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- ✓ Any threat to my addiction becomes a _____ to me.
- ✓ I begin to _____.
- ✓ I ease the pain by getting my _____.

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OVERCOMING ADDICTION

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- ✓ Perverse: _____.

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- ✓ _____ connects us to God.
- ✓ _____ disconnects us from the world.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER January 8-28

- Declaring our dependence on God in every area of our lives.
- Crying out to God for revival in our city, state, nation and world.
- Praying for God's grace and power as we fulfill our mission as a church.
- Inviting the Presence of God in our church and our lives.
- Believing God for answered prayer to our specific needs.

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