

Hebron BP Church 31 Day Prayer. 1-31 March 2021.

Week 1 (To be placed on Website by 28 Feb)

1. Introduction to 31 Day Prayer

Why are we praying as a church for the month of March?

To reflect together on Christ's life, death and resurrection, so that together, we may be renewed in our relationship with God and Man.

How do we pray with purpose and passion over 31 days?

We will start every week with a short devotional on Monday, written by a pastor, that prompts us to consider Who Jesus is and worship Him. The prayer points that follow in the week will guide us in praying for the Church as well as others. You are encouraged to keep a prayer journal and write down thoughts, prayers or resolutions that come to your mind.

The 31 days will lead into the Holy Week Fast as well as Maundy Thursday Communion Service (more details will be given later).

2. Week One Devotional and Prayer Guide

Week 1 Day 1

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to **worship** him."

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and **worshiped** him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:1-2; 10-11.

Devotional:

What would make powerful, grown men travel many weeks and risk danger in order to worship a child? The wise men, possibly astrologers from Persia, saw

in a special star that the King of the Jews had been born, and resolved to take the perilous journey to worship him and present gifts not just fit for a king, but some say fit for God. Gold, frankincense and myrrh, contained in elaborate treasure boxes, were offered to Jesus as these men prostrated themselves in homage and worship. Church tradition saw in the gold a symbol of Jesus' royalty; in the frankincense His deity and priestly role; in the myrrh His death and burial.

Application:

Who is Jesus to you? Herod saw Jesus as a threat, these wise men saw Him as worthy of worship, and offering of precious gifts. This week our devotional will focus on Jesus as worthy of worship. In subsequent weeks, we will focus on Jesus as King; Priest and Saviour.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You are worthy of all worship and praise. You are worthy of every precious thing we give to You- our very lives. May we worship you with exceeding joy, like these wise men thousands of years ago. There is no greater joy, than to worship You. Amen.

Daily Journal:

Write down a thought, prayer or resolution that comes to your mind.

Week 1 Day 2

(Church Prayer Focus)

Pray for the worship ministry in Hebron BP Church. From the preachers to the worship leaders and everyone involved, may all take great delight in worshipping God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Daily Journal:

Write down a thought, prayer or resolution that comes to your mind.

Week 1 Day 3

(Praying for a Hebronite)

Ask God to bring to mind someone you know from Hebron Church who needs to once again worship God with exceeding joy. Pray for that person.

Daily Journal:

Write down a thought, prayer or resolution that comes to your mind.

Week 1 Day 4

(Church Prayer Focus)

Pray for the children's ministry in Hebron. May a new generation of Hebronites grow to love and worship Jesus. Pray for someone you know who is involved in this ministry.

Daily Journal:

Write down a thought, prayer or resolution that comes to your mind.

Week 1 Day 5

(Outreach Prayer)

Pray for someone you know who is not a Christian yet. Pray that one day, this person may have the joy of worshipping Jesus.

Daily Journal:

Write down a thought, prayer or resolution that comes to your mind.

Week 1 Day 6-7

These are days for catching up on what you have missed in the week.