

21 DAYS OF PRAYER JOURNAL

SEPTEMBER 10 – OCTOBER 1, 2023

ONE PURPOSE FOR ONE PURPOSE.



 **ONE PURPOSE**

DEAR FAITH FAMILY,

I am excited that your family, along with our entire church family, will be making a 21-Day Prayer Journey together. This prayer devotional is designed to encourage you and strengthen your faith as we look toward one of the most significant days, I believe, in the history of our church. I'm speaking of October 1, our One Purpose First Fruits Day! On that day, as we will bring our sacrificial cash gifts, and our sacrificial pledges, we will determine how far we can go and how fast we can go in our One Purpose plans for moving forward. Let me urge you to use this devotional as a family Bible study and prayer time for twenty-one days. Take a day at a time. Another option is that you could use this individually as each family member takes time every day to work through it. Whichever way you choose, I believe you will be glad you did it. Just think, all the Lakes Church family will be "together" for twenty-one days.

Since the beginning of our church, we have set our hearts to be a people of prayer. In every situation, whether good or bad, we try to pray before we act. Many times, people act first and then want God to bail them out of that situation, but prayer should be our first response, not our last resort. Understanding the necessity of prayer is not enough. We don't just pray *before* we work—prayer *is* the work—then God works. Don't simply say, "There is power in prayer." There is no power in *my* prayer, but rather, the Power is in the One to Whom I pray. My prayer is a channel to receive the pouring out of power from God.

**"The story of every great Christian achievement is the history of answered prayer."
— E.M. Bounds**

It's time to be ON PURPOSE for ONE PURPOSE! Everything we do is to bring glory and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ with our lives and reaching people with the gospel.

For His Glory,



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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

DAY 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is often recited in churches or at religious events, but there's so much more to this prayer. Jesus provided this model as an outline to teach us how to pray in a way that connects us to God and empowers us to accomplish great things through Him. This model takes us through each part of The Lord's Prayer, showing us how to pray the way Jesus instructed.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." — [LUKE 11:1](#)

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

— [MATTHEW 6:9-13, NKJV](#)

CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

"OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN"

God isn't interested in us practicing religion; instead, He desires a relationship with us. God has adopted us as His children and loves for us to call Him our Father. Starting our prayer time acknowledging our relationship with God is powerful for us and delights Him as well.

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, "Abba, Father."

— [ROMANS 8:15, NLT](#)



Proclaim your intimate relationship with God, addressing Him lovingly as your Father and thanking Him that you are His child.

PRAYER

Father, I come to You in prayer today thankful that I am Your child. I know I am a sinner, but You have forgiven me and adopted me as Your own, and I am so grateful to call you my Father. Thank you for loving me. I love you.

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DAY 2

WORSHIP HIS NAME

"HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME"

God loves when we worship Him, and there is power in His Name. Here is a list of some of His Names to help us worship Him specifically and personally:

- **Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)** – God is our focal point, our absolute assurance of Victory as we follow His will. It is a reminder that God is with us and wins! (Exodus 17:15)
- **Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)** – There is no disease, illness, wound, pain, hurt, injury that our God cannot heal. Jesus is the Great Physician (Exodus 15:26)
- **Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)** – Our God is always Present and will never abandon or forsaken us. Emmanuel—God With Us! (Ezekiel 48:35)
- **Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)** – Our God provides for our every need as we remain in the center of His will. This is a certainty, a promise for those who dare to live by faith (Genesis 22:14)
- **Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)** – Our God gives us a sense of peace, calm, and assurance on the inside regardless of what is happening around us. (Judges 6:24).

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

— [PROVERBS 18:10 ESV](#)



Speak God's Names out loud. When we proclaim who He is, we not only worship Him, but we also remind ourselves how powerful and great our God is.

PRAYER

God, I am in awe of You. Your Name is a strong tower, a place of protection and safety for me. I praise You as my Healer, my Shepherd, and my Banner of Victory. You are my Peace, my Provider, my Righteousness, and my Sanctifier. Your Name is great, and I worship You.

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DAY 3

PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Part of being a child of God is caring about what He cares about. We know His will is perfect, and we acknowledge His wisdom and sovereignty when we pray His agenda first.

He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. — [LUKE 12:31 TLB](#)

Spend time focusing on what God is focused on. His priorities include:

- Saving the lost
- Wisdom and guidance for those in authority – parental, spiritual, governmental, work-related
- Accomplishing His purpose in our lives

PRAYER

God, I recognize there is no better plan on earth than Yours, and I pray for Your will to be done in my life (*name the areas of your life where you need more of God's presence today*) and in our world. This world is lost and needs You desperately, and I pray for every person to know You as their personal Lord and Savior. I pray for the leaders in my life (*pray specifically over parents, spiritual leaders, government leaders, employers, and any other leaders in your life*), that you would give them supernatural wisdom and discernment as they lead. Give them a revelation of Your will and Your purpose for them. And I give my life to You again today; have Your way in my life! Anything You want to do in me or through me, I will do. I ask today for wisdom and clarity as You show me my next steps.

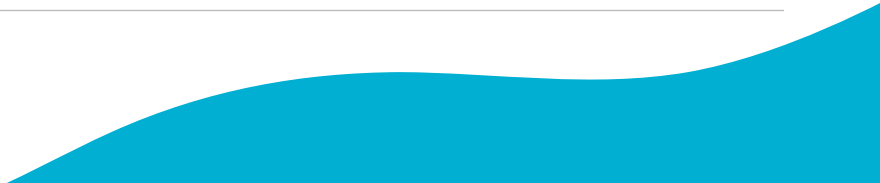
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DAY 4

DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."

God promises to supply all our needs, and He wants us to come to Him with our problems, needs, and desires and to trust Him to provide.

I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! — [PSALM 121:1–2 NLT](#)



Ask God for what you need today. It may help to write down the concerns weighing on your mind or the desires of your heart. You can bring them to God and trust Him enough to hand them over to Him fully. It may help to open your hands before God to physically show your surrender to Him. Problems can either be ours or God's; they can't be both.

PRAYER

Father, I acknowledge that everything I need today will come from You. You made the heavens and the earth; You are more than capable of handling any situation I'm dealing with, so I give it to You completely (*specifically talk to God about what is on your mind and heart right now and give it to Him*). I look to You to help me, sustain me, and give me Your peace. Remind me of Your hope and power today. Thank You in advance for taking care of my needs.

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DAY 5

FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

"FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS."

God has offered us complete forgiveness, and we can receive it at any time. When we turn away from our sins and receive His forgiveness, our hearts are more prepared to forgive others as well. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. — 1 JOHN 1:9



Ask God to check your heart and life and show you areas where you might need to ask for forgiveness from Him. Then, it is your turn to forgive those who have offended you. We can even choose to forgive people in advance. Ask God to forgive you and to help you forgive others.

PRAYER

God, thank You so much for offering me the gift of forgiveness. Show me any areas in my life that I need to bring before You in order to receive forgiveness and healing. I confess that I have been struggling with sin (*talk to God about any areas of sin in your life*), and I know that You want me to be clean again. Please forgive me for my sin. Thank You for showing me unfailing grace. As You have so freely forgiven me, I also want to freely forgive others. Please help me let go of all of my offenses. I release to You those who have hurt me, and I trust You to handle those situations according to Your perfect will.

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DAY 6

ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE."

Spiritual warfare can seem difficult to understand, but the Bible makes it very clear that we have an enemy who is trying to steal from us, kill us, and destroy us. As we pray, we take our stand against the enemy and fight from a place of victory through Jesus as we're empowered by His Holy Spirit. There is power in God's Word, and every lie the enemy has told us can be replaced with God's truth.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. — [EPHESIANS 6:12](#)

EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

"FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER."

God is more than able to move in every situation, and ending our prayer time claiming His authority and power focuses our minds on the truth and hope of who He is and what He can do.

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You. — [JEREMIAH 32:17](#)

Remind yourself of God's limitless power and then return to praising Him and declaring your faith in Him:

- "Yours is the Kingdom" – all authority belongs to You
- "Yours is the Power" – all mightiness flows from You
- "Yours is the Glory" – Your victory will be complete

PRAYER

Father God, nothing is too hard for You! Through Your great power, all things are possible. All authority is Yours, all might is Yours, and I know that Your victory will be complete. You are amazing, and I worship You. I praise You for Your power and presence in my life. You are my God, and You are worthy of all praise.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

DAY 7

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic daily prayer life. It brings power, truth, and encouragement to our prayer time. Let's begin with King David's Psalm 23. Take a moment to read it, and then use the prayer below as a way to use the psalm to have a conversation with God.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. — [PSALM 23](#)

PRAYER

God, You are my Provider, and I know You will take care of me. Thank You for guiding me to places of rest. You are my source of energy and passion. You keep me going and lead me toward a life of purpose and freedom. I know that even when I experience my darkest seasons of difficulty and challenge, I have nothing to be afraid of because You are with me. Your presence and power are a constant comfort to me. I know that You are preparing the way for me and that my enemies cannot touch me because You are taking care of me. I know that You have blessed me, and I thank You for choosing me and anointing me with purpose. Your blessings are so much more than I could ask for. I know that You are good, God, and that You are with me all the days of my life. You have chosen me, and I have chosen You, and that means I will be with You, in Your presence, forever.

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

DAY 8

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

In the following section, we will use several scriptures and claim their promises through prayer. You can make this as personal as you like. You will find the most benefit when you pray the scriptures that God is showing you in His Word and that are connecting with you personally in your current season of life.

Come near to God and He will come near to you. — [JAMES 4:8](#)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, You have promised that if I draw near to You, You will draw near to Me. I need more of Your presence today, and I am drawing near to You through prayer, worship, and reading Your Word. I open my heart to You and ask You to be near to me and change me to be more like You.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. — [PSALM 139:23–24](#)

PRAYER: Father God, I ask You to search my heart. If You find anything in me that is offensive, please show me and help me remove it from my life. Lead me to live a life that draws people to You. Help me live my life on earth in a way that impacts eternity.

But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. — [MATTHEW 6:33](#)

PRAYER: Your Word tells me that if I seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, You will lead me to a life of blessing, purpose, and freedom. I am Yours today, God, and I give this day to You. Help me to focus on Your priorities first, sharing Your love and making Your Name known. I know that by focusing on You rather than myself, I will receive joy and peace.

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

DAY 9

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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. — [JAMES 4:10](#)

PRAYER: God, You have promised that if I humble myself before You, You will lift me up. I recognize today that I cannot succeed on my own, and I need You in every moment. I humble myself before You, and I ask You to work in and through me today. My time, efforts, thoughts, and words are Yours today (*name specific parts of your day and give them to God*). Use me for Your purposes, Lord. I trust that You will be with me and lift me up.

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. — [2 TIMOTHY 1:7](#)

PRAYER: Father, I know You have not given me a spirit of fear or timidity, but one of power, love, and self-discipline. When my mind feels out of control, I pray that You will renew my spirit and let power, love, and self-discipline fill me. Help me to look more like You every day. I declare that anything that is not of You has to leave me in Jesus' mighty Name. I proclaim that I do not have a spirit of fear, but I have a sound and healthy mind.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. — [ROMANS 8:28](#)

PRAYER: God, You promise me in Your Word that in all things You work for my good. Right now, there are circumstances in my life that don't feel good and that I can't see an ounce of good in (*talk to God about the specific situations that are causing you difficulty or pain*). Even though this is how I feel, I choose to believe Your truth over my feelings. When You say You will work in all things for my good, I believe You. Even in situations that seem hopeless, I know You are working on my behalf and that You want more for me than I could ever want for myself. Thank You for having a purpose for me and for working all my life circumstances for good.



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SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

DAY 11

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— ROMANS 8:38–39

PRAYER: God, I am in awe of Your love for me. You are so great, and I am so small, yet You love me fully. I remind my soul today that nothing can separate me from Your love—I am so grateful! There is nothing I can do to win or lose Your love; You love me without condition. Because I know nothing on earth, in time or space, or anything in existence can separate me from Your love, I will live confidently and peacefully knowing I have always been and will always be fully loved by You.

“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord. — ISAIAH 54:17

PRAYER: Lord, I know that no weapon raised against me will succeed because I am Your child. I feel pressure in my life right now, and sometimes I feel as though life will overcome me (*talk to God about the concerns weighing on you*). Even though I feel this way, in faith, I claim Your promise that no weapon can overcome me and that any accusations that come against me will be silenced. This truth is verified by Your love and saving power in my life.

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DAY 12

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

PRAYER: Father, my heart feels anxious (*tell God what is giving you anxiety*). I don't like this feeling, but I'm thankful I can come to You and receive peace. You invite me to replace my anxiety with prayer, and even though my mind and heart are racing, I'm coming to You knowing that You provide healing and calm for my soul. Thank You for giving me breath and life. I thank You that I am fearfully and wonderfully made in Your image. I lay down all worries, all my physical and mental anxiety, and any attempt at trying to control it all (*tell Him the things you are laying down right now*). I surrender it all to You. I need You. I need Your peace that transcends my human understanding. Even if things are unstable around me, I pray that Your peace will be evident in my heart and my life. Guard my heart and mind, God. I trust that You are faithful, and I receive Your peace in my life today.

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” — HEBREWS 13:5

PRAYER: Father, I am so comforted by the fact that You will never leave me. You are always with me, and I am safe with You. As I go through my life and take on each new situation, I'm comforted by knowing I'm not alone because You are by my side. Help me feel Your presence. When I feel uncertain or afraid, I pray You will comfort me through Your Holy Spirit and remind me that I am never alone because You, the Almighty God, have promised to always be with me.

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DAY 13

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” — **JEREMIAH 29:11–13**

PRAYER: My God, I try to make so many plans for my life, but I know Your plans for me are best. You tell me that You have plans for me to prosper and have hope and a future. Thank You for loving me enough to have a plan for my life. You have promised me that when I call on You, You will listen to me. Thank You for listening when I pray. I am confident knowing that I serve a God who cares about my life. I want to find You every day, and You say that if I seek You with all my heart, I will find You. Thank You for showing me the way to You. I lay my plans down at Your feet and receive Your plans for me (*mention your plans and lay them down before God*). I know that You see the big picture and You know what is better for me than I do. I trust You, and I ask You to guide me toward Your plans.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” — **MATTHEW 11:28–30**

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I am so tired and worn out (*tell God the areas that you're tired and weary*). I feel exhausted mentally and physically. Life feels hard, and I feel like I can't keep up my current pace. You invite me to come to You when I am weary, and I fall at Your feet desperate for rest, peace, and perspective. Show me where I am trying to do things on my own. Show me where I need to rest instead of strive. Teach me Your ways. Show me how to walk in gentleness, humility, and rest. I know Your ways are higher than my ways, and I pray that You will transform my heart and mind to be more like You.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

DAY 14

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Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

— PSALM 91:1–2

PRAYER: God, I claim that I dwell in Your shelter, the Most High God, and I rest in Your shadow, the Almighty One. I claim that You alone are my refuge and fortress. You are my God and I trust You. When I face anything that brings me uncertainty or fear (*confess these things to Him*), I know that I can come to You as my safe place. Thank You for Your strength and protection in my life.

The LORD is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does. The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. — PSALM 145:13–14

PRAYER: Almighty God, as I claim the promises in Your Word through my prayer time, I praise You for Your character. Trustworthy, faithful—that is who You are. I thank You that I can trust You to be faithful to me. I know that when I come to You with humility and a surrendered heart that You will lift me up.

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DAY 15

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. — **EPHESIANS 6:11–18**

PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from You, and I declare that nothing can separate me from the love of Christ and the place I have in Your Kingdom. I wear Your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption. Cover me with Your holiness and purity—defend me from all attacks against my heart. Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Expose the lies I have believed and show me Your truth today. I choose to live for the Gospel in every moment. Show me where You are working and lead me to it. Give me strength to walk daily with You. I believe that You are powerful against every lie and attack of the enemy, and I receive and claim Your power in my life. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me because You are with me. Holy Spirit, show me the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the traps of the enemy. Bring those scriptures to mind today. Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with You in everything as my spirit communes with You in prayer throughout the day.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

DAY 16

THE WEAPONS OF WARFARE

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-5

When we are aware of spiritual warfare, we can be active in praying through it. God has given us victory and power to fight through the blood of Jesus.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. — 2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-5



You can command anything that comes against the truth of God and His Word to bow to the Name of Jesus. Take a bold stand, praying specifically and confidently through God's power and His Spirit.

PRAYER

Father, Your Word says that no weapon formed against me will prosper (Isaiah 54:17), and I declare it in Jesus' Name. Your Word says that trouble will not arise a second time (Nahum 1:9). So I declare in Jesus' Name that satan cannot make trouble for me again, like he has in the past. I declare in the Name of Jesus that all these prayers are answered and taken care of by trusting You.

I stand on Your Word. The enemy is driven out from me; from my home, workplace, church family, children, and loved ones. I declare that he is not able to stand against me. No weapon formed against me will prosper, because the Spirit of the Lord is with me, protecting me.

I declare these truths in the Name of Jesus. Anything that comes against me or my family that is not in line with the truth and will of God, I command to bow to the powerful Name of Jesus. Father God, I give You all of my thanksgiving, praise, glory, honor, and worship. Thank You for loving me, making me clean, and giving me purpose.

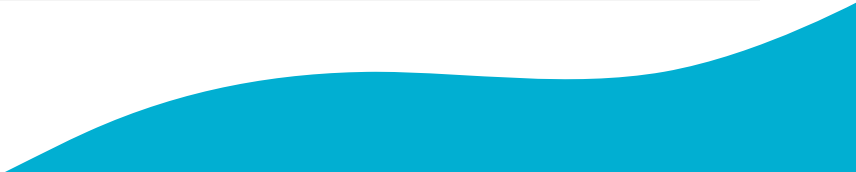
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SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

DAY 17

PROTECTION PRAYER

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3; 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14–7:1, 10:3–5; ROMANS 12:1–2

We often worry about our safety and protection. When we feel this way, we can immediately come to God in prayer, pouring out our heart to Him, and battling in the heavenly by asking for and claiming protection for ourselves and our families in Jesus' Name.

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3



Share your thoughts and concerns with God. Ask Him for His supernatural protection. He says He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11). Claim this promise and lay everything down before Him trusting His good plans and His power to protect you and those you love.

PRAYER

God, I bow in worship to praise You. Thank You for making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. I surrender myself completely in every area of my life to You. I submit myself to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of the enemy in my life. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I reject every thought that tries to compete against the knowledge of Christ. I pray and thank You for a sound mind, the mind of Christ. Today and every day I ask for protection over my family and loved ones; all immediate family members, relatives, friends, acquaintances, and myself. I ask for protection during all of our travels. I ask You to watch over our financial security, possessions, health, and safety (*be as specific here as you like*). All that I have is Yours God, and I declare that satan cannot touch me or anything You have given me. I rebuke the enemy and tell him to bow to the blood of Jesus that covers me and my family. He will not take what You have given us and we are protected and provided for by You, God, and You alone.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

DAY 18

CONFESSION PRAYER

ROMANS 10:10; JAMES 5:16; 1 JOHN 1:7-9, 3:8

Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus made a way for us to be reunited with God by covering our sin by dying on the cross. When we accept the gift of salvation we confess our sin, and as Christians, confessing and repenting of sin is something we continue to do. By coming clean and repentant before God, He is able to work in our lives and transform us to be more like Him.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. — **1 JOHN 1:9**



Assume a posture of humility, and without fear of condemnation or punishment, come sincerely to God confessing your sin on a regular basis. Whether your sin feels big or small to you, your sin is still sin and affects your relationship with God. You get His attention when you tell Him your sin and turn from that sin to follow Him. After you confess, remind yourself and claim the power of the blood of Jesus in your life to wash you clean and make you new.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I confess all of my sins to You. I repent and turn away from them. I'm sorry for the wrong I have done. I confess the times I should have stepped up to do right and did nothing instead. I lay it all down at Your feet. I submit my thoughts, words, actions, and inactions to You. Thank You, God, for forgiving and making a way for me through Your Son, Jesus. Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. You died on the cross for my sins and rose to life again on the third day. I confess all my sins and repent. I receive Your forgiveness and ask You to cleanse me from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, setting me free, making me holy, and giving my life purpose.

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

DAY 19

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:14–15; LEVITICUS 19:18

Forgiveness can feel challenging, but God makes it clear in the Bible that He freely forgives us, and we are expected to do the same for others.

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

— MATTHEW 6:14–15



Come before the Lord with humility, honesty, and sincerity. Share the areas in your life where you need to forgive others. Even if you aren't able to settle a situation with that person, you can settle it with the Lord by forgiving them. As you choose to forgive those who have hurt or offended you, you can also praise and thank God for forgiving you when you didn't deserve it.

PRAYER

Lord, I have a confession to make. I haven't loved others well. I have resented certain people and have not forgiven them in my heart. God, I know that You have forgiven me for so much, and I need Your help to follow You and forgive others. In faith, I now forgive (*name them*). I also forgive and accept myself because You have made me new in the Name of Jesus.

PRIDE PRAYER

PROVERBS 11:2, 16:18, 26:12; 1 TIMOTHY 3:6

The Bible tells us that pride comes before the fall. Pride can be a very real issue in our lives, but we have the power to overcome it through Jesus.

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

— PROVERBS 11:2



Practicing humility requires overcoming pride in our lives. Just as you confess other sins, regularly confess your pride to God. Submit it to Him, asking Him to help you walk in humility, free of pride and self-absorption. If you feel like pride is an issue that continues to surface in your life, confess it daily and bring it before God.

PRAYER

Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I know pride only keeps me from You. I put down anything that would cause me to have pride in my heart in dealing with other people. Help me to prioritize others over myself. I ask you God, to remind me daily that true humility is not thinking less of myself, it's thinking of myself less. I humble myself before You and come to You like a child.

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

DAY 20

HEALING PRAYER

1 PETER 2:24; PSALM 103:2–5; LUKE 1:37

Our God is a God of miracles. Just as we read about in the Bible, we still see Him perform miraculous healing today. He is our healer, and we can confidently approach Him asking for healing for ourselves or someone we know.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. — PSALM 103:2–5



In faith, ask God for healing. Proclaim His power and goodness, believing and trusting Him to take care of you or those you're praying to be healed.

PRAYER

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come before You asking for healing (*name yourself or someone you are praying for to experience healing*). My hope is in You as our healer. I believe You are able to do this. Your name is Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals, and I believe every knee will bow to You including the name of (*name disease or disorder*). Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross so that we can receive healing. You say that You forgive our sins and heal our diseases, and I praise You for this. Thank You that the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. I stand in faith believing for healing for (*yourself or someone you're praying for*). Nothing is impossible for You, God! Give us peace and direction as You work in our lives.

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO NEED GOD

Our God desires everyone to know Him. He says in His Word that He would leave the ninety-nine to go after the one who doesn't know Him. As followers of Christ, we are called to partner with Him, praying for those who don't know Him to come to know Him.

ASK THE FATHER TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS

God draws people to Him. It's not something we can make happen out of our own efforts, so we need to be faithful in praying that the Father would draw those He's placed on our hearts to Jesus.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them. — JOHN 6:44



Think about the people you know who are far from God. Let your heart be open to God and anyone He may bring to your mind. It may help to write down their names as you focus on praying for them.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for the people around me (list specific names), that You would supernaturally draw their hearts to You. Send Your Holy Spirit to them and give them the desire to give their lives to You. Help them to recognize their longing for more in life as a spiritual thirst only You can quench. Open their ears to hear Your voice.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

DAY 21

PRAY THAT THE LOST MAY HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, “Abba, Father.” — [ROMANS 8:15](#)

God wants His beloved sons and daughters to come home. Praying for people to have personal encounters with the living God makes a huge difference.

PRAYER

Father, I pray that people will understand how much You love them. Loose the Spirit of adoption for the people around me, so that they come into a meaningful relationship with You. Stir in their hearts a longing to come home, to hear Your voice, and to see You welcoming them with open arms. Let them know You are always running to meet them and hold them close.

PRAY FOR BELIEVERS TO CROSS THEIR PATHS

This is twofold: We can pray for other Christians to influence the people around them positively, and we can also look for opportunities to influence others positively ourselves. God’s plan to reach people is worked through those who already know and love Him. Jesus asked us to pray for people to go into the world to be salt and light. He came to bring the good news of the Gospel to all people, and His desire is that everyone would know and love Him.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

— [MATTHEW 9:38](#)

As His “spiritual farmers,” we should be attuned to opportunities to plant spiritual seeds in the lives of the people we encounter each day. We may have no idea who has already been praying for them and the culminating impact our kind word, compassionate act, or loving attitude can have to draw someone to Christ.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for the lost around me to meet believers who will influence them in a positive way. Lord, let my life shine in such a way that people want to know the God I serve. Allow others to see my genuine love and concern for them in all that I say and do. Let me be Your hands and feet to serve them and let them know just how much You love them.

It's that "eureka" moment, that "aha!" when it finally clicks. The most important moment to have this kind of revelation is when the lights come on spiritually. People need to see their own sin, see what Jesus did on the cross, and see the hope that comes from giving their life to God.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. — **EPHESIANS 1:17**

People need wisdom, not just knowledge, of spiritual things and insight into how spiritual realities directly impact them. We can pray for this kind of supernatural revelation that only comes from God. Praying for those who need God.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for the people around me to experience the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. I pray that they would truly understand their spiritual condition and see what Jesus did for them on the cross. Help them to have the information and experiences needed to come to You, so they can understand all You have for them.

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OCTOBER 1, 2023

ONE PURPOSE FIRST FRUITS DAY

[Jesus said,] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. — [John 17:20–23](#)

Many Christians believe that chapter 17 of John’s Gospel is the most significant collection of words and the most important prayers recorded in human history. Here we see a clear verbal demonstration of the heart of Christ only a few short hours before He poured out His heart physically. In these verses the Lord expressed His prayer for unity in love and purpose, not only for His disciples but also for us and every future believer. Centuries before we were born, the Lord was carrying us to the throne of grace so that we could be one with each other and with Him, just as He and the Father are one. We can enter into the prayer of Jesus as we ask God to accomplish this in our lives. He calls us “those who will believe in me through their word.” Here He prays virtually the same prayer that He prayed for His immediate followers—that we would be one in the same way that Jesus and the Father are one.

WITHOUT UNITY, OUR MESSAGE AND MISSION ARE COMPROMISED.

Essentially what Jesus is praying for here is the local church: that Christians would unite together in the local church in such a way that they would display to the world around them the truth of the gospel and the truthfulness of the gospel. The type of love that we are to have for one another, the type of unity that we are to have is a supernatural unity; Jesus says that we are to be one even as He and the Father are one. He prays that we would become perfectly, or completely, one. This is a unity that is not of this world. This is something that can only be accomplished by the transforming power of the gospel. This is a gift of grace. As we grow in our amazement of the grace that we have received in Christ, we become all the more gracious, and the fruit of the spirit truly blossoms in our lives (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control).

As our lives are more and more marked by that fruit, we are all the more unified with one another and loving toward one another. As the world witnesses our holy lives of sacrificial love, united in Christ, they will take notice, and will begin to wonder if the gospel is true. Now they may not believe the gospel just yet, but they will not doubt that we do.

PRAYER

Today, Lord, I pray for unity with family members, with other believers, with members of my church, and with all who know You. May we be one with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May our unity show the world, Jesus, that You came from the Father, and may others be drawn to You and experience Your love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen

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