### 21 Days of Renewal

CITY CHURCH



\*PRAYER

\*WORSHIP

\*FASTING

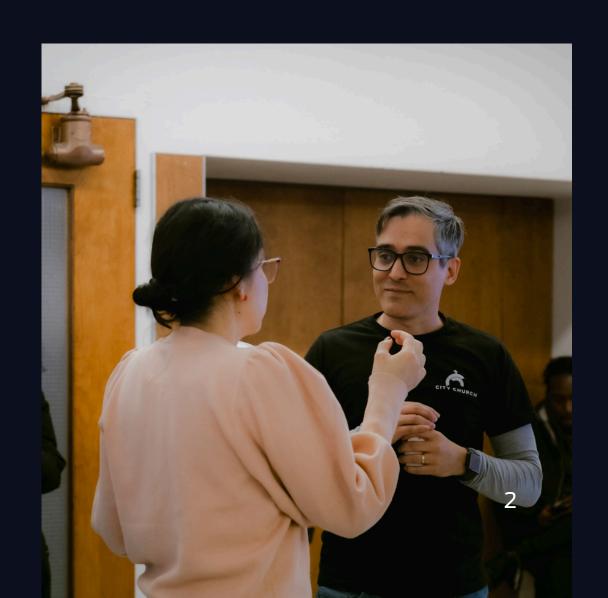
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### Welcome

January is a great opportunity for change.

Instead of going down the same road, what if we invested the first few weeks to get to know God better, reassess our lives, and contend for the good of our city?

This guide will help unite the citYzens of City Church together to seek true transformation.



### Our Plan

You will have Scriptures to read and meditate upon.

You will have an opportunity to fast each Wednesday.

Sundays will serve to bring us together and further inspire us to seek God.

You will be encouraged and challenged in your prayer life.



### **Key Dates**

Start Monday, January 20

Fasting Day One: Wednesday, January 22

Sunday Gathering Sunday, January 26

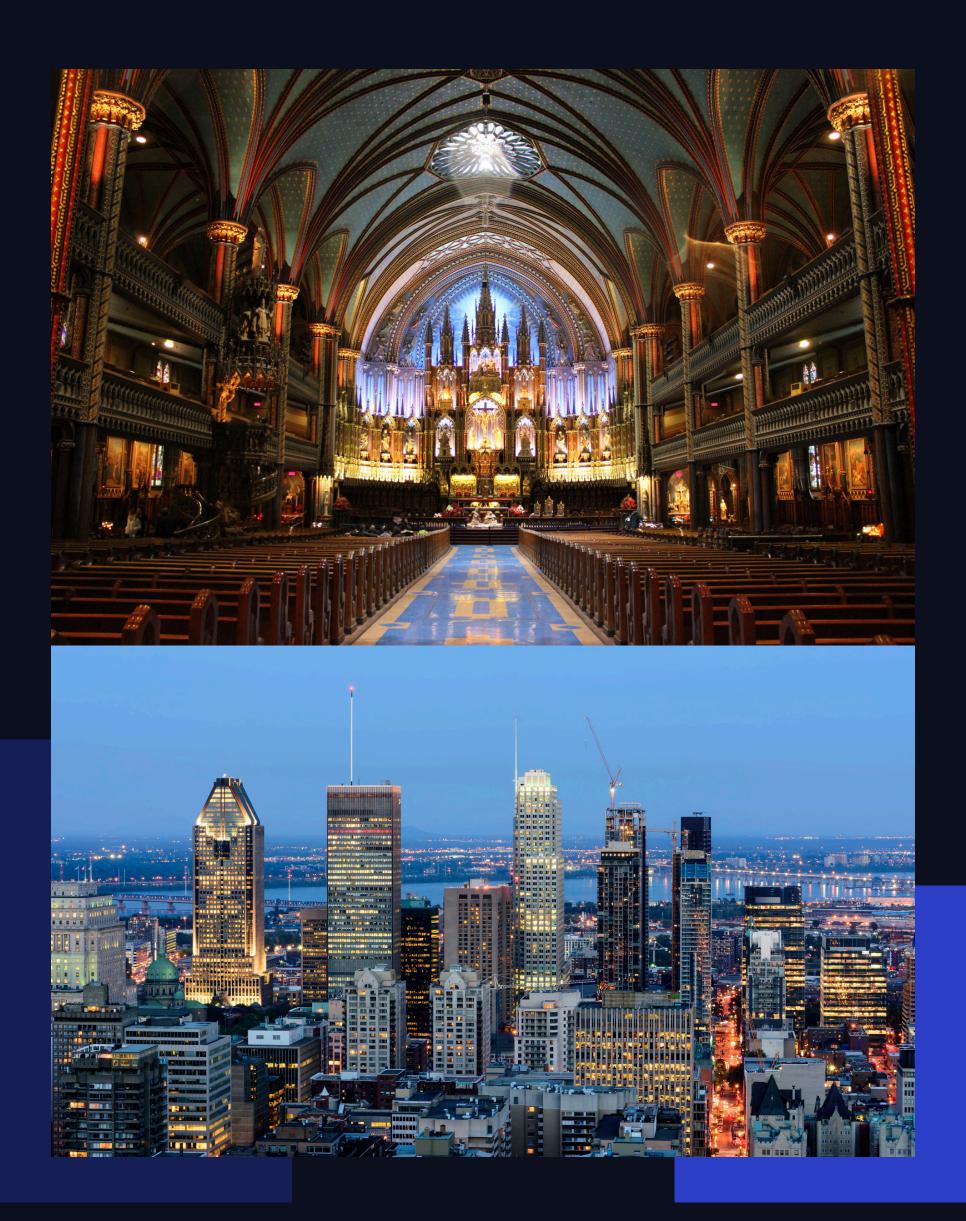
<u>Fasting Day Two</u>: Wednesday, January 29

Sunday, February 2

<u>Fasting Day Three</u>: Wednesday, February 5

End Sunday, February 9





Seeking a Move of God for the Glory of God and The Good of Our City

### PRAYING FOR MONTREAL

# GOD'S WORD SHAPE

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart

Hebrews 4:12.

"Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years."

CHARLES SPURGEON

### Twenty-One Days of Renewal

### Scripture Reading Plan

Mon Jan 20: Psalm 1, Jude 1 Tue Jan 21: Psalm 121, Col 1 Wed Jan 22: Psalm 103, Col 2 Thu Jan 23: Psalm 91, Col 3 Fri Jan 24: Psalm 46, Col 4

Mon Jan 27: Psalm 23, Eph. 1 Tue Jan 28: Psalm 90, Eph 2 Wed Jan 29: Psalm 143, Eph 3 Thu Jan 30: Psalm 139, Eph 4 Fri Jan 31: Psalm 37, Eph 5, 6

Mon Feb 3: Psalm 51, Galatians 1 Tue Feb 4: Psalm 62, Gal 2 Wed Feb 5: Psalm 89, Gal 3 Thu Feb 6: Psalm 100, Gal 4 Fri Feb 7: Psalm 40, Gal 5 & 6

\*Col=Colossians \*Eph = Ephesians

### Twenty-One Day Guide

# GOD OVER FOOD ESENCE FEASTING ON THE

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4.

### Fasting

Fasting is an important spiritual discipline practiced by Jesus, and expected by Jesus. (See Matthew 6:16-18)

Although there are other ways to fast, the most common way to fast is to go without food for a short period of time.

This is not a diet but an opportunity to recognize our utter dependence on God in all things. It is not about eliminating food, but feasting on the presence of God.

### Fasting

Please consult your doctor if you are unsure about your health situation.

We are inviting you to a 24hr fast from Tuesday dinner to Wednesday dinner...skipping breakfast and lunch on Wednesdays.

As you get tired or weak, use that as an opportunity to pray, read Scripture and serve others.



Fasting reduces the power of self so that the Holy Spirit can do a more intense work within us.

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### Twenty-One Day Guide

# OF GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE HEARING THE VOIC

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

"Quit playing, start praying. Quit feasting, start fasting. Talk less with men, talk more with God. Listen less to men, listen to the words of God. Skip travel, start travail."

# Prover Examples LEARNING NEW WAYS TO TALK WITH GOD

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Keep your Prayer Life Fresh with New Prayer Practices.

### Prayer Prompts

The Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13

The Examen
Asking God to reveal how He
was active in your day
through your relationships,
tasks and roles.

The Jesus Prayer

"Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."



Have you ever tried the S.O.A.P. method before?

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### S.O.A.P.

S = Scripture
O = Observation
A = Application
P = Prayer

Actively engaging with the Word of God by listening to The Holy Spirit and using skills to discern the voice of God for your day.



### S.O.A.P. Example

S = Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing."

O = God cares for all my needs. I am vulnerable but God sees my needs.

A = When I get anxious, I will pray instead. I will ask God to provide what I need.

P = Jesus, you are my good shepherd. I often worry so today, I ask that you help remind me that you see me and my needs. Instead of more stress, teach me to trust you. Amen.

# CHURCH WORSHIP WITH CIT

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near".

Hebrews 10:25. "Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man."

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### SUNDAY JANUARY 27

Week #3 of Re-New Series
Have you joined a serving team?

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

Week #4 of Re-New Series.
Check out our City Groups today.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

Week #5 of Re-New Series.
Who can I encourage today?



### Share Life. Shine Light.

Reading: Psalm 1, Jude 1

What is God saying to me from Psalm 1?
What does it mean to "contend" for the faith in Jude 1:3?
How can we withstand compromise around us?
(1:20-21)

Prayer for Revival
Heavenly Father, I stand
today to contend for you
amidst compromise and
evil. I ask for revival for the
city of Montréal. May your
kingdom come, may your
will be done, in Montréal as
it is in heaven. Unify City
Church for revival. Unify the
Christian churches in our
city for the purpose of
revival in 2025 in our city.
We want you here,
Holy Spirit.

### Reading: Psalm 121, Colossians 1

What did God show you today in Psalm 121?

What does Colossians 1:15-20 tell you about Jesus?

Prayer for My Church
Jesus, you alone are
worthy. You created all
things, and in you, all things
hold together. Thank you
for your amazing grace
and your unlimited love.

Thank you for reconciling us to God through your death and resurrection. Give greater grace and boldness to the people of City Church to make Jesus known in our city this year.

We pray for salvations and baptisms for those least likely around us.

We want to see dozens of young people be filled with passion for you this year.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Fasting Day
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the presence of God as you
abstain from eating
breakfast and lunch today.
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caffeine. Drink plenty of
water and clear liquids.

Reading: Psalm 103, Col 2

What did God reveal to you in Psalm 103?

What does Paul tell you about your identity in Colossians 2?

Prayer for My Family
Heavenly Father, we thank
you for the gift of family. I
honour those who loved
me and raised me up...

I pray for my siblings to experience more of your grace. Help me to forgive anyone where I am holding a grudge.

Give me vision, wisdom and endurance to love my family well.

Help me to be generous to those within City Church who have no family here.

I receive you love today so that I might reflect it back to my family with a phone call, note or act of service.

### TRY THE "EXAMEN" PRAYER TODAY

Where was God speaking to me today?

How was The Spirit inviting me to be more Christlike?

How was The Spirit inviting me to be present today?

Who did God place in my path today to serve?



Reading: Psalm 91, Col 3

How can you praise God from Psalm 91?

What does Paul say we need to let go of in Col 3?

Prayer for My Heart
My God, show me my heart
today.
How is it anxious?
How am I distracted?
Where I am
compromising?

Holy Spirit, I invite you to highlight any sin I may be unaware of.
I give you my whole life, Jesus.
Help me become more like you.
In Jesus name, amen.

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Reading: Psalm 46, Col 4

Is God being your refuge a comfort to you?

How can you devote yourself to prayer as Paul instructs?

Prayer for Next Generation
Father, thank you for our kids, high school students and young adults within our church and our city. We ask that you fill these kids with your Holy Spirit. May you strengthen their bodies, their minds, and bend their ears to your Voice. Raise up a generation of passionate students who will shape our city for the glory of God.

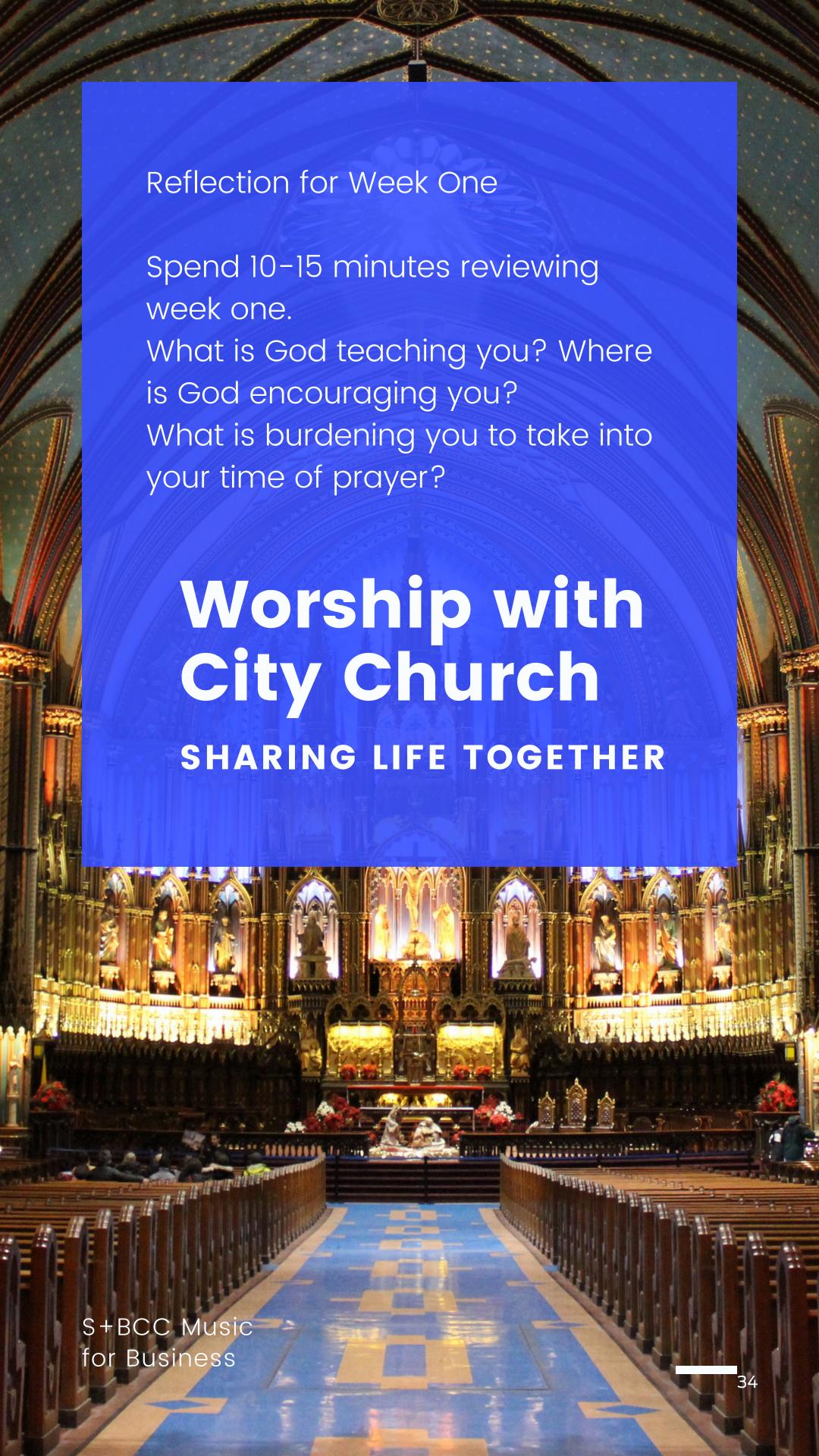
### TRY THE "JESUS PRAYER" TODAY

"Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Spend three to five minutes slowly repeating this prayer.

Emphasize different phrases as you start over.





Reading: Psalm 23, Eph. 1

Grab a pen and your journal and try S.O.A.P. for Psalm 23 or Ephesians 1.

Scripture. Choose on verse from your reading.

Observation. What does it say? What do I notice?

Application. What is God asking me to do as a result?

Prayer. Pray back to God what He showed you in your reading, and how He is asking you to live that out today.

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# Prayer for Revival in Montréal

O God, come with your power for my city.
I am here to contend for revival for Montréal.
Only you can turn the hearts of our city.
Only you can bring justice.
Only you can mend the brokenness.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Holy Spirit.
We need you here.

Reading: Psalm 90, Eph 2

Grab your pen and journal and S.O.A.P. a verse from your reading today.

Prayer for City Church Staff & Leaders

Jesus, thank you for the City Church staff and leaders.

We give honour to those who serve us for the fame of Jesus.

We ask that you would bless them with unity and wisdom to lead us forward.

Bless their families and their health. We pray that you would surround our leaders with more workers for the harvest to come. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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Fasting Day
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breakfast and lunch today.

Reduce or eliminate caffeine. Drink plenty of water and clear liquids.

> Reading Psalm 143, Eph 3

Grab your journal and S.O.A.P. a verse from your reading today.

# Prayer for Salvations for the Lost

Father, thank you for rescuing the world through your only Son, Jesus.

Today, I pray for the people around me that don't know you yet.

Reveal your love to them.
Use my life and my story to
plant seeds that you will
harvest for eternal life.

I pray in Jesus name, amen.



Reading: Psalm 139, Eph 4

Grab your journal and pen.
Choose I verse from today's reading and use the S.O.A.P. method to engage with The Holy Spirit.

Prayer for More Love
Jesus, your love is
unlimited. You ask us to not
just love those who love us,
but to love our enemies
too.

Jesus, flood my heart with your love today.

Help me love my neighbours, my coworkers and the lost with the love you give me. In your name, amen.

Reading: Psalm 37, Eph 5&6

S.O.A.P one verse from your reading today with your pen and journal.

Prayer for Leaders
Jesus, you tell us to pray for our leaders as a reminder that you place all authority in their positions to safeguard us.

Today, we pray for Mayor Plante, Premiere Legault and Prime Minister Trudeau.

Bless their families.

Give them wisdom to care for the vulnerable and help prosper our city, province and nation.

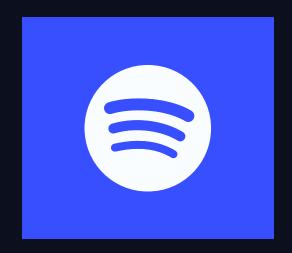




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#### Reading: Psalm 51, Galatians 1

Grab your pen and journal and S.O.A.P. a verse or phrase from today's reading.

Prayer for Revival
Father, my hunger is
growing to see revival in
my city.

Increase my faith to see a move of God this year. You tell us that all we need is a mustard seed of faith.

Father, we need your mercy. Come, Lord Jesus in your power. Come so that our city would never be the same.

In the name of Jesus we pray together, amen.

### Reading: Psalm 62, Gal 2

S.O.A.P. a verse from this reading today in order to hear the voice of God and to practice what He shows you.

Prayer for Healing
Jesus, you have all
authority on heaven and
earth.

Today, I intercede in prayer on behalf of those in City Church who are sick with cancer, broken limbs and other ailments.

Touch them with your healing power.

Draw near to them to encourage them.

Bless them in every way, Lord Jesus.

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breakfast and lunch today.
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caffeine. Drink plenty of
water and clear liquids.

Reading: Psalm 89, Gal 3

Grab your favourite pen and journal and S.O.A.P. a verse from today's reading.

What is God showing you today?

#### Prayer for Next Gen

Jesus, we see how you cared for children during your life and ministry.

You said your kingdom belongs to children.

Use my life and my influence to care for, and to pass on my faith to the kids and high school students in our church and city.

Protect them, and fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they would go further and faster than us.

In Jesus name, amen.

Reading: Psalm 100, Gal 4

Prayer for the Vulnerable
Father, your heart is drawn
to the hurting and the
vulnerable around us.

Comfort those who are alone. Protect those who are vulnerable.

Draw near to those who feel unseen and unloved.

Direct people, both believers and unbelievers, to provide care and compassion in your Name.

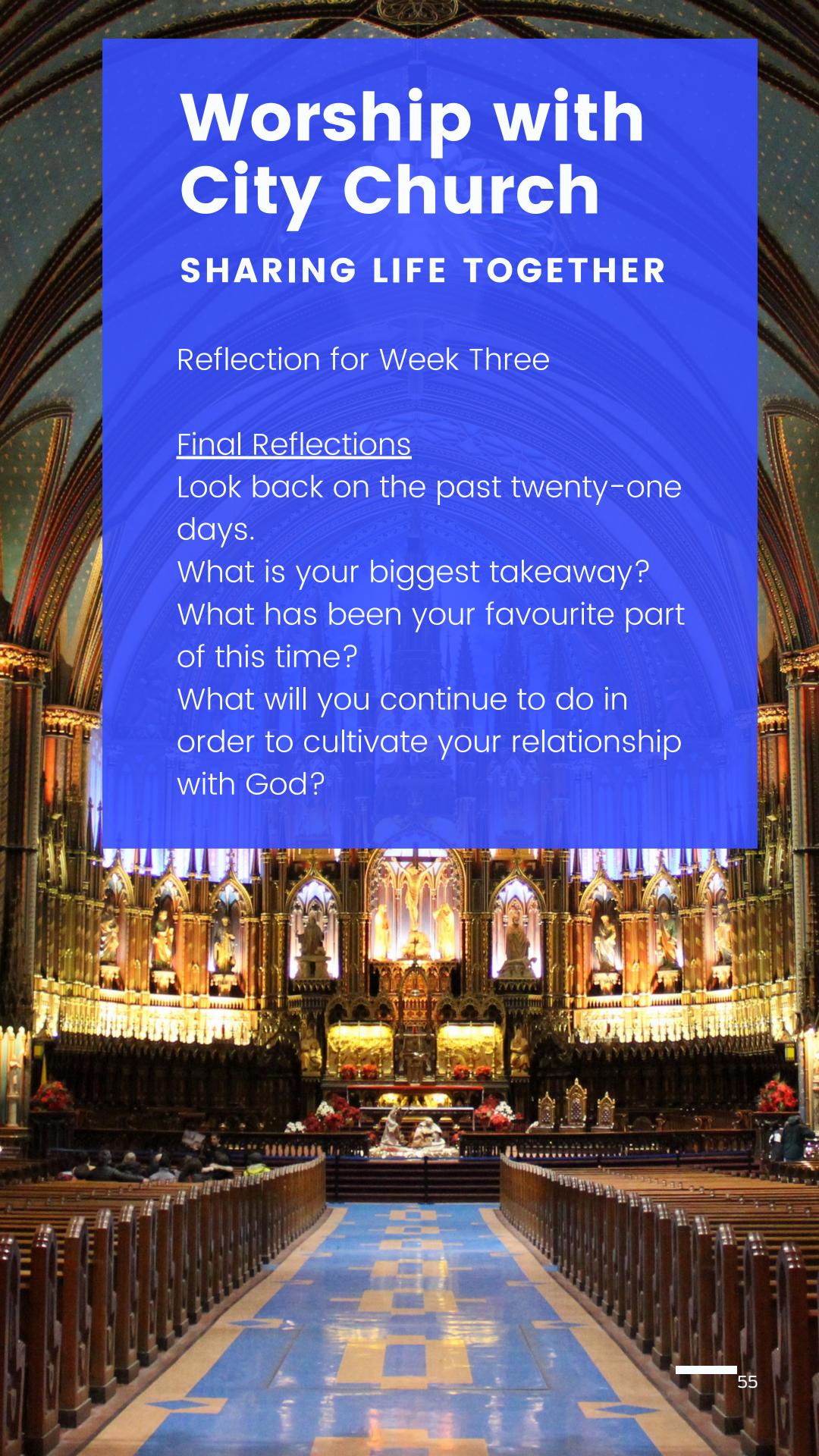
Reading: Psalm 40, Gal 5 & 6

S.O.A.P. a verse from your reading today. What is God showing you today?

Prayer to Prosper Montréal God, we thank you for the many industries in our city that provide good jobs.

We ask that you would strengthen these businesses, schools and industries in a changing economy.

Give leaders and politicians wisdom to navigate our changing world, and provide the economic power to care for the millions who call our city home.





#### BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

## YouVersion Bible App The Bible Project

#### PRAYER RESOURCES

Lectio 365 App

"Catching Fire Becoming Flame"
by Albert Haase
"Why Revival Tarries" by
Leonard Ravenhill

"Psalms: The Prayer Book of the
Bible" by
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
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# What's Your Next Step?

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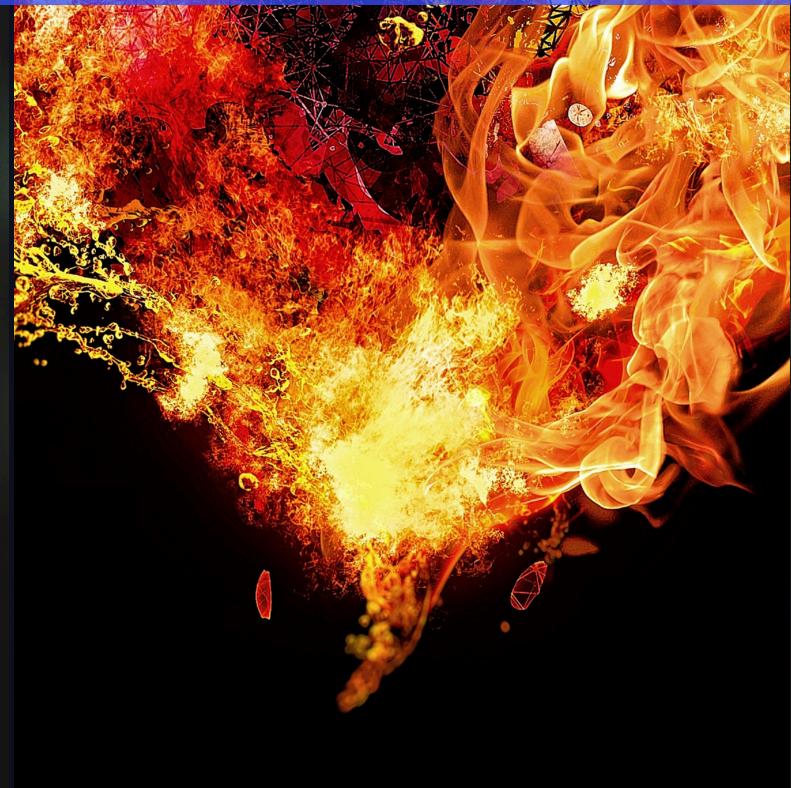
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