# PRAISE CHALLENGE
# WEEKEND

## Local Church Prep Pack

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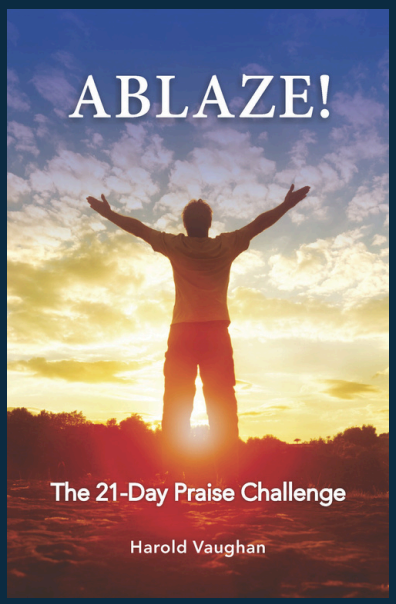


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# Introduction

**Thank you for partnering with us to hold a Praise Challenge Weekend at your church. We are looking forward to a wonderful time with you and your congregation. Please read through this prep pack and implement the helpful information as you prepare for our upcoming time together. All content is designed to be generic so you can customize it for your local church.**

The Praise Challenge Weekend is designed to kickoff an endeavor of 21 Days of Praise in church. There's 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, but what about 21 Days of Praise? The Bible commands Praising God, in fact in Psalms it is described as the edicate of entrance into the presence of God. CLM offers this pack for resources and suggestions to implement the 21 day endeavor and kickoff weekend, but what better way to kick it off than to be together praising God! Typically this is Saturday and Sunday, or a full day Sunday event that features the elements below. Remember that the challenge and weekend are best paired with "ABLAZE! The 21 Day Praise Challenge".

**Praise Challenge Weekend Elements:**

- **Sermons and Teachings on Praise -** Every sermon and teaching time will feature specific content that challenges attendees to praise God extravagantly!
- **Praise Specific Prayer Times -** Implementation is important! All prayer times individually and corprately during the weekend focus on praising God in different ways!
- **Heartfelt Worship -** Praise and singing go hand in hand! Authentic and soul-stirring worship draw us together as we enter God's presence in a spirit of praise!

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# Things To Know

## Essential Items Needed

- **Two  Tables** – For books, audio resources, and free materials in a common space
- **“ABLAZE” books** – Either made availbale for congregation to purchase or made available by church (up to 50% off bulk discounts available)
- **PowerPoint capabilities** – Several of Harold’s messages will utilize PowerPoint.
- **Handouts** – Harold may provide handouts for some sessions.Contact our office to obtain these materials.
- **Planned Music Times** – We must plan musice times to specifically focus on praising God together.

## Accommodations

When distance permits, my wife and I travel together and stay in our travel trailer. All that is needed is water and a 50-amp RV electrical hookup (see photos). The outlet should be within 40 feet of the trailer’s rear-end. If I’m flying in, I’ll need hotel accommodations. Due to chronic sinusitis, I require a clean, dust- and smoke-free environment. I’ve found that Marriott Brand Hotels and Hampton Inn hotels typically have the best air quality. Please notify me in advance if a hotel stay is not possible.

50 Amp Wiring Diagram Above.
50 Amp Plug Picture Below

## Meals

If we’re staying in our trailer, we’ll handle breakfast and dinner ourselves. Please consult with us before planning any meal engagements other than lunch. Some churches choose to provide grocery funds for the weekend. Contact our office with any meal-related questions.

***Contact Harold with any further specific questions**

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# Things To Know

## Financial Procedures

- **Before the Weekend:**
  - The sponsoring church is asked to cover all meeting and travel expenses prior to the event.
- **Offerings During the Weekend:**
  - We ask that love offerings be received during the main night and morning services. Please clarify how checks should be written for tax purposes. All checks should be made payable to the local church, which will then issue one final check to C.L.M. after the meetings conclude. Thank you!

## Financial Policy

C.L.M. is a faith-based ministry with no outside financial sponsorship. Our ministry must cover the salaries of four employees, office expenses, printing, postage, building costs, and other overhead. Equipment and vehicle costs are also self-funded. Like most pastors, we have regular living expenses—housing, insurance, utilities, taxes, etc.—but these are all covered through love offerings and donations.

We make no demands or guarantees, and we minister to churches of all sizes. There's no such thing as an offering too large or too small—every church should simply do its best. We trust God to provide as we serve full-time in revival ministry.

***Watch Harold's Interview with Ed Mohr on Implementing 21 Days of Praise**

***Contact Harold with any further specific questions**

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# Plan Ahead

## Allignment Is Essential!

When entering endeavors like this, allignment is essential. Sunday worship, midweek services, and prayer times should all be centered around the theme of praise. This is best done as well when it trickles down through all age groups if ministries are segregated by age. The following suggestions are listed to help prick your mind for creative ways to implement this theme in your unique context.

## Suggestions

- Make a big deal out of the first Sunday and kick off the endeavor well. Harold's messages will align with the theme of praise.
- Assign a theme verse or passage for the 21 days. Suggestied passages: Psalm 150, Psalm 145 (has 21 verses), Psalm 100, or Hebrews 13:15.
- Change up your music schedule, and utilize songs that are specifically focused on praising the name of God. Some suggestions below:
  - Hymns: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, To God Be the Glory, O Worship the King, How Great Thou Art
  - Modern: "Great Are You Lord", "How Great Thou Art", "Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)", "Goodness of God", "Lord You're Good", "Great Is the Lord Almighty"
- Utilize scripture readings that correlate with songs and weekly themes of praise. See appendix section for some suggested doxologies.
- Include gratitude moments, testimonies of praise, and times of prayer focusing on praise during services
- Form sermon series centered on praise for the Sundays after the Praise Challenge Weekend Psalm 145 used below as illustration.
  - Week 1 — The Call to Praise: (verses 1–7) Praise as declaration and remembrance.
  - Week 2 — The Character of God: (verses 8–13) Gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, eternal King.
  - Week 3 — The Nearness of God: (verses 14–21) He upholds, provides, hears, and preserves.
- Example Bible Lesson for Kids: "Let the World Praise the Lord" by Brittany Putman (https://ministry-to-children.com/let-the-world-praise-the-lord-lesson/)
- End the endeavor with a special "Night of Praise" featuring testimonies, songs, and Scripture reading.
- See Appendix for more sermon ideas, sample order of service, and more.

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# Promote Well

## Get the Word Out!

In an age of social media, instant messaging and cellphones, letting people know about upcoming events has never been easier. Here are suggestions to get the word out effectively

- Adopt a core theme for promotion, like “Ablaze With Praise”. Also include your theme verse(s) in theme.
- Utilize social media posts on praise leading up to kickoff. Make some informational explaining what you are doing, and make some just focusing on praising God and turning hearts towards heaven.
- Include other pastors and churches in your area and make it a community wide campaign.
- Utilize powerpoint graphics on Sundays.
- Get printed cards with the information for the 21 day endeavor.
- Utilize the book “Ablaze! The 21 Day Praise Challenge” as a daily devotional challenge for individuals and families to follow along with in the church. This also makes a great structure for Sunday School classes and small groups.

## Biographical Sketch and Image Pack

Harold Vaughan is a full-time evangelist whose revival ministry has taken him to 48 states and numerous countries. His heart’s burden is for revival—both personal and corporate.

Harold founded Christ Life Ministries, which sponsors Prayer Advances for men, ladies, and couples, and also publishes books and resources. He is happily married to his wife, Debbie. They have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren.

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# Appendix:

## Implementing 21 Days of Praise

## Doxologies:

What is a Doxology?
A doxology is a short hymn or expression of praise to God. The word comes from the Greek doxa ("glory") and logia ("saying" or "speaking"), meaning "a saying of glory" or "a declaration of praise." People use doxologies to:

- Memorize God's greatness in their hearts.
- Meditate deeply on who God is.
- Sing together in worship, lifting up God's name.

Doxologies are common in Christian liturgy, Scripture, and music. They are often used at the end of psalms, prayers, or epistles in the Bible, and also conclude many classic hymns.

- **Psalm 150 Doxology**
  - Psalm 150:6 (KJV)
    - "Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD."
  - Traditional Hymns:
    - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
    - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
  - Modern Song:
    - "Let Everything (Praise the Lord)" – Pat Barrett
  - Theme Connection: Universal Worship
  - Why it Matters: This doxology calls all creation into joyful worship. These hymns are energetic and inclusive, reminding us that every living being is invited into praise.
- **Psalm 145 Doxology**
  - Psalm 145:21 (KJV)
    - "My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever."
  - Traditional Hymns:
    - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
    - I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

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## Doxologies Continued:

- Modern Song:
  - "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)". – Matt Redman
- Theme Connection: Unending Praise and Personal Witness
- Why it Matters: This praise springs from a heart transformed by grace. These hymns call us to speak boldly so nations and peoples will join the chorus of worship.

- **Romans 11 Doxology**
  - Romans 11:36
    - "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."
  - Traditional Hymns:
    - To God Be the Glory
    - O Worship the King
  - Modern Song:
    - "Christ Be Magnified" – Cody Carnes
  - Theme Connection: God's Sovereign Wisdom
  - Why it Matters: Paul concludes a profound teaching on divine providence with worship. These hymns express trust in God's ultimate purposes—even when they remain mysterious.

Remember to be creative. The idea of a doxology is not to do something to check off a box. It is meant to draw our spirits in allignment with the Holy Spirit to focus on praising the name of God!

## Sermon Ideas:

- The Posture of Praise: Extolling the Lord
  - "I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever." — Psalm 145:1 (KJV)
- Worship as a Daily Discipline
  - "Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever." — Psalm 145:2 (KJV)

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## Sermon Ideas:

- God's Greatness Beyond Comprehension
  - "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." — Psalm 145:3 (KJV)
- Generational Praise: Passing Worship Forward
  - "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." — Psalm 145:4 (KJV)
- A God Who Inspires Holy Awe
  - "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works." — Psalm 145:5 (KJV)
- Remembering His Goodness
  - "And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness." — Psalm 145:6 (KJV)
- Grace That Reaches Us
  - "The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy." — Psalm 145:8 (KJV)
- The Patience of God
  - "The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." — Psalm 145:9 (KJV)
- The Universal Goodness of Our God
  - "All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee." — Psalm 145:10 (KJV)
- Creation That Praises: Joining the Song of the Cosmos
  - "They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power." — Psalm 145:11 (KJV)

## Small Group Study Ideas:

- Study the attributes of God
- Study the names or titles of God and Christ
- Study through the Psalms of Praise
- Study all of the Doxologies of the Bible

# Appendix:

## Implementing 21 Days of Praise

## Sample Service Order

- Pre-Service And Post-Service Video Loop Of. Praise Scriptures And Quotes.
  - Example: Scripture: Psalm 48:1; Quote: “Praise is the purest and most excellent part of praise.” (Stephen Charnock)
- Opening Scripture Reading
  - Example: Psalm 100:1-4
- Opening Prayer
- Opening Congregational Songs
  - Example: “Holy, Holy, Holy”, “Praise Him, praise Him”
- Announcements
  - Example: Praise focus
- Offering
  - Example: Scripture reading (I Corinthians 29:10-13)
- Choir /Special Music
  - Example: “Behold our God” (Isaiah 40:10)
- Praise Testimonies (live or video)
- Congregational Singing
  - Example: “How Great is our God”, “How Great Thou Art”
- Message
  - Example: “Praise Basics” - Harold Vaughan
- Invitation
  - Example Music: “Take My Life and Let It Be”
- Communion/Lord’s Supper
  - Example: Focus on Jesus’ prayers of thanksgiving and hymn of praise. After communion they sang a hymn. Passover Hallah (Psalm 113-118). Jesus went to the garden and the cross singing the “Hallah.” Read Luke 22:17-18 and Matthew 26:30.
- Closing
  - Example: Sing the Doxology (Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost).

# Thank You

We look forward to being with your church. Thank you for taking time to read through this material and invest in your congregation. We are believing God to work mightily as we seek Him together.

Please reach out with any questions.

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