

LAST DAY OF 2023

# LOOKING AHEAD.





# Lectio 365

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## LECTIO 365

# P.R.A.Y.

Prayer structure  
acronym derived  
from the Lord's  
Prayer



**PAUSE**  
暫停

Be still &  
focus on God



**REJOICE**  
喜樂

Praise &  
thank God



**ASK**  
要求

Petition &  
intercession



**YIELD**  
屈服

Saying yes  
to God





**PAUSE.** 





**REJOICE!**

**PSALM 25:4-5**

Show me the right path, O LORD;  
point out the road for me to follow.  
Lead me by your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God who saves me. All  
day long I put my hope in you.



A background image showing three male runners in a race. The runner in the center is wearing a light blue tank top and black shorts, with a race bib that reads 'E85'. The runner on the left is wearing a white tank top and black shorts. The runner on the right is wearing a blue and white long-sleeved shirt with a red cross emblem and black shorts. They are running on a paved road with trees and buildings in the background.

## HEBREWS 12:1-3

**“Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it.**



A background image showing three male runners in a marathon. The runner in the center is wearing a light blue tank top and a race bib with the number 583. The runner on the right is wearing a blue and white long-sleeved shirt with a red cross emblem and a race bib with the number 668. The runner on the left is wearing a white tank top and a race bib with the number 286. They are all running on a paved road with trees and buildings in the background.

## HEBREWS 12:1-3

**Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honour, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!”**





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# LOOK AHEAD.

ISAIAH 43:18

"Forget the former  
things;  
do not dwell on the  
past."



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PROVERBS 4:25

"Let your eyes look straight ahead;  
fix your gaze directly before you."



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Philippians 3:12-14

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on** towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.”





**ASK:**



**How do I feel about the new year?**

**What am I hoping for?**

**What am I excited about?**

**What are my apprehensions & anxieties?**

**“..let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...”**





YIELD

# Our call to run the race:

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” **Acts 20:24**



YIELD

## YIELDING PRAYER.



*Lord Jesus, I yield myself to You and Your plans for me in 2024. Help me to throw off anything that will hold me back, and to carry forward the good things that I have gained and the holy habits that I have learned in 2023. I fix my eyes on You, to run the race that You have marked out for me in this new year. Amen.*









## CLOSING PRAYER.