

## 2024 Surrender & Dedication Fast

2024 PBC Corporate Fast: January 14, 2024, Noon – February 4, 2024, Noon

### Daily Devotionals

#### Day 1: Surrender and Dedication

- *Scripture (NIV):* Romans 12:1-2
  - "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
- *Devotion:* Reflect on the concept of surrendering personal desires and dedicating the upcoming year to God. Pray for a heart ready to offer oneself as a living sacrifice.

#### Day 2: Trusting God's Guidance

- *Scripture (NIV):* Proverbs 3:5-6
  - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- *Devotion:* Meditate on the importance of trusting in the Lord with all your heart and seeking His guidance in all areas of life. Pray for increased trust and reliance on God's wisdom.

#### Day 3: Seeking Wisdom through Prayer

- *Scripture (NIV):* James 1:5-6
  - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind."
- *Devotion:* Explore the idea of seeking God's wisdom through prayer. Dedicate time to pray for wisdom and discernment in decision-making.

#### Day 4: Renewal and Transformation

- *Scripture (NIV):* 2 Corinthians 5:17
  - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
- *Devotion:* Reflect on the promise of renewal and transformation in Christ. Pray for personal renewal in the new year.

#### Day 5: Cultivating a Grateful Heart

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- *Scripture (NIV):* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
  - "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- *Devotion:* Focus on cultivating gratitude in every circumstance. Express thanks to God for His blessings.

### Day 6: God's Unconditional Love

- *Scripture (NIV):* Romans 8:38-39
  - "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- *Devotion:* Contemplate the depth of God's love and how it empowers believers. Reflect on ways to share this love with others.

### Day 7: Strength in Times of Weakness

- *Scripture (NIV):* Isaiah 40:31
  - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
- *Devotion:* Seek strength from the Lord in times of weakness. Pray for endurance and renewed energy in the coming year.

### Day 8: Embracing Forgiveness

- *Scripture (NIV):* Colossians 3:13
  - "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
- *Devotion:* Reflect on the power of forgiveness and its role in personal and spiritual growth. Pray for a heart ready to forgive.

### Day 9: Living in God's Grace

- *Scripture (NIV):* Ephesians 2:8-9
  - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."
- *Devotion:* Meditate on the concept of God's grace as a gift. Reflect on ways to extend grace to others in the new year.

### Day 10: Finding Peace in God's Presence

- *Scripture (NIV):* Philippians 4:6-7

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- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- *Devotion:* Explore the peace that comes from entrusting worries to God. Pray for a peaceful spirit and a trustful heart.

### Day 11: Serving Others with Joy

- *Scripture (NIV):* Galatians 5:13
  - "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."
- *Devotion:* Reflect on the call to serve others with love and joy. Pray for opportunities to serve the community in meaningful ways.

### Day 12: God's Guidance in Decision-Making

- *Scripture (NIV):* Proverbs 16:9
  - "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."
- *Devotion:* Seek God's guidance in decision-making. Pray for wisdom and discernment in aligning with God's plans.

### Day 13: Patience in Waiting on the Lord

- *Scripture (NIV):* Psalm 27:14
  - "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."
- *Devotion:* Meditate on the virtue of patience in waiting on the Lord's timing. Pray for patience and trust during seasons of waiting.

### Day 14: Hope in Times of Adversity

- *Scripture (NIV):* Romans 15:13
  - "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- *Devotion:* Reflect on the hope that comes from faith in Christ. Pray for unwavering hope, especially in challenging times.

### Day 15: Joy in God's Presence

- *Scripture (NIV):* Psalm 16:11
  - "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."
- *Devotion:* Contemplate the joy found in God's presence. Pray for a deeper connection and joy in daily communion with God.

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### Day 16: Cultivating a Heart of Humility

- *Scripture (NIV):* Philippians 2:3-4
  - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
- *Devotion:* Reflect on the importance of humility in relationships. Pray for a humble heart that seeks to serve others.

### Day 17: Gratitude for God's Faithfulness

- *Scripture (NIV):* Lamentations 3:22-23
  - "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
- *Devotion:* Express gratitude for God's faithfulness and steadfast love. Reflect on moments of God's faithfulness in your life.

### Day 18: Overcoming Fear with Faith

- *Scripture (NIV):* 2 Timothy 1:7
  - "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
- *Devotion:* Meditate on the power of faith over fear. Pray for a spirit of courage and trust in God's sovereignty.

### Day 19: Reflecting God's Light

- *Scripture (NIV):* Matthew 5:14-16
  - "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
- *Devotion:* Consider the call to be a light in the world. Pray for opportunities to reflect God's love and light to those around you.

### Day 20: Abiding in God's Word

- *Scripture (NIV):* Psalm 119:105
  - "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
- *Devotion:* Emphasize the importance of God's Word as a guide. Pray for a consistent and transformative engagement with Scripture.

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### Day 21: Commissioning for the New Year

- *Scripture (NIV):* Jeremiah 29:11
  - "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- *Devotion:* Reflect on God's plans for the future. Pray for a sense of purpose and direction in the new year, committing it to God's hands.