## JUSTIN: A TIMELINE

- 1994: Born Tuesday, March 1, at St. Jude Hospital, London, Ontario, Canada.
- 1998: Mom, Pattie Mallette, buys him his first drum kit.
- 2000: Accepts Jesus Christ as his personal savior.
- circa 2000- Attends the French-immersion grammar school,
- 2006: Jeanne Sauve Catholic School, in Stratford.
- circa 2006: Enrolls in Stratford Northwestern Public School for grades 7 and 8.
- 2007: January, enters the Stratford Idol talent competition and places third.
- 2007: January 15, Pattie Mallette sets up Justin's "kidrauhl" You-Tube account.
- 2007: January 19, Pattie posts video of Justin singing Ne-Yo's "So Sick" and Lil' Bow Wow's "Basketball" during the Stratford Star competition on his YouTube channel.
- 2007: January 20, Pattie posts video of Justin singing Sarah McLachlan's "Baby" on his YouTube channel.
- 2007: January 29, Pattie posts video of Justin singing Alicia Keys' "Fallin'" and Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and playing drums on his YouTube channel.

- 2007: January 30, Pattie posts video of Justin playing a song on the electric keyboard written by his Grandma Kate.
- 2007: February 3, Pattie posts video of Justin singing "Refine Me" by Christian artist Jennifer Knapp on his couch at home.
- 2007: April 25, Pattie posts video of Justin (with a close-shaved head with swirl patterns cut into it) singing Ne-Yo's "Because of You" at home.
- 2007: April 27, Pattie posts a video of Justin singing Brian Mc-Knight's "Back at One" in his bathroom (before brushing his teeth).
- 2007: Summer, Justin starts busking in front of the Avon Theater in Stratford (and makes about \$3,000).
- 2007: Summer, music manager Scott "Scooter" Braun discovers Justin's videos while surfing YouTube late one night in Atlanta. The next morning he tracks down Pattie Mallette and convinces her to bring Justin to the U.S. to talk about becoming his manager.
- 2007: June 7, Pattie posts a video of Justin singing Edwin McCain's "I'll Be" and playing guitar on his couch at home.
- 2007: July 19, Pattie posts a video of Justin playing the djembe (African drum).
- 2007: August 14, Pattie posts a video of Justin performing Lifehouse's "You and Me" at an outdoor concert.
- 2007: September 3, Pattie posts videos of Justin singing Ne-Yo's"Do You" and Elliott Yamin's "Wait for You."
- 2007: October 13, Pattie posts videos of Justin performing (on drums) at the Amazing Kids jam concert.

- 2007: November 12, Pattie posts video of Justin singing Stevie Wonder's "Someday at Christmas" in a recording studio.
- 2007: December 11, Pattie posts video of Justin singing the original song "Set a Place at the Table" (written by Jake Leiske and produced by Jay Riehl) in a recording studio.
- 2007: December 24, Pattie posts video of Justin performing "Someday at Christmas" on stage (his earliest "professional" video).
- 2008: February 10, Pattie posts a video of Justin singing Chris Brown's "With Brown" at home. (This is the famous video of Justin sitting on a couch with a poster of Bart Simpson on the wall behind him.)
- 2008: February 19, Pattie posts video of Justin playing guitar and singing Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River" at home.
- 2008: April 13, Justin signs with Island Def Jam Records.
- 2008: Summer, Justin spends the summer busking in front of the Avon theater and then enrolls in Stratford Northwestern Secondary School for grade 9, the last Stratford school Justin attended before relocating to the United States.
- 2008: Autumn, Justin and Pattie move to Atlanta, and Justin begins homeschooling through the School of Young Performers with his private tutor, Jenny.
- 2009: July 7, Justin releases his first single, "One Time," quickly charting in the top 20 in five countries.
- 2009: October 6, Justin releases "One Less Lonely Girl" exclusively on iTunes.

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- 2009: October 26, Justin releases "Love Me" via iTunes.
- 2009: November 3, Justin releases "Favorite Girl" via iTunes, appears for the first time on *The Ellen Degeneres Show* and launches the four-date "Urban Behavior" promotional tour with a concert in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 2009: November 13, Justin becomes the first solo artist ever to send four songs from a debut album up the Billboard Hot 100 charts prior to his album's release.
- 2009: November 15, Justin appears for the first time on *Good Morning America*.
- 2009: November 17, Justin releases his first album, the EP (extended play) titled My World (selling 137,000 copies in its first week and debuting at No. 1 on the Canadian Albums Chart), and appears on The Ellen Degeneres Show (for the second time in a month) and also on The George Lopez Show.
- 2009: November 18, Justin appears on the TV show *Chelsea Lately*.
- 2009: November 20, his appearance at the Roosevelt Field Mall in Long Island, New York, is cancelled after thousands of fans mob the shopping center and police are summoned to handle the crowds due to safety concerns.
- 2009: November 23, Justin opens for Taylor Swift at London's Wembley Arena in London and breaks his foot onstage (but he finished the song!).
- 2009: December 20, Justin performs "Some Day at Christmas" for President Barack Obama during the television broadcast of Christmas in Washington.

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- 2009: December 31, Justin performs on *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest*.
- 2010: January 18, Justin releases the new single "Baby" via iTunes.
- 2010: January 31, Justin is a presenter at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Grammy Awards.
- 2010: February 1, Justin sings the opening lines of "We Are the World" for the 25th-anniversary version of the benefit song, this time to aid victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The song is released worldwide on February 12.
- 2010: March 10, police in Liverpool, England, threaten to arrest Justin for "inciting a riot" if he leaves his hotel room.
- 2010: March 23, Justin releases his first full-length studio album, *My World* 2.0, and it debuts at No. 1 on the Billboard Album chart.
- 2010: March 27, tickets go on sale for Justin's August concert at New York City's Madison Square Garden and sell out in 22 minutes.
- 2010: March 31, Billboard announces that 16-year-old Justin is the youngest solo male artist to top the Billboard chart since 13-year-old Stevie Wonder in 1963.
- 2010: April 10, Justin appears as the musical guest on *Saturday*Night Live.
- 2010: April 20, Justin releases the single "Somebody to Love" via iTunes. The song was originally recorded by Justin's mentor, Usher, who re-recorded "Somebody to Love" adding his vocals to the official remix of the song, released on June 25, 2010.



- 2010: April 26, police in Australia cancel Justin's promotional performance at a television studio after several fans are injured in the unruly crowd gathered to see him.
- 2010: June 23, Justin launches his first official headlining tour in Hartford, Connecticut.
- 2010: July, Justin becomes the "most searched for" celebrity on the Internet and enters a recording studio in New York City to begin work on his next album.
- 2010: August 31, Justin plays a sold-out show at Madison Square Garden.
- 2010: September 12, Justin performs at the MTV Music Awards.
- 2010: September 23, Justin guest stars on the television series *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* playing a "troubled teen."
- 2010: November 21, Justin wins four American Music Awards, including Artist of the Year.
- 2010: November 26, Justin releases the album *My Worlds Acoustic*, which includes the new song "Pray."
- 2010: December 1, Justin is nominated for two Grammy awards, for Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Album. (When the awards are announced in February 2011, he wins neither.)
- 2011: February 11, Justin's feature-length documentary film, *Justin Bieber: Never Say Never*, is released in the United States and Canada, earning \$12.4 million at the box office on its opening day. According to BoxOfficeMojo.com, it is the highest-grossing concert film of all time and third-highest grossing documentary feature-length film.

- 2011: February 17, Justin reprises his guest role on CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. This time his "troubled teen" character is shot and killed.
- 2011: February 20-21, Justin cuts his famous "swoosh" hairstyle into a short, spikier do. The hair collected from his cut later raises more than \$40,000 for charity through an online auction.
- 2011: May 13, DVD of Never Say Never is released.
- 2011: May 22, Justin wins six Billboard Music Awards, including Top New Artist and Top Pop Album for *My World 2.0*.
- 2011: June, Justin is ranked No. 2 on the *Forbes*' list of Best-Paid Celebrities under 30. He is the youngest star and one of seven musicians on the list with \$53 million earned in a 12-month period.

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# THE FAITHFUL MOTHER

Pattie Mallette, Justin's mother, joined Twitter in February 2009, a month before her son did. With more than a half-million followers, Pattie is an avid tweeter herself.

Over the years, Pattie has used her Twitter account to quote scripture and inspirational quotes from Christian men and women, such as C. S. Lewis (the author of the Chronicles of Narnia, among many others), to offer spiritual encouragement and guidance, and to ask for, offer, and call for prayer.

Here is a selection of Pattie's tweets, chronicling the heart of a woman of God and a faithful, faith-filled mother.

@studiomama	Feb 4 2009, 16:39	Reading the Bible and doing laundry. Whooo hoo.
@studiomama	Jul 15 2009, 6:54	Reading the book of JOB in Seattle. Can't sleep. Sleepless in Seattle :P
@studiomama	Nov 24 2009, 1:06	Yes Justin fractured his foot but he's so amazing he finished the song limping onstage! Thx 4 all the prayers!!! He's in a cast for 6 wks.
@studiomama	Apr 22 2010, 4:34	Japan is beautiful but jet-lag is not so fun!! Jesus revive and re-energize us!!!!
@studiomama	May 9 2010, 9:32	Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels or anything else you desire." http://read.ly/Prov8.11.CEV

@studiomama	Jun 25 2010, 1:54	Justin's show is so amazing! So proud!!!! God has been so good to us! Jeremiah 29:11
@studiomama	Jul 2 2010, 5:48	@wbgenie you never know unless you try! God gives you gifts & desires for a reason. Its not always how we think He will use it tho. Bless u!
@studiomama	Jul 2 2010, 6:41	@Pattiesarmy traveling is great!! miss my bed sometimes, but I'm making memories! God is good!!
@studiomama	Jul 2 2010, 6:43	@JDianaBieber thanks! He needs it :) We all need it. Pray for the bus driver too, driving thru the night! We need angels watching over us 2!
@studiomama	Jul 3 2010, 3:57	RT @Patties_Army: @Studiomama your correct on that. We all need an army of prayer warriors.
@studiomama	Jul 5 2010, 8:40	@kelsidarlingxo - The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed Psalm 34:18
@studiomama	Jul 10 2010, 5:42	RT @JUST1BIEB: @studiomama Wow #fathersloveletter explains Him and what He does so wellAMEN
@studiomama	Jul 13 2010, 20:24	RT @JbieberPrayers: God I pray that today be productive and blessed! I cover your people and @justinbieber
@studiomama	Jul 14 2010, 9:17	Honestly had the time of my life 2day/2nite w y'all from @thecitychurch & http://thecity.org - @judahsmith & friends blessed me SO much! TY!
@studiomama	Jul 15 2010, 0:13	RT @Djsikes96: @studiomama what iz ur fav Bible verse? - Jeremiah 29:11 - what is your's?

@studiomama	Jul 15 2010, 7:52	RT @iYiYi_LoveCodyS: @studiomama is my savior! NO thx! I will be a role model but never anyone's savior. That's what God is for!! :)
@studiomama	Aug 7 2010, 5:39	I need prayer everyday for increased wisdom, understanding, knowledge & revelation esp. wisdom 4 direction & words! In Jesus name! Thx!!!
@studiomama	Aug 7 2010, 14:31	Thx!! - RT @TESSALILIAN: @stu- diomama I think there are alot of people praying for u. God has touched people's hearts so ur always supported
@studiomama	Aug 8 2010, 6:01	Thx!! Pray for a husband for me please!! Haha. Why did she have to pick Roberto!? RT @_huliaa: @studiomama praying for you!
@studiomama	Aug 8 2010, 6:09	HAHA!! YES! She's so blessed! God has mine out there somewhere! Plz pray! RT @IAURENicoleX3: Praying for @ studiomama!! ROBERTO? seriously??
@studiomama	Aug 8 2010, 6:12	So right!! Never need one ladies! God is all I need. I sure would like one tho!!
@studiomama	Aug 10 2010, 13:56	RT @CSLewisDaily: God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain -CSLewis
@studiomama	Aug 14 2010, 23:06	@emskyxx Happy bday! God knew u before He planned creation! 2morrow is a GOOD day & He has good plans for u!!
@studiomama	Aug 15 2010, 4:55	RT @CSLewisDaily: It is safe to tell the pure in heart that they shall see God, for only the pure in heart want to - C.S.Lewis



@studiomama	Aug 16 2010, 0:41	Pray & pretend God loves you & that He has an answer for you until you know it, because He does. - Bob Hartley
@studiomama	Aug 17 2010, 3:26	Gone for a few days away by myself 2 seek God & His heart, & shutting off my phone. Please pray for me
@studiomama	Aug 21 2010, 5:42	If God is for you, who can be against you? Romans 8:31
@studiomama	Sep 3 2010, 7:16	As the heavens are above the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways & my thoughts higher than your thoughts Isaiah 55:9
@studiomama	Sep 3 2010, 7:45	@marcelolobo thank you!! God is a Redeemer!! Glad u were moved
@studiomama	Sep 8 2010, 6:48	Forgive your parents. They are not perfect but they sure do love you. Honor them & God promises to give you a long full life! Deut. 5:16
@studiomama	Sep 8 2010, 6:57	RT @USBieber: @studiomama i was actually mad at my dad, but i thinkim gonna go tell him i love him right now, thanks(: that's so great!
@studiomama	Sep 8 2010, 7:00	@OzBelieber I know what its like 2 have ur dad leave, but God is the perfect Dad who will NEVER leave u. He's able 2 fix that ache! Just ask
@studiomama	Sep 8 2010, 7:01	RT @Tarabieber: @studiomama Yesterday I was mad at my mom, but I said I love her. ;D - good stuff!
@studiomama	Sep 8 2010, 7:04	@AldinaLuvJustin your Daddy in heaven loves you very much. He sent Jesus to die so you could know His love for you if you will accept it!

@studiomama	Sep 16 2010, 8:30	RT @KennyHamilton: I'm about to lay it down! Good night all! Say your prayers gnite!!!
@studiomama	Oct 5 2010, 0:31	RT @JustinDimples: I wannna thanks @studiomama for makin believe in GOD more than I used to.I pray every- night
@studiomama	Oct 5 2010, 15:32	Good morning Daddy. What shall we do today?
@studiomama	Oct 5 2010, 15:37	That's my hearts desire!! RT @thist-wit13: i wonder if @studiomama knows how many people she's made believe in God.
@studiomama	Oct 5 2010, 15:57	Yay! RT @kirstendonn: i just read the bible because of @studiomama (:
@studiomama	Oct 9 2010, 19:22	Doing what u believe is right, is very hard sometimes. God will honor your sacrifice. God please help me.
@studiomama	Oct 24 2010, 1:44	God works ALL things together for good for those who love the Lord & are called according to His purpose! Romans 8:28
@studiomama	Oct 24 2010, 3:12	That defeats the whole purpose of scripture if I do that! Gotta spread the word not keep it contained!!
@studiomama	Oct 25 2010, 3:54	God won't allow us to go thru more than we can handle! Even if it feels like its too much, He knows we are stron- ger than we think we are!
@studiomama	Oct 25 2010, 4:00	I think God is squeezing me to make oil. It hurts but it will be worth it. What's that saying? What doesn't kill u makes u stronger!



@studiomama	Oct 25 2010, 6:14	I like that! Good night twitter world! RT @poidog123: @studiomama God would never put us through something he couldnt get us through :)
@studiomama	Nov 12 2010, 7:34	I am royalty. I have destiny. I have been set free. I'm gonna shake history Jake Hamilton.
@studiomama	Nov 23 2010, 6:45	Psalms 30:12l'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about you. GOD, my God, I can't thank you enough!
@studiomama	Nov 23 2010, 6:49	RT @CSLewisDaily: God's love is not wearied by our sins & is relentless in its determination that we be cured at whatever cost to us or Him
@studiomama	Dec 13 2010, 14:46	So full."My cup runs over" I'm rich w true genuine friends. That's what really makes u rich is love in any form. So grateful. U know who u R
@studiomama	Dec 13 2010, 20:38	Its not too hard for God. Keep praying!!
@studiomama	Dec 20 2010, 4:33	Do u believe in miracles? Can God thru prayer heal people?
@studiomama	Dec 25 2010, 16:37	Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!! Happy Birthday Jesus!!!
@studiomama	Jan 4 2011, 7:13	Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back— given back with bonus and blessin http://bible.us/Luke6.38.MSG "Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment



@studiomama	Jan 14 2011, 16:17	Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion  Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? I http://bible.us/Luke6.42.MSG
@studiomama	Jan 14 2011, 22:07	RT @bobhartley: The Lord wants to bring beautiful companionship and friendship in areas where people don't feel cared for.
@studiomama	Feb 2 2011, 7:16	Psalm 4:7&8 You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.
@studiomama	Feb 6 2011, 14:01	"Don't pervert justice. Don't show favoritism to either the poor or the great. Judge on the basis of what is http://bible.us/Lev19.15.MSG
@studiomama	Feb 28 2011, 7:08	With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.
@studiomama	Apr 21 2011, 8:45	Love is patient and kind. 1 Corinthians 13:4 Lord help me love!!!!
@studiomama	Apr 23 2011, 5:05	The moment u embrace lack in someone elses life is the moment u embrace lack in your own life.
@studiomama	May 15 2011, 17:19	@negativecolors Thanks for hang- ing on. Its hard but worth it! So glad I could bring u hope! With God all things are possible! I believe in u
@studiomama	May 16 2011, 2:29	@negativecolors Don't ever apologize for your appearance. You're beautiful. God says you are "wonderfully & per- fectly made" (psalm 139:14)



@studiomama	May 16 2011, 7:22	If you want to go higher, you must go lower. Those who humble themselves will be exalted.
@studiomama	May 26 2011, 5:14	Good night world. TRUTH = God LOVES you. Praying for dreams from God tonight!!! Agree w me? Thanks for all ur prayers!! We really need them!
@studiomama	May 27 2011, 5:41	Why do we kick ppl when they're down? Don't Judge. Pray 4 them instead! Its hard but "Do not Judge or you too will be judged." Matthew 7:1
@studiomama	Jun 6 2011, 14:37	Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,
@studiomama	Jun 17 2011, 6:49	A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.
@studiomama	Jun 21 2011, 4:01	Come on young ppl! Let's raise up a standard 4 a generation. Kids honoring parents - friends honoring each other. #whatdoeshonorlooklike?
@studiomama	Jun 21 2011, 4:11	Let's create a culture of honor ppl.  Men be an EXAMPLE 4 ur sons 2 honor mom by truly demonstrating honor 2 ur wife. #whatdoeshonorlooklike
@studiomama	Jun 21 2011, 4:40	@Dee_Lulu14 No such thing as "just a teen". Teens have a voice & a msg. U can be a revolutionary generation. Lead w Love, Integrity & HONOR!

# JUSTIN BY THE NUMBERS

### (as of July 15, 2011)

- Number of followers on his official Twitter feed: 11,071,683
- Number of people he "follows" on his official Twitter page: 116,394
- Number of Tweets from @justinbieber on Twitter since March 2009: 9,961
- Number of followers on his official Facebook page: 33,069,451
- Number of subscribers to his official YouTube channel (kidrauhl): 1,276,679
- Number of channel views on his official YouTube channel:
   73,897,980
- Number of uploaded video views on his official YouTube channel: 340,875,470
- Number of times the video of Justin singing Ne-Yo's "So Sick"—the first video posted to his YouTube account on January 19, 2007—has been viewed: 4,181,584
- Number of views of his video "Pray" on YouTube: 47,947,226

- Number of hits for the "Justin Bieber" search on Google:
   490 million
- Day @justinbieber broke the 10 million followers threshold on Twitter: May 28, 2011
- Day @justinbieber broke the 11 million followers mark on Twitter: July 14, 2011
- Day @justinbieber is expected to surpass 20 million followers (according to Twittercounter.com) on Twitter:
   November 23, 2012
- Number of people who follow his mother, Pattie Mallette, on her official Twitter feed @studiomama: 608,103
- Number of people who follow his manager, Scooter Braun, on his official Twitter feed @scooterbraun: 892,135
- Number of people who follow his bodyguard, Kenny Hamilton, on his official Twitter feed @kennyhamilton: 487,035
- Number of albums sold: 6 million (according to figures from Soundscan)
- Box office revenue for his film Never Say Never worldwide: \$98,441,954
- Box office revenue for Never Say Never in the United States: \$73,013,910
- The minimum amount he makes per concert per night (according to TheSmokingGun.com): \$300,000
- Estimated total box office gross from the first leg of his
   "My World" tour: \$35.6 million

- Time it took him to sell out his show at Madison Square Garden in New York City (capacity about 20,000) in 2010:
   22 minutes
- Time it took him to sell out more than 28,000 tickets to shows at the O2 Arena in Dublin, Ireland, in 2011:
   10 minutes

#### 11 million followers on Twitter is

- About 1/20 of the number of total users on Twitter
- More than twice as many followers as Justin Timberlake has on his official Twitter feed @jtimberlake
- About 2.5 million more followers than Britney Spears has on her official Twitter feed @britneyspears
- About 2 million more followers than U.S. President Barack
   Obama has on his official Twitter feed @barackobama
- About 600,000 fewer followers than Lady Gaga has on her official Twitter feed @ladygaga
- More than 367 times the population of his hometown Stratford, Ontario, in Canada
- 400,000 people more than the population of Los Angeles
- More than 1/3 the population of Canada (34 million)
- More than 3/4 of the population of Ontario (13 million)
- More than twice the populations of Latvia (2.2 million) and Lesotho (2.17 million) combined
- About twice the population of Denmark (5,564,219)



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# TWEETS OF FAITH

Since he sent his first tweet back on May 12, 2009 (asking his fans to "check out" his new single "One Time"), Justin has been giving his millions of fans around the world an inside, real-time peek into his world, his heart and his soul.

In dozens of tweets over two years, Justin has talked about his faith, sent words of encouragement and spiritual inspiration, asked for prayer, and urged his fans to pray for others in need. He's also expressed his gratitude to God (and his fans) for the blessings he's been given and has encouraged his followers to have faith and believe.

Here are all of his "tweets of faith" from May 2009 through June 2011. It's a quite a testimony to one young man's faith and to the grace of a loving God.

	@justinbieber	Aug 22 2009, 21:46	Just landed and found out someone I care about got in a bad accident and is fighting for her life. Everyone please pray for her for me.
	@justinbieber	Aug 24 2009, 18:24	In the hospital with my friendthank you all for your prayers and support. Means alot to her and me. This is a private matter but thank u
	@justinbieber	Oct 18 2009, 21:06	once again thanks for everyone for keep- ing my friend in their prayersit meant alot as u just saw. love u guys
	@justinbieber	Dec 20 2009, 5:30	just woke up feeling incredibly blessed. what a year. u r the greatest fans ever. Thanks



@justinbieber	Dec 24 2009, 6:51	This holiday season i hope we can all appreciate eachother and be happy 4 eachother's blessings. help 1 another the way u have all helped me
@justinbieber	Feb 11 2010, 5:21	want to make this clear. I am blessed and grateful everyday for this new life Im getting to live
@justinbieber	Feb 27 2010, 19:35	Just saw on the news about the earth- quake in chile and the possible tsunamis. My prayers go out to those people and their families affected
@justinbieber	Mar 3 2010, 3:34	Respect eachother. Will continue to keep praying for the people of Chile and Haiti #RIPAlejandraJonas
@justinbieber	Mar 14 2010, 21:06	some sunday churchthen did a little singing with some friendsran through U SMILE and BABY and THAT SHOULD BE ME. sounded great
@justinbieber	Mar 30 2010, 6:24	life is a blessing and appreciation for our time here with eachother is important #ripaprilbieber
@justinbieber	Apr 10 2010, 16:30	would b amazing if some1 found the GOLDEN TICKETS during a buyout and they and the kid they helped at the hos- pital got 2 come 2 the BAHAMAS
@justinbieber	Apr 10 2010, 16:27	heard there is a @NYCbuyout today sounds fun. they are donating the cds from the buyout to childrens hospitals. that is incredible
@justinbieber	Apr 10 2010, 16:27	any1 else planning buyouts? feel blessed to have such incredible fans who actually not only care about the music but helping others. Thanks

@justinbieber	Apr 12 2010, 21:06	thanks to everyone for your prayers for a certain friend of mineshe is doing much better and its good to see her smil- ing. Thanks
@justinbieber	Apr 13 2010, 5:18	great night with great friends. health and happiness goes a long way. blessed 2 have incredible people in my life. got some weirdos too. Lol
@justinbieber	Apr 22 2010, 0:24	make sure you are watching American Idol's IDOL GIVES BACK right now!! Great cause
@justinbieber	Apr 22 2010, 0:26	also just saw Crystal Bowersox's per- formance. She is incredible and she is rightThank the lord http://bit.ly/dmX- Wdr
@justinbieber	May 26 2010, 2:52	family time with my mom couldnt come at a better timei was raised to respect others and not gossipnor answer gossip with anger
@justinbieber	May 26 2010, 2:55	i know my friends family and fans know the person i am. hearing adults spread lies and rumors is part of the job i guess.
@justinbieber	Jun 15 2010, 23:51	If your truly my fan u will not put down any of my family members or friends, When you smile i smile, and when my friends hurt i hurt. :(
@justinbieber	Jun 16 2010, 1:03	brush off the haterz n realize life is good n it's a blessing. will always support my friends but no more giving mind 2 haterz. hi haterz:0
@justinbieber	Jun 20 2010, 18:00	we r having fun today but make sure 2 tune in 2morrow as we do what we can to help those in need in the Gulf - http:// tinyurl.com/2f9s5m3



@justinbieber	Jun 20 2010, 18:03	we are blessed everydaylet's share our blessings with others
@justinbieber	Jun 22 2010, 4:03	Wow long night Bout to catch some zzzzzzzzz But first I'm gonna say my prayers :) night ladies
@justinbieber	Jun 28 2010, 21:03	If the Lord can forgive so can I
@justinbieber	Jul 10 2010, 6:17	goodnight worldwent go carting and just had some fun tonight. good to be a kid. enjoy the blessings
@justinbieber	Jul 17 2010, 1:53	@valentina_lovee Sometimes the pressure is a lot but I feel so blessed living my dream and I remind myself to be thankful and appreciative.
@justinbieber	Jul 25 2010, 17:45	RT @Sofiasmile19 @justinbieber i'm going to church in a while, i'm gonna pray for u to follow me = Keep G-d first and stay humble. FOLLOWED!
@justinbieber	Aug 15 2010, 15:24	Im telling u people. Everyday we wake up is another blessing. Go after ur dreams dont let anyone stop u. NEVER SAY NEVER!! CRAZY SUNDAY
@justinbieber	Sep 11 2010, 20:20	9-11. RIP to all those who lost their lives and god bless those out there remem- bering their loss
@justinbieber	Sep 24 2010, 14:51	it's a big big worldremember we are blessed and should be grateful for the gifts the lord gives us and the love of our friends and family
@justinbieber	0ct 26 2010, 17:34	just found out about the earthquake in Indonesia. everyone please pray for the people there. #prayforindonesia
@justinbieber	Nov 1 2010, 21:45	just heard the news. my prayers go out to lily allen and her family.

@justinbieber	Nov 2 2010, 18:22	the new song on #MYWORLDSACOUSTIC called "PRAY" is by far @studiomama's favorite song I have ever done. hope u guys will like it 2
@justinbieber	Nov 11 2010, 22:54	my dude @kennyhamilton is a former navy man. Happy Veterans Day Kenny. Here is a preview of #Pray for the sol- diers - http://bit.ly/dxlu1r
@justinbieber	Nov 13 2010, 5:39	feeling blessed. gonna surprise some special people tomorrow. VA we here
@justinbieber	Nov 21 2010, 2:49	Can someone tell how to make a change!! I close my eyes, and i can see a better day. I close my eyes and #pray
@justinbieber	Nov 21 2010, 8:36	night world. tomorrow AMA's. Gonna take em to church! #PRAY
@justinbieber	Nov 24 2010, 22:45	I made a promise to you guys when I wrote #PRAY that I would use it to raise money for charity. Im keeping my promise - http://bit.ly/fVKUvo
@justinbieber	Nov 25 2010, 18:25	we all have so much to be #thankful forIm #thankful for the love of my family friends and of course all of you
@justinbieber	Nov 25 2010, 18:27	I could write a whole book saying all that Im #thankful 4but let me just say that every new day is another blessing. #Hap- pyThanksgiving
@justinbieber	Nov 27 2010, 1:16	all jokes aside Im proud of the new album #MYWORLDSACOUSTIC and Im proud of the song #PRAY . we can all make a difference in the world. so
@justinbieber	Nov 28 2010, 21:45	sometimes i cant be everything everyone wants me to bebut i can tryand i can #prayand I can #believeand I can #NEVERSAYNEVER



@justinbiebo	Dec 4 2010, 20:37	Just want to let my people in Germany know I won't be on Wetten Dass tonight as an accident has taken place and
@justinbiebo	Dec 4 2010, er 20:39	we all don't think it is right to continue. Please pray for Samuel Koch & his family as we wait and hope for his health and safety.
@justinbiebo	Dec 29 2010, er 1:55	Chillin and happy. Its been a fun year with a lot of blessings. Some crazy rumors but so much love and memories. We r just gettin started!!
@justinbiebo	Dec 30 2010, er 23:15	all people are equal and all people deserve respect. but with the respect the lord teaches forgiveness. a new year is coming. let him judge
@justinbiebo	Dec 30 2010, er 23:17	that's all i really got to say about that. I just wanna make music and do what i love. I wanna give back for my blessings and enjoy 2011
@justinbiebo	Dec 31 2010, er 23:01	so my #newyearsresolution is to continue to give back for my blessings and do more than the year before. i wanna #makeachange
@justinbiebo	Dec 31 2010, er 23:03	so #HappyNewYear and #godbless and let's make 2011 even better. I love all of you and Im still the kid from Stratford and Im never changin!
@justinbiebo	Jan 11 2011, er 7:22	just heard about the floods in Australia. to all the people out there i send you my prayers. #staystrong
@justinbiebo	Feb 2 2011, er 2:41	I'm grateful 4 every blessing no matter how small or how big. I promise 2 always stay humble and 2 share my blessings with others. I promise

@justinbieber	Feb 13 2011, 21:29	regardless of what happens today is a GREAT DAYso blessed and grateful. This is just the beginning. Dream BIG and #NEVERSAYNEVER
@justinbieber	Feb 17 2011, 1:26	@usherraymondiv is a great friend and great mentorblessed to have him in my life. Kill it in LONDON buddy. I will hold down Paris for u.
@justinbieber	Feb 22 2011, 9:34	just ending the night. my prayers go out tonight to the people of New Zealand. god bless
@justinbieber	Feb 27 2011, 20:01	hope everyone is having a blessed sunday. appreciative 4 this life and thankful 4 the friends, family and fans i get 2 share it with. Thanks
@justinbieber	Mar 11 2011, 17:26	Japan is one of my favorite places on earthit's an incredible culture with amazing people. My prayers go out to them. We all need to help
@justinbieber	Mar 20 2011, 14:07	I love the people and culture of Japan and I love this fan made video. thank you. #prayforjapan - http://youtu.be/sGI- 67zM45U4
@justinbieber	Mar 30 2011, 20:35	for real. Belgium. I never ever thought i would get to be in Belgium. Timmins maybe but not Belgium. Iol. #blessed #ilovemyfans
@justinbieber	Apr 7 2011, 17:02	hearing the news in Japan I hope every- one is ok and our prayers go out to you. An incredible place and an incredible people. #prayforjapan
@justinbieber	Apr 9 2011, 15:16	zurich to milannot complaining. #blessed



@justinbieber	Apr 11 2011, 22:23	im in the holy land and i am grateful for that. I just want to have the same per- sonal experience that others have here.
@justinbieber	Apr 11 2011, 22:29	so im looking forward to this week and i look forward to putting on a great show thank you for the support. night and God Bless
@justinbieber	Apr 12 2011, 12:16	You would think paparazzi would have some respect in holy places. All I wanted was the chance to walk where jesus did here in isreal.
@justinbieber	Apr 12 2011, 12:18	They should be ashamed of themselves.  Take pictures of me eating but not in a place of prayer, ridiculous
@justinbieber	Apr 14 2011, 19:06	NEVER GOING TO FORGET THIS ONE. #BLESSED
@justinbieber	Apr 15 2011, 14:47	last night after the show i was able to see Jerusalemreally incredible experience. thank you for those who helped make it happen
@justinbieber	Apr 15 2011, 14:48	got to see the wall and the tunnels and even a sacred bath that Jesus could of bathed in. incredible. http://bit.ly/heHc1m
@justinbieber	Apr 15 2011, 14:49	also got to visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. An incredible place and some- thing i will never ever forget.
@justinbieber	Apr 17 2011, 14:02	Israel we started off a little roughbut thank u for a week I will never forget. It's an incredible place. thank u
@justinbieber	Apr 17 2011, 14:03	the fans here have been incrediblethe show was amazingand the place is truly special. My family and I will never forget this week.

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@justinbieber	Apr 21 2011, 14:45	time for a shower then team dinner. #southeastasia #blessed
@justinbieber	Apr 27 2011, 14:54	been writing alot of songs on the road. excited to just get this music out later this year and record this summer. #BELIEVE #newmusic
@justinbieber	May 5 2011, 15:17	having a moment. just grateful 2 b here living this life. not gonna waste the opportunity. not gonna be selfish. not gonna get in my own way
@justinbieber	May 17 2011, 22:24	up early in TOKYOabout to be on Meza- mashi TVwalking to set now. #grateful
@justinbieber	May 17 2011, 23:06	finished the showsaw footage of the disaster and seeing kids affected 2day. happy 2 b here. its important. we need 2 b here for eachother
@justinbieber	May 18 2011, 9:56	just met some incredible kids who have been thru alot because of the devastation here in Japan. blessed to meet them and proud to know them
@justinbieber	May 18 2011, 9:57	when you meet kids like thatwith all their strength and courage to move on you realize the important things in life. #supportJapan
@justinbieber	May 19 2011, 13:40	dedicated #PRAY to the people of Japan tonight and the OLLG was one of the students i met yesterday. Really special night and a great show.
@justinbieber	May 19 2011, 13:41	great way to end the tourglad we ended it here in JAPAN. thanks to every- onenow time for a break and time to make #BELIEVE



@justinbieber	May 19 2011, 13:48	from singing in the streets of Stratford to a WORLD TOURsitting here taking it all in. blessed. thank you. NEVER SAY NEVER and #BELIEVE
@justinbieber	May 24 2011, 4:09	just heard about the devastation in Missourimy heart goes out to everyone there and their families. my prayers are with you.
@justinbieber	May 30 2011, 5:44	got my friend @seankingston in my prayers tonight. a true friend and big bro. please keep him in your prayers tonight as well.
@justinbieber	May 30 2011, 18:10	I will continue to pray and support my friend. #getwellsean
@justinbieber	Jun 17 2011, 19:31	hangin with friends. blessed and grateful. nothing wrong with being happy
@justinbieber	Jun 18 2011, 2:47	being known isnt good enough. its what you are known for that matters. think positive live positive. #payitforward
@justinbieber	Jun 24 2011, 23:16	just got off the phone with @seankings- ton. God is good. glad to see you doing better man. love you bro
@justinbieber	Jun 29 2011, 22:38	been working on new musicthis next album is gonna be best so far#BELIEVE
@justinbieber	Jul 23 2011, 11:35	my prayers go out to everyone in Norway and my friend Suniva. #prayfornorway

### Conversation Starters

I t is my great hope that this book will be a catalyst for conversations among adults and young people, pastors and their flocks, teachers and students, parents and children, and among friends (old, young, and in between) about the things that matter most in life. Eternal matters such as faith, relationships (with God and other people), how art can reflect and challenge faith, what it means to believe, and how art—music, film, books, television, and even online communities such as Facebook and Twitter—can inspire us to dig deeper into spiritual concerns.

To that end, here are a few questions that might help get the conversation started.

Remember to listen to each other respectfully, to keep confidences safe, and remember that God is in the room with you as you talk to one another.

Be honest and kind.

And pay attention to your lives, especially the things that bring a tear to your eye or put a lump in your throat. No matter what they are (or how unlikely th ey may seem to be), they could be an early warning system that tells you the Holy is getting closer and speaking to your heart.

- 1. How would you describe yourself spiritually?
- 2. How does music inspire or move you?
- 3. What is it about Justin's story or music that appeals to you? Why?
- 4. Where do you see God's fingerprints in the story of Justin's life?
- 5. If you could sit down with Justin and talk to him about faith, what would you want to ask him? What would you want to tell him?
- 6. Have you ever prayed for a celebrity? If so, who? Why? What did you pray for?
- 7. Have you ever prayed for Justin? If so, why? And what did you pray for?
- 8. Which of Justin's songs do you find a spiritual connection with and why?
- 9. Who are other musicians or songs that you connect with spiritually? Why? What does that music mean or say to you?
- 10. Some people say that Christian believers—or people of faith in general, no matter which spiritual tradition—have no business working in the "secular" entertainment industry. What do you think about that?
- 11. How do you think God is using Justin to reach the world with the good news?
- 12. Who are other celebrities you think represent a positive voice for faith in the world?
- 13. How has Justin's charity work—how he "pays it

- forward" or "gives back"—inspired you to get involved in a similar way?
- 14. What do you do to "pay it forward"? What would you like to get involved with in the future to give back?
- 15. What films have you seen that you think reflect ideas, good or bad, about faith, God, religion, or spirituality? How do they do so and what is the message they're sending?
- 16. When you hear Justin or his mother talk about faith or religious issues, what do you take away? What kind of a message do you think they're presenting? Does it inspire you to talk about faith in a different way? If yes, in what way? If no, why not?
- 17. What kind of a message do you think Justin is sending, in his music or in the way he lives his life publicly, about sexuality?
- 18. What kinds of things do you hope Justin will write and sing about in his songs in the future?
- 19. How has the profile of Justin's faith in this book made you think about celebrities and faith in a different way?
- 20. If you were a celebrity, what would you hope to do or say that would represent what you believe?

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"I don't really have a religion, but I know [about Justin's faith] because I've heard about it. I like him, so I know."

- Greta, 13, Philadelphia, PA

"To have such a huge icon in American pop culture that loves the Lord is just incredible. It makes me appreciate him more and the fans that he is reaching. . . . I think it's a great outreach for his fans."

- Morgan, 24, Franklin, TN

"It's really inspirational and admirable that he can be so open about what he believes in."

— Rhiannon, 14, Wheaton, IL

"I wasn't really surprised that he was a Christian because he showed it through his actions and what he said."

- Susanna, 14, Nashville, TN

"I think it's a great thing for this culture to have a very huge artist who loves the Lord."

- Morgan, 24, Franklin, TN

"He's not trying to advertise Christianity or anything. He's just trying to say, 'It's okay. You have a voice. And you can have faith.' But he's not trying to say, 'Be like me 'cuz I'm Justin Bieber.'

"I think it's awesome that as a 17-year-old, he's willing to speak his mind and say what he feels he needs to say when a lot of people won't—or they'll be very, like, political about it and try not to give it a point. But he is willing to."

- Tamara, 20, College Station, TX

"He is one of a few very professed Christians in the music industry, and I think he sets an amazing example."

- Carl, 20, Chicago, IL

"Justin Bieber has more sway over people right now than any pastor does, which is sad, but he actually has so much more impact on these young people. I'd be interested in seeing if Justin actually realizes that—and that he can make a bigger impact on our generation than a lot of people can."

— Tamara, 20, College Station, TX

"I'd be curious to know how Justin's superstardom affects his faith."

- Annie, 20, Wheaton, IL

"First of all, [Justin's faith] will spread Christianity, hopefully, to some of his fans. It will make people want to be a Christian more. Since he shows it so well, it will help us know what to do when we're Christians."

"I don't think it's wrong for people to pray. I just  $\dots$  have a hard time wrapping my mind around the fact that prayer could actually do something, besides just having kind thoughts toward somebody."

— Anna, 13, Philadelphia, PA

"I would pray that he never changes and that he glorifies God through everything he does, which he is right now. And that he'll continue to grow in his faith ... and in his fame as well."

- Susanna, 14, Nashville, TN

"I think Justin and his family stay closer through praying. I liked that they all are friends on tour. He seems down-to-earth, but when you know his story, he has God-given talent:) and he makes me smile when he smiles! We sang his songs at my birthday sleepover and I love all his songs!! He connects to people all over the world."—Carly, 16, Vernon Hills, IL

"He's kind of a really big influence on everybody because to all of his fans that watch him and follow him on Twitter or Facebook or anything, he's a big person that they look up to. And when he puts that he can believe in God and still be able to have this amazing life, it shows people that anybody can have that."

"I do think it's good that big pop stars like Justin Bieber talk about being a Christian and stuff because it's a good influence on me. Especially because he's in the spotlight a lot, it's kind of hard for him to come out with being a Christian and stuff. But then he's also a good role model because of the way he acts." — Camille, 14, Nashville, TN

"I was wondering if Justin is as big on faith as he seems, or is it all made up to make him look better?"

— Peyton, 13, Muncie, IN

"Justin inspired me to play piano, and I play by ear. . . . He was a big influence on me to pursue piano playing. . . . The first song I learned to play was 'Baby' by Justin Bieber."

- Camille, 14, Nashville, TN

"I'm very glad that he's able to share his music with everybody and comfortable enough to share his faith and knowledge of his faith with the world. He's just awesome like that."

-Hannah, 12, St. Louis, MO

"It's amazing how people can just join in when you start talking about Justin. They may not even know much about him and they're like, 'Whoa! I never knew that before.' But Justin saying all that stuff [about faith], it's really cool because then they're able to learn the love of God themselves, like 'Oh! Maybe if I pray, then something will happen, like maybe I'll see a sign from God or something.' And then maybe they actually get a sign and find God. It's a really amazing thing."

"From what I see of him, I find that he's really just *kind*. To everybody."

"I was actually watching an interview on YouTube and he was talking about his biggest influence, and he said his mom, but then he also said that God and the Bible really keep him strong in the industry."

- Camille, 14, Nashville, TN

"To be that young and in the light, and to be like, 'I love Jesus,' that's huge in itself and he's getting tons of crap for it. And these people are going to be waiting to see him mess up, just to say, 'See? He's like every other pop star.' So far he's done a pretty good job of keeping that good reputation."

— Carl, 20, Chicago, IL

"I think he really cares about his fans, and when he makes a mistake, he feels awful about it. . . . People who have the courage to do that, they're the real role models, because they don't say, 'Well, I was upset,' or 'You can't blame me.' He really does feel bad about it."

-Bridget, 16, Cyrstal Lake, IL

"If I could say anything to JB, I would probably say, 'Stay strong'—because he is in a world of people who live 'in the world' and are 'of the world.' And I would probably say, 'Keep believing.'

"I guess I'd want to ask him, 'Why do you believe in God the way that you do?'" — Riley, 9, Norwalk, CT

"My faith is renewed whenever I see a child with so much faith and belief in God who is willing to shout it out to the masses. Justin is such

a kid and he has expressed his feelings about his belief many times here on YouTube. I see hope for the world, knowing that there are children like him for our future."

"One of the questions I've been thinking through in my head is: If God loves us so much, then why does he make us hurt so bad?"

-Hannah, 12, St. Louis, MO

"He's definitely saying that, basically, anybody can love God. You don't have to keep him in your back pocket and then bring him out when you need him."

—Bridget, 16, Crystal Lake, IL

"[Justin's faith] doesn't make me uncomfortable or anything.
I'll just listen, like, if it is true. . . . Since I don't have a religion, I'll
listen to other people's stories and stuff."

— Greta, 13, Philadelphia, PA

"I don't think he's trying to push it, like, 'You have to believe in THIS God.'"

- Greta, 13, Philadelphia, PA

"[Justin's faith] only makes me like him more because I am of that religion too. But even if he was a different religion, I wouldn't see anything wrong with it. I wouldn't like him any less."

— Hannah, 12, St. Louis, MO

"He has something none of us has. And that's really cool. It's a blessing from God, and I'm praying that he uses it for something good."  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2$ 

- Carl, 20, Chicago, IL

"The way he lives life is really inspiring because he takes his fame and everything and turns it into good. Like for the song 'Pray'—in his music video he goes to Africa and talks about how he can pray for people who have less than him. At the Nashville concert he donated a portion of his proceeds to flood victims, which was really helpful to be a positive influence on other people."

"He really shows how he is a Christian through his singing. He really offers up to his fans and gives back. I think that's cool of him. He's a genuine, down-to-earth celebrity."

— Sarah, 14, Franklin, TN

"i'm curious to see what happens in terms of how he speaks out about his faith once he starts shifting out of the center of the limelight, and if he, like a lot of these other stars, will decide that he needs to start doing these crazy things to stand out."

- Paul, 20, Dallas, TX

"Justin, I want you to be 17. I don't want you to come up with really prophetic songs ... yet. But I hope that someday, you will come around to that."

"I give up a lot and I quit on things a lot because I get bored. Or I'll say, 'This is too hard; I don't want to do it anymore,' and I'll quit. But Justin kind of inspired me to keep going, and if something's hard, you just have to keep trying."

— Greta, 13, Philadelphia, PA



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