

VISION 2023

GET IN THE
STORY
A

21 DAYS

of Prayer and Advocacy

Monday, September 7-Sunday, September 27

IMAGINE . . .

what God could do if we all said YES to living generously and praying, fighting, and advocating for the people who are most in need in our cities.





During the first week of our challenge, let's focus on being generous like Jesus and reflecting on how we can grow in whole-life generosity.

DAY 1

Generosity is an act of worship! Join us for morning prayer and worship on Facebook every day at 7am as we intentionally reflect on God's goodness with one another.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." —2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

DAY 2

Write down something you've learned from a generous person. How did they inspire you to be generous toward others?

"Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus." —2 Timothy 1:13 (NLT)

DAY 3

Write a list of a few ways you have seen the generosity of Jesus in your life. Think about what brings you the most joy.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" —Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

DAY 4

Spend time talking to God about how you spend your money and your time. Ask Him to help you grow as a steward in these areas.

"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)

DAY 5

Pray about an opportunity to meet a need for someone else this week, and then take a moment to thank and worship the Lord for what He has given you.

"Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."—Philippians 2:4 (HCSB)

DAY
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Be generous by sharing your story with someone in person or on social media.

“And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.”
—Hebrews 13:16 (NLT)

DAY
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How can you be generous with your time and be an active listener? Talk to someone who is different than you and ask them to tell you their story.

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”—James 1:19 (NLT)

DAY
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BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

We’re passionate about making an impact and being a light in our local business community. Go to **CalvaryFTL.org/ThisIsOurStory** to watch a video from the Global Faith & Work Initiative to learn how you can respond!

PRAYER

Father, today I lift up those in essential businesses, healthcare workers, law enforcement, first responders, city officials, food service and grocery store employees, and more. I pray this would be a time where they would encounter Your people and be drawn to the gospel of Your Son. I pray for the believers in these fields to be bold witnesses and faithful examples of Your love and grace. I pray there would be a revival amongst those in the business sector.

DID YOU KNOW?

Florida experienced a loss of 541,800 jobs (6.1%) since June 2019 with an unemployment rate of 10.4% in June 2020.

DAY
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CHURCH PLANTING

Many local church plants have lost their meeting spaces in this season. As a family or small group, reach out to a local church and find out how you can meet a simple need they have or pray with their team.



PRAYER

God, today I want to lift up those who are serving our community through local church plants. Please surround them with your grace and protection and use them to be a light to those who are disconnected. I pray for the pastors, leaders, and their families. I also pray they will have favor in their communities, that people would be open and receptive to the gospel message they bring.

DAY
10

EDUCATION

Make a huge difference in a student's heart! Tutor or mentor a student virtually! For more info, e-mail Vision2023@CalvaryFTL.org. You can also make a difference by calling a teacher or school administrator and asking them how you can pray for them.



DID YOU KNOW?

Because of COVID-19, the average student could fall seven months behind academically.

PRAYER

God, I pray for students who are at risk right now, that You would make a way for them where there is seemingly no way. I pray You would provide the means for them to study and grow. I pray for their teachers to have perseverance, for the right equipment, and for them to have a great support system. Provide for them, Father, comfort these kids and their families, and give them peace.

DAY
11

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Even in the midst of stress, we have an anchor in Jesus! Visit CalvaryFTL.org/ThisIsOurStory to watch a video on anxiety from Tony and Ali Davis to learn ways to cope with a crisis. You'll also find resources on other issues designed to encourage your family and marriage.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to a report in the *Wall Street Journal*, it's expected that new divorce filings will increase between 10 and 20% in the second half of 2020. In addition, NBC News polled 200 police stations in the southeast and found that domestic calls were up 20% on average in April 2020.

PRAYER

Father, I pray that You would strengthen the marriages in our community. Touch the hearts of husbands and wives to submit to one another in love, to serve one another, and to support one another. Bring peace and empathy, compassion and devotion. I pray that Your hand would be over homes and hearts right now.



DAY
12

ELDER CARE

Comfort someone who is lonely! Use social media, send cards to a nursing home, or organize a caravan of love with your small group for a nursing home.

DID YOU KNOW?

65% of residents in long-term care centers do not receive regular visits from family or friends. Now, due to COVID-19, they're unable to receive nearly any visits at all.

PRAYER

God, please comfort lonely seniors who aren't allowed to be visited by their families or who can't visit with their fellow residents. Please protect their health, provide for all of their needs, and cause a spiritual revival to awaken in their hearts so they can see them themselves as leaders to our next generation.

DAY
13

FOSTER CARE

Advocate for children in our cities. Visit **4KIDS.us** and learn how you can become an advocate for children in foster care. Sign up for a vision tour, volunteer opportunity, or donate to the cause today!

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day, 6–10 kids are being removed from their homes across our community.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for the mental, emotional, and spiritual preparedness of our foster families and the children they will foster. Please provide reassurance that they are in Your hands and will be equipped to handle anything that comes their way. I pray for any child entering into a foster home, that the foster family will rely on You for strength and courage to see them through any challenges that come their way and they would rightly represent You.

DAY
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NEXT GEN

Influence a young person who may be struggling today. Invite someone out for coffee or lunch, or meet on an online platform such as FaceTime, Zoom, or Google Hangouts. Offer to be available to listen and get to know them!

DID YOU KNOW?

According to recent studies, 20% of college students are more depressed, 11% are more anxious, 16% are lonelier, and 25% have contemplated suicide during the pandemic.

PRAYER

Father, I lift up to You the youth and young adults in our community. I pray You would reveal Yourself to them in a very real, profound, and personal way. I pray for the peace that transcends understanding to fall on them, for the hope of Christ to change them, and for them to find their identity and belonging in You. Cover them with Your protection, surround them with godly community and mentors, and draw them to Yourself.



DAY
15

RECOVERY

Encourage someone suffering with mental illness. Go to [CalvaryFTL.org/ThisIsOurStory](https://www.calvaryftl.org/thisisourstory) to read the article *Mental Health Care During Isolation* for ideas on how you can care for someone in need of help.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for those who are struggling with their mental health. Please give them strength, comfort, and hope during this time. Surround them with people who will speak words of life and truth over them and who will build them up and encourage them. I pray You give them the wisdom to discern their best next steps and the boldness to seek the help they need.

DID YOU KNOW?

A survey published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in June 2020 found three times as many U.S. adults reporting symptoms of serious psychological distress in April 2020 as they did two years earlier.

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EDUCATION

Write cards or letters of encouragement to administrators, teachers, and principals and drop them off at your child's school or a local school in your neighborhood.

PRAYER

Father, I lift up our schools, administrators, educators, parents, and students right now. Please keep them safe as this new school year begins. Give the teachers, parents, and students comfort and peace during this uncertain time. Provide wisdom to the decision makers as they seek to provide the best educational opportunities while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

DAY
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ELDER CARE

Exercise generosity towards an elderly neighbor! South Florida has one of the highest populations per capita of elderly people. Go to [Heart2HeartOutreach.org](https://www.heart2heartoutreach.org) and click on Heart2Heart to learn how you can be a comfort to this vulnerable community.

DID YOU KNOW?

The risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19 increases as you get older. In fact, 8 out of 10 COVID-19 related deaths reported in the United States have been among adults aged 65 years and older.

PRAYER

God, I pray for my elderly neighbors. I pray You would use me and others from my church and all the churches in our area to help meet any physical needs, like grocery shopping or picking up medicines, as well as spiritual needs for our aging population. I pray You would give them peace during this scary time. And I pray You would bring spiritual revival in our seniors to influence the younger generations.

DAY
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Show love to your spouse or encourage a couple you know! Pick up their favorite meal or treat and attach it to an encouraging note or verse.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly two-thirds of employed parents of minor children in Florida say that school closures and/or lack of childcare have either somewhat (41%) or greatly (23%) hurt their ability to fully perform their job responsibilities during the pandemic.

PRAYER

God, please be with families in our community during this time. Be with parents and kids as they navigate the new school year and balance work and home life. Work in the hearts and minds of parents as they seek to raise up their kids well and be disciple makers.

DAY
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FOSTER CARE

Stand in the gap of an at-risk child! You can be a huge support to a foster family by volunteering to bring them a meal! E-mail Vision2023@CalvaryFTL.org to sign up.

DID YOU KNOW?

Despite the common perception that the majority of children in foster care are very young, did you know that in reality the average age of kids entering foster care is actually 8 years old?

PRAYER

Lord, I pray for biological parents as they navigate their case plan to reunify with their children. Give them the strength and courage to continue the fight. I pray that as they seek to reunite with their children, that You would reveal Yourself to them and they would come to know You, Your love, and Your goodness as they understand what Jesus did in order for everyone to be united to You as Your dearly loved children!

DAY
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NEXT GEN

Impact the next generation! Go to CalvaryFTL.org/ThisIsOurStory to read *What Will It Take to Disciple the Next Generation?* to better understand their worldview and what you can do to help!

DID YOU KNOW?

78% of kids abandon their faith in middle and high school. It's estimated 35 million will abandon their faith by 2050.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for spiritual revival in the youth of this nation. I pray for Your truth and the hope of the gospel to saturate this generation. I pray for the youth and young adult ministers and leaders, that You would strengthen them and infuse them with creativity and wisdom to reach young people in new and innovative ways. Please be with these leaders and their families, keep them strong and faithful, give them a fire for the truth of the gospel, and empower them to boldly proclaim and share the truth without fear.

**DAY
21**

RECOVERY

Provide hope for those struggling with substance abuse and addiction! Go to CalvaryFTL.org/CelebrateRecovery to learn about how Celebrate Recovery is helping people find freedom from their hurts, habits, and hangups.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for those who are struggling with substance abuse, that this would be a season where chains are broken and healing takes place. I pray for the men and women who are incarcerated due to drug possession, that they would receive the help, support, and rehabilitation they need. I pray that we, Your people, would step up, stand in the gap for, and be a godly influence to those in our communities who are battling with substances. Use me, Lord, as You see fit to make a difference in this area.

DID YOU KNOW?

Florida is a hub for the addiction recovery community, specifically South Florida. Unfortunately, the number of Florida residents that struggle with substance abuse disorder is continuously on the rise.

“You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.”—Matthew 5:14

Save the date for these awesome opportunities to get in the story this fall and Christmas season!

The Gathering

Calvary Women Event | Friday, October 2

One Prayer Global

Wednesday, October 7

Love South Florida

Thanksgiving Collection: October–November

Outreach: Saturday, November 21

Operation Christmas Child

Drive & Collection: October 24–November 23

Church United Night of Celebration and Worship: Wednesday, December 2

Christmas Community Celebration

Details Coming Soon!

To find out more about what’s going on this season, visit *CalvaryFTL.org*.