors, classmates, community, and kids to be a part of what You are doing at VBS this year. I lay down any hesitation or fear, and I ask that you would bring us into perfect alignment with what You desire.</p>
11	<p>"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (<i>2 Peter 3:9 ESV</i>).</p>	<p>Lord, I pray today for any families and children in our city and community that have yet to know You because of a hard heart. I pray that through Your kindness, their hearts would be softened and receptive to the message of the Gospel that will be shared at VBS this year. I thank You that we will see salvation and spiritual growth this year!</p>

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12	"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison" (<i>Colossians 4:3 ESV</i>).	Lord, I ask today that You would open doors to local schools, community centers, and conversations in our community. I pray that the good news of Jesus would not live within the four walls of our church, but that it would go out! I ask that VBS wouldn't just be a summertime event, but that it would have a lasting impact throughout the year.
13	"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'" (<i>Matthew 9:37-38 ESV</i>).	Jesus, I thank you that You taught us to pray for the laborers to send out into the harvest. Today, I ask that more children than expected would come to our VBS, and that You would also send enough workers. I pray for Your very best in our volunteers and leaders so that our children can receive excellent care and ministry while at VBS.
14	"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" (<i>Ephesians 3:20 ESV</i>).	God, I thank You that You are not a father with a limited budget, but that You are the all-powerful God with unlimited resources. I ask God that You would do more than I could ever ask or imagine for this year's VBS—spiritually, physically, numerically, and financially. You are our Provider, and we trust You to provide.

Week 3

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15	"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10 ESV).	Lord, I thank You that you have given each one of us a gift and that is irrevocable! I pray that You would stir hearts amongst those in my church community to serve in the areas that we need most for this year's VBS. Give me wisdom and discernment to search out those who are not currently using their gifts and ask for their help.
16	"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness" (Romans 12:4-8 ESV).	What a beautiful thing You are doing in forming this church body, Lord! I thank You that I get to be a part of it. I thank You that I am only one part of it and you have not called me to carry VBS on my own. I pray that You would bring volunteers, and that one on the team would find their perfect fit and be willing and able to serve with joy!
17	"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV).	Thank You for Your grace, Jesus. I pray that You would cover myself and the team as we work to pull off an amazing VBS. I ask that You would provide all materials and resources—whether through the financial means to purchase, or creatively through donations and gifts. I pray that there would be no lack this year.

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18	"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" (<i>Philippians 1:27 ESV</i>).	Holy Spirit, I pray that You would bring myself and the team into perfect unity with You, so that we would be in unity with one another. I pray that Your love would cover all interactions and situations throughout VBS and that Your grace—the power to transform lives—would flow through everything we do.
19	"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (<i>Galatians 6:9 ESV</i>).	Jesus, I pray that VBS would be a time of JOY! Knowing the joy of the Lord is our strength, I pray that the entire team would be filled with a supernatural endurance to finish the race well. I pray against any burnout or exhaustion on our team, and ask that You protect our sleep and rest times so that we can be intentional while at VBS.
20	"Then he said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts'" (<i>Zechariah 4:6 ESV</i>).	God, I thank You that while we have done all that we can do to prepare for VBS, ultimately it is not by our might or power that it will succeed, it is by your spirit. VBS is and was never ours, Lord, it was always Yours. Come and have Your way in VBS!
21	"The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad" (<i>Psalms 126:3 ESV</i>).	God, I celebrate and thank You in advance for every child who will be reached, every soul that will be stirred, and every life that will be changed through VBS this year! You are a good God! You have done and will do great things!