



Thirty-One Days of Praise and Prayer 2022

December is a time of endings and conclusions, as we finish our Fall Semester and mark the completion of the calendar year. But as the month of Christmas, it is also a time of beginnings, as we reflect on the hope that we have in the Christ. It seems fitting, therefore, that we both end the year and begin in our renewed hope with praises and prayers befitting our King!

We invite you to join with us at John Witherspoon College in praying for God's blessing and provision for our Kingdom work and ministry. Each prayer is accompanied by a verse, which may not directly apply, but provides a theme for your meditations, celebrations, and exhortations.

1. Let us begin by reflecting on the celebration of Advent – the coming of our King! We live in the immense hope that we find not only in the birth of Jesus 2,000 years ago but also in the promise that He will return! Let us praise Him that we need not ever lack hope, and pray that our hope will be daily renewed within us. (Romans 15:13)
2. In thinking of our King and preparing our hearts for prayer throughout this month, we commit to seeking now our own will, but His. Let us pray both that all of our prayers this month will not seek our own will, but the will of the One to whom all sovereignty and glory belong and that our response to God's leading will be unhesitating and faithful. (Matthew 6:10)
3. As we reflect on the end of the year and look forward to the next year, let us remember that our work is not our own, but for His glory. Let us pray that we will be faithful to conduct all of our labors as work for the King. (Colossians 3:23)
4. While we have struggles, let us remember that God has offered us a peace that passes understanding. This Sunday, let us pray for rest in God's peace and the assurance that we have in His provision to those who seek him. (Philippians 4:7)
5. In our effort to provide affordable education and low tuition, we have struggled with financial needs throughout the year. Let us praise God for his grace in providing for JWC to this point, and pray that he will continue to bless us with needed funds to continue our critical ministry. (Philippians 4:19)
6. As JWC faces the common concerns and costs of operating an educational institution, pray that God will provide financial support for our annual operating expenses. (Proverbs 23:23)
7. JWC is richly blessed with faculty dedicated to the Lord and teaching as a ministry to Him. Let us lift thanks for their sacrificial character, and pray for endowment funds to provide for faculty salaries. (Ruth 2:12)

8. One of the great blessings that JWC has had throughout the year is the gracious support of Real Life Church allowing us to share their facilities. Let us lift prayers of gratitude for their support and sharing. (Matthew 25:35)
9. As we look ahead to the new year, we seek a new home for John Witherspoon College. Let us pray that God will provide a new campus suitable for our work and within our means. (Amos 9:15)
10. Though the year is closing, stress and accumulated fatigue can often catch up to us. Let us pray that God will watch over our physical well-being and health, and that He would bring healing to those who are injured or ill. (James 5:14)
11. Our hope and peace in God should manifest in the realization that all things work for good to those who love Him, and fill us with joy. This Sunday, let us pray that we might abide in the joy of the Christ's grace towards His people. (1 Peter 1:8)
12. This week is JWC's Finals Week. As our students seek to finish the semester well, let us lift up prayers for knowledge and wisdom for our students, that they might recall what they have learned throughout the semester. (2 Timothy 2:15)
13. JWC is far more than the faculty, staff, and student body; it is a family of partners and supporters who have provided for the needs of the school both physically/financially and spiritually/prayerfully. Let us celebrate our partners, our family, and pray that God will bless them as they have blessed us. (1 Corinthians 3:9)
14. Just as we desire our own families to thrive and grow, so too do we desire for JWC's family to expand. Let us pray that God will bring new partners to JWC to share in the work of Christian education in our region. (Romans 1:12)
15. Parents who have dedicated themselves to homeschooling their children face institutions hostile to Christianity after their children graduate. Let us pray that JWC can share our opportunities with home school partners so they know of our quality alternative to secular colleges. (Psalm 86:11)
16. As we seek to ensure financial stability for the school and our students, we hope for wisdom and guidance in planning our Generation 640 fundraising event. Let us pray that God will grant all wisdom and that the efforts will be to His glory and to the Kingdom's work. (James 1:5)
17. John Witherspoon College's Christmas break is an important time to refresh. Let us use that refreshment to strengthen us for the task to which we are called, and let us pray that we would not grow weary in doing good. (Galatians 6:9)
18. As we gather in our congregations this day, let our worship exalt the God who so loved us, that He would send us His Son. Let us pray that we might never waver in our adoration of our Savior and that we would be deliberate and diligent in our worship. (John 3:16)
19. As we prepare for next semester's courses, we pray for our students' registrations and our faculty's course development. Let us pray that we have a strong registration for the semester and our faculty have wisdom in their planning. (Psalm 31:3)

20. As students rest and recover over the break, we hope that their spirits will be calmed and focused for their studies in the spring. Let us pray for our students – and especially newly incoming students – to be prepared and ready for the Spring semester. (Isaiah 57:14)
21. We are seeking to increase the visibility of JWC and to make our institution known. Let us pray that our name will be recognized and our recruitment will go well as we seek to increase enrollment. (Romans 10:14)
22. Hoping in God's provision, we have set a goal of thirty full-time students for Fall 2023. Let us pray that our Fall enrollment is abundant and that our efforts at recruitment are rewarded. (Genesis 28:3)
23. As we pray for the coming Fall, we also want to bathe our future plans in prayer. Let us pray that our enrollment continues to grow throughout the coming years as we seek to grow to fifty or more full-time students by 2025, and let us pray that God will provide godly faculty for JWC as we grow. (Psalm 107:38)
24. As we prepare for tomorrow's celebration, let us remember that just as Christmas is about Jesus and not ourselves, so too should we submit all of our desires to Him. Let us pray that we might be faithful to seek His will in all things and not our own. (Psalm 143:10)
25. On this Christmas day, let us be humbled at the mysterious love of our God, who would come to this fallen world, born of a virgin, to be Immanuel, God with us! Who would come with the express purpose of dying on a cross to take our sins to the grave, and rising from a tomb to promise resurrection to His people! Let us celebrate Immanuel, and let our prayers and praises never cease to proclaim His glory! (Hebrews 1:1-4)
26. In praying for JWC, we are reminded of the purpose of the college and the need for Christian education in our land. Let us pray for revival in our time. Let us pray that families, churches, communities, and nations will repent and turn to the Lord in humility and faith. (2 Chronicles 7:14)
27. As we prepare for the next semester, we seek to faithfully uphold the standards of educational rigor as well as the calling of transformational discipleship. Let us pray that JWC will diligently continue to provide Christ-centered learning that brings the heart and mind of Christ to each subject. (Philippians 4:8)
28. Though Christmas is past, we must continue with the spirit of giving and generosity as we minister to this broken and fallen world. Let us pray that JWC – students, faculty, staff, and partners – will diligently continue to exhibit Christ-centered living that honors our Savior. (Romans 14:8)
29. Having reflected on the past year, let us move forward into the new year with spirits of service and wisdom. Let us pray that all of JWC (from sponsor to student) will exhibit Christ-centered leadership in whatever context they find themselves. Let us also pray for profound wisdom for JWC's servant-leaders on the Board of Trustees who have faithfully watched over the college. (Mark 9:35)

30. Though we have struggled with our needs, God has always been faithful to provide for the work of JWC. Let us lift praises for all of the ways in which He has provided in the past, and prayers that He will continue to do so. (Isaiah 41:17)
31. As we conclude this year, let us remember the One who holds the next year, and every year to come. Let us pray that the new year will see John Witherspoon College continue to provide Christ-centered learning, living, and leading by His grace. (Revelation 22:21)

