

21 DAYS OF PRAYER – TESTIMONIES

We are looking for personal testimonies of **God's transformative work during the 21 Days of Prayer**, namely:

- Answered Prayer OR
- Spiritual Growth (Eg: in Faith, Prayer Life, Intimacy with Christ)

The testimony should be within 5 minutes, about one and a quarter A4 page long.

Suggested Testimony Brief:

1. Introduce yourself, how long you have been in RiverLife, which cell you are from and your ministry in Church
2. Share a bit about your spiritual journey (how long have you been a Christian, how have you managed to stay in vital union with God etc)
 - a. Can highlight how has your prayer life been before the 21 Days of Prayer (Optional)
3. Share what you were looking forward to during the 21 Days of Prayer
 - a. How did you feel when the Church announced that we were embarking on 21 Days of Prayer?
 - b. What were some of the Personal Breakthrough items you were praying for?
4. Share your 21 Days of Prayer Experience and the outcome
 - a. How did your time of Personal, Corporate Prayer and Fasting go? How did you feel? Were there struggles and challenges?
 - b. Share the work God has done (Eg: Rhema words received from Him, divine intervention to your situation)
 - c. What was the outcome after the 21 days? (Eg: growth in faith and character, know God better, better relationship with others, answered Personal Breakthrough prayer items*)
5. Share what you are looking forward to with your relationship with God, especially in your prayer life.

*Answered prayer could be in any of the following areas:

- Spiritual Walk
- Studies/Work
- Family/Relationships
- Finance
- Ministry
- Health
- Family/Friend's Salvation
- Others

Example of Testimony:

1. Introduce Yourself

Hi everyone. My name is Lucy. I have been in RiverLife for the past 12 years. I received Christ in 1997 and have been attending cell and service regularly ever since. My immediate family members are all believers attending RiverLife, except *ah ma*, my paternal grandma who also stays with us.

Whenever Pastor Vincent talked about reaching out to tough nuts, I always thought of her. *Ah ma* is a resilient lady who for many years had to take care of her children while her husband was out sailing at sea. Hence she believed in being independent and self-reliant, never looking to others for help, what more God? It was hard to talk to *ah ma* about God. She always shrugged it off and my bad Hokien didn't help either. I couldn't converse much with her. So I thought I should just pray for her.

2a. Your Spiritual Journey (How was your prayer life before 21 Days?)

Honestly, I wasn't the most fervent in prayer. I hadn't much urgency, thinking *ah ma* is still healthy having many more years ahead of her. In addition, it was discouraging whenever my family and I witnessed her indifference each time we tried to invite her to church.

3a & b. Share what you were looking forward to during the 21 Days of Prayer

When I first read about the 21 Days of Prayer in the bulletin, the quote by R. A. Torrey spoke to me - "All that God is, and all that God has, is at the disposal of prayer. Prayer can do anything God can do, and as God can do everything, prayer is omnipotent." God encouraged me to not give up and that His heart was to see *ah ma* come to know Him. Anything is possible with God. So I resolved to pray for my grandmother's salvation until I see breakthrough.

4a. Share your 21 Days of Prayer Experience – time of prayer & fasting

Every morning during the 21 days, I prayed for my *ah ma*. In addition, I made an effort to talk to her more – asking her whether she's eaten, slept well etc. To let her know that I care. My parents also felt led to step up in prayer for her. It was heartening to see the entire family stand in agreement for *ah ma*.

4b. Share the work God has done during the 21 Days

As *ah ma* is already 83 this year, her health hasn't been the best. This has caused her to be worried and fearful, affecting even her sleep. Amazingly God used this situation to open a door for us to share about God's love, peace and healing. Initially she was resistant to the idea of coming to Church. But as my dad continued to share and urged her to come to YCC, she agreed! Praise God!

When she came back after YCC on Saturday, I could see a lifted countenance. When I asked her how did YCC went, she said "ho, ho", which is good, good in Hokkien! After that Saturday, she started going to YCC regularly. Hallelujah! God works in miraculous and unseen ways.

4c & 5 Share the outcome of 21 Days

Now that the 21 days has ended, I'm not going to slack in my prayers for my *ah ma*. I will continue to commit her to God, to see that she professes Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior, and take the step of baptism. I believe that the God of the Impossible will do it. What He has promised, He will deliver!