

## **31 Days of Prayer**

As we enter into these 31 days of prayer, remember that prayer isn't just something else on your to do list, but it is an expression of an ever-deepening walk with God. The good thing about this call to prayer is that we are not talking about you spending hours in prayer. We're inviting you to invest ten to fifteen minutes a day to grow in prayer.

As we enter into these 31 days of prayer, I ask that you pray believing what you pray.

### **DAY 1: PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON YOUR WORK AND DAILY ACTIVITIES**

Lord, my highest good is to have you near. And how wonderful that You want me to come near to You, and that You delight to see my face and hear my voice. You want me to walk close to You all day long, resting my heart in the joy of who You are. Enable me to do this more and more.

How good of you, gracious Master, to call all Your children to serve as Your ambassadors in all that we do. How encouraging to know that every task I undertake as Your servant is Your work, even my small tasks. And that through prayer I can put You into all my daily activities, my employment, my marriage, my parenting, my spiritual walk and service, my free time and hobbies.

I commit all I do into Your hands and ask You to work in and through me. Give me grace to do each of my tasks for You, putting my whole heart into it. I depend on You for strength and wisdom all day long (Pray specifically about various things you'll be doing.)

Lord, You alone can give true significance to my work and activities. So I call on You to prosper all that I do. Let Your favor be upon me, and give permanence to what I do.

May I spread the fragrance of Christ to everyone my life touches day by day. Make me a gracious witness to those who don't know You, and a blessing to those who do.

***"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"***

***Scriptures References: Psalm 73:28; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinth 5:20; Proverbs 16:3; Phil 2:13; Colossians 2:23-24***

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### **DAY 2: PRAY FOR A LIFE OF ABIDING IN CHRIST**

Dear Father, what a privilege it is to abide in Christ, to dwell in Him, sharing His life as a branch shares the life of a vine. Thank You that He is my life.

Work in my heart to keep me abiding in Christ and filled with His Spirit day by day and moment by moment, by faith. Show me any hindrances to this in my life, and enable me to lay them aside. May His Word live in me richly, may I keep His commandments and abide in His love. May I so fully identify with Him as the Vine that people around will see in me His nature and His life. Lord, may this be especially true in my relationships and work, my marriage and family life.

I pray these things for the believers in my church and for other believers I know, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. May the truths about abiding in Christ dawn on each of us in a fresh way.

***"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."***

***Scripture References: John 15”4-5; Ephesians 5”18; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 12:1***

**DAY 3: PRAY FOR PERSONAL NEEDS AND DESIRES, WITH THANKSGIVING**

Father, thank You that I can come to You with simple confidence, as a little child comes to his father or mother asking for what he needs. What a gracious generous Father You are!

I’m so grateful to You, for giving me life and breath and everything else. Every good and perfect gift comes from You, the Creator of all, more constant and unchanging than the sun and moon and stars. You are a sun and a shield, bringing light and warmth into my life and protecting me from harm. You’ve promised that I won’t lack anything good, that I’ll be safe and secure without fear of harm, if I seek You with a reverent heart, if I choose to trust You and go Your way instead of my own. More and more, make me this kind of person. Help me praise You often, for Your great goodness and tender love, and trust You more for all that I need. I come to you with my needs and desires. Draw me close to You, as I bring them to You day by day.

I pray about my need for encouragement, for release from inner stress, for greater love and wisdom in relating to others, especially my family, for knowing how to handle my insecurities, my anxieties, my anger, and for open doors in the future. I also pray for the needs of my parents, my brothers and sisters, my spouse and my marriage itself, my co-workers, and my neighbors. Lord, work in special ways.

Thank You, Lord, that You are so vastly wonderful, so utterly and completely delightful, that You can meet and overflow my deepest needs.

***“God cares deeply about you and wants you to talk to Him about all that concerns you. Record in a notebook your practical and emotional needs and those of your family and friends. Remember to write down the answers as they come. As a result, your faith will grow, and you’ll be reminded of God’s power and love.” Scriptures: Luke 11:11-13; Acts 17:25; Psalm 118:1; Proverbs 1:33***

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**DAY 4: PRAY FOR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE**

Dear Lord, how generous and powerful You are. You are able to listen to and help everyone in the world at the same time. What a wonderful Master to belong to! And thank You for revealing Your promises, commands and principles, so that Your Spirit can guide me in my praying and in my living.

I come to You now, asking You for greater wisdom and understanding in spiritual things. May I know what You want for me in the important decisions I’m facing. Give me on the spot wisdom and conversations when I need to make immediate decisions. In such decisions enable me to quickly commit them to You and trust You to help me say and do the right thing. Keep reminding me to do this, both at home and elsewhere so that I won’t depend on my own understanding.

Guide me in the long-range decisions I’m facing. He me seek the Holy Spirit’s enlightenment from Your Word. Help me as I weigh the possibilities, then conclude the right steps to take and the right time to take them. How much I need Your wisdom and guidance.

I pray now about some special decisions I have to make regarding \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. And guide other believers, near and far, in the decisions they are facing, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. As our Shepherd, lead us in good paths, in paths that please You.

Again I praise You for Your wonderful wisdom and power and Your deep desire for my highest good, each day and throughout my whole life.

***“We can be confident that He will listen to use whenever we ask Him for anything in line with His will. And, we can be sure that He will give use what we ask for.”***

**Scriptures: Pasm 145:6-7; 16-19; Colossians 1:9-11; Isaiah 55:8-9**

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### **Day 5: PRAY ABOUT YOUR TRIALS AND TESTINGS**

Father, I worship before You as the sovereign God, the Blessed Controller of all things. You always want what is best. You always know what is best, and You're always able to do what is best for Your obedient, trusting children. Nothing is too hard for You.

I rejoice that You promise to cause all things even things that are contrary to Your ideal will, to fit into a pattern for good for those who love You. And that this “good” includes becoming more like Jesus. And that somehow my prayers can make a difference in how things turn out and how much I benefit from all that comes my way. Thank You for Your promise. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me.”

Give me grace, Lord, to trust You in each of my trials, large or small, to accept each one and cooperate with You so that I'll grow through it.

Guide me as I bring each problem area to You, my pressures, my finances, my uncertainties, my disappointments and failures (including my failures in relating to people). I trust You to work in my situations and give me practical wisdom in how to handle them. And even more, work in me. I lack power and I don't know what to do, but my eyes are on You.

Do these same things for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in their trials.

***“Trials are not abnormal experiences. Whether God sends them or allows them to happen, they are part of His plan for removing ugly qualities from us and developing beautiful Christlike lives.”***

**Scriptures: 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:15; Jeremiah 29:11 & 32:17; Romans 8:28-29; James 1:2-5**

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### **DAY 6: PRAY FOR THE WORD OF GOD TO BUILD YOU UP**

Dear Lord, work in me so that I will always be alert and thankful when I pray, whether along or with others. So much depends on prayer. Don't let me be careless, or distracted, or on and off in my praying. May the same be true as I immerse myself in Your Word. I praise You for inspiring this marvelous book to build us up and set us free. How glad I am for the way it keeps me on track in my praying and my living.

May I look intently into Your Word day by day with a longing to know You better and do Your will at all times. May the Spirit unfold its truths to me; may He motivate me to meditate on it and apply it to my life. Make me diligent to hear and read it often, to make notes on it, to memorize it. Empower me to trust You and obey all Your commands. May Your Word be the joy and rejoicing of my heart.

Strengthen and renew me through Your Word, keeping us from sin, so that time after time we may know the refreshment that comes from your presence. Give us gracious boldness and power to share it with others, both believers and unbelievers.

I pray for Your rich blessing on Bible distribution, as well as on Bible preaching, teaching and reading in our area and beyond. Give special grace to those in countries where Bibles are scarce. May every child of Yours somehow get at least a New Testament and be nourished by its truths.

***“To believe that the Lord will hear your prayer honors His truthfulness, power, love and generosity and His wisdom. If you wish to dishonor every attribute of God, pray with unbelief.”***

***Scriptures: Colossians 2:4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; Jeremiah 15:16***

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### **DAY 7: PRAY ABOUT LORDSHIP AND PROTECTION FROM EVIL**

Loving Father, faithful and full of power, I'm so grateful I can come to You with Confidence, for You keep Your promises and answer prayer. Not one single word of Your good promises has ever failed.

Lord, I submit myself to You, presenting my life and my desires as a living sacrifice. I acknowledge You as Lord of my desires, my plans, my successes and failures, my place in the world, my friendships, my popularity. You are Lord of my present and future relationships, health, money, possessions and human approval. How good it is to yield to You, knowing that You withhold no good thing from Your obedient children who trust You and call on You.

I choose to give up all rights to myself, take up my cross day by day, and follow You. Give me power to resist the devil. Give me grace not to let the world squeeze me into its mold, its desire to indulge, its desire to possess, its desire to impress. Instead, may Your Spirit remold my mind from within. I really need this, Father, so that I can know You better, delight in You more constantly, and experience Your good and perfect will for me.

Show Your mighty power; Lord, by keeping me following You closely. Do the same for my Christian friends and family members, especially the young ones. Deliver us from sin and from Satan. Do this especially for those who right now are toying with temptation or giving in to sin.

May we steer clear of sin, but don't let us isolate ourselves from the people of the world. Motivate us to reach out in love to them and to our relatives, friends, neighbors and associates as Your lights shining in a dark place.

***“Are you willing to give up your will and surrender yourself and daily follow Jesus?”***

***Scriptures: 1<sup>st</sup> King 8:56; James 4:7; Psalm 84:11-12***

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### **DAY 8: PRAY FOR LOVE AND AGAINST HINDRANCES**

Lord of love, You are the one Source of perfect, unfailing love. Love that is sacrificial, impartial, and permanent! Work in me a growing love and affection for all people, and especially for all believers---a love like Yours: merciful, compassionate, ready to forgive, patient, considerate, deeply concerned about others' well being.

Show me if there's anything in my heart that would keep me from praying with Your love. Do you see grievances there? Anger? An unforgiving spirit? Resentment toward anyone in my past, or in my present? Envy or jealousy? Critical attitudes? Selfishness or pride? Anything else that hinders love? Show me. And give me grace to repent and ask You to forgive me. Help me take the initiative in restoring any broken or damaged relationships with others in my family, at work, or at my church.

May the Spirit flood my heart with your love, washing away any unloving attitudes. The may Your pure, warm love motivate me as I pray and flow through me toward every person my life touches day by day. I plead with You for this! And I believe You will do it.

And Lord, do these same things for all who partner with You in prayer, wherever they may be.

*“Always keep on praying for all the saints.”(Ephesians 6:18, NIV)*

*Scriptures References: I John 4:7-19; Thessalonians 3:12; Philippians 1:9; Psalm 86:5; 145:8-9; Matthew 5:44-45*

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### **DAY 9: PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND WELL BEING**

Dear Father, I worship You as the One who made me, who intricately fashioned me as a unique person, weaving me with great skill in my mother’s womb. By your gracious, unlimited power You hold together all things---including each cell of my body.

Today by Your Spirit within me, I’m counting on You to bring to my whole being new strength and vitality---physical and emotional strength, spiritual and moral strength. Strength to do Your will.

And Lord, give me peace---shalom---wholeness and harmony and well-being. Bring emotional strength and joy day by day. In times of need give me grace to pour out my heart to You and cast on You all my anxieties and stresses and tensions. And then to fix my thoughts on You and rest in You. I pray these things for myself, Lord, and for others in need---including \_\_\_\_\_. Where there is weakness, may there be strength---Your strength. Where there is sickness, may there be healing. You are the One who heals us. “Man treats, God heals.” May your healing touch be on our bodies until the time comes when You choose to bring us total healing by calling us Home.

Day by day, may I rest my faith in Your tender love and Your infinite wisdom---Your deep, unsearchable wisdom. With quiet faith I trust You for health and healing, confident and expectant. But keep me from demanding, from clenching my fingers around what I think is best for me and others. May I honor You by affirming, “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, and He will deliver us. But even if He does not, we will trust Him.”

Most of all I pray for spiritual health. Keep me simply trusting You, yielding to You, and honoring You in all I am and all I do and think and say.

*“The God of Israel gives His people strength and power..” (Psalm 68:35, NCV)*

*Scripture References: Psalm 139:13-16; Colossians 1:16-17*

### **DAY 10: PRAY THAT MANY WILL TURN TO CHRIST**

Lord, I bow humbly before You. You are high and exalted, and I am so small and so human, so limited by time and space. You are holy and I fall so far short of Your glorious ideals. What amazing grace that You grant me access to you at all times, day and night!

Show me afresh Your deep love for the world---Your yearning that people trust Christ and live with You forever in Your eternal family. To think that my prayers can help fulfill Your longings!

Help me praise You often, for Your great goodness and tender love, and trust You more for all that I need. I come to you with my needs and desires. Draw me close to You, as I bring them to You day by day.

I desire to persevere in prayer day by day for my unsaved family members and friends, including especially \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Give me grace to pray for them often, and relate to them with greater love and helpfulness, and to tell them of Christ in winsome and timely ways. Make them intensely aware of their need for forgiveness. Convince them of Your love and draw them to Christ. Do the same for my friends and more distant relatives who don't know You, including \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It seems, Lord, that there are so many barriers that keep people from You. Deliver those who think there are no absolutes, who believe that every viewpoint or lifestyle is okay as long as it seems right to them. Turn people from modern philosophies and Eastern religious practices---and from pursuing ideals of some sort (even "Christian" goodness or service), depending on their own efforts rather than on Christ. Defeat Satan as he blinds them to their need of the Cross. Open the eyes of thousands daily to the glorious light of the Good News of Christ. May many trust You for forgiveness in our community, our region, and beyond.

Show me how and where to focus my prayers. And motivate many around the world to pray faithfully that people will come to Christ.

***"To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins...by faith in me."*(Acts 26:18, NIV)**

Scriptures: Isaiah 57:18; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 3:12

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### **DAY 11: PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S FULL MINISTRY IN YOU AND OTHERS.**

Thank you, my wonderful Father, the Source of every good and perfect gift, that You have sent Your Spirit to live in me---as a fountain of living water within me, springing up to refresh my heart and renew my mind. How sufficient His power is for my needs and the needs of all Your children! Thank You for Your promise of His ministry in our lives day by day, as we continue to ask and seek and knock.

I yield, Lord, to Your Spirit. I pray that He will fill me today and minister to me and through me. May He enlighten and nourish me through Your Word, strengthen my inner person, and fill my heart to overflowing with Your love. May He produce in me the very temperament of Jesus---His ways of thinking and behaving and reacting. Father, may this be especially true in my relationships---family and otherwise---in which I'm most prone to act and react in unloving ways.

I pray that the Spirit will empower me to witness with boldness. Wherever I may be, may He flow out from my inmost being as refreshing rivers of living water, meeting the needs of others. Help me depend on Him as I pray, counting on His presence within me, interceding for me and along with me. How much better He is than even my best and closest prayer partner!

I plead with You, Lord, for these same ministries of the Spirit in my prayer partners and in others who pray for Your work around the globe.

How much we need revival of prayer, so that Christ's great commission will be fulfilled in all the world. Lord bring one!

***"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being."*(Ephesians 3:16, NIV)**

*Scriptures: James 1:17; John 4:14; Luke 11:9-13; Ephesians 5:18; John 14:26; 16:13-14*

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**Day 12: PRAY FOR GOD WORKING IN YOUR CHURCH**

Father, thank You for the privilege of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Your family. Some are such caring and encouraging Christians, helping fellow believers grow, reaching out to the lost, and serving in countless ways. Others need a greater interest in You and Your loving purposes. Work in me, making me faithful to pray regularly for them, in view of how dear they are to You.

Lord, may I, and each of us in our church, grow in your grace and in the knowledge of Your Son. In each service may we be worshipful and attentive, eager to learn and change our ways. And may we learn to use our spiritual gifts and serve as You lead.

Protect us from being deceived and led astray. Help us with our doubts, our stresses, our trials, and our relationships, especially in our families. Make our love for You and for one another increase and overflow. May those who have disputes or grievances resolve them quickly, before the end of the day. I pray these same things for our church's leaders and workers. In new ways make us a glory to Your name.

May we so live together in harmony, both in our families and our church, that our unity will be like a sweet perfume to You and to others, both believers and unbelievers.

*"Let us...spur one another on toward love and good deeds....Let us encourage one another."(Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV)*

*Scriptures: 1 John 1:3; Hebrews 10:24-26; Matthew 4:10; 20:26-28; John 17:23*

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**DAY 13: PRAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

Gracious Father---High King of heaven, yet my Father!---You are seated in the throne room of the universe on a throne of grace, a throne of favor for the undeserving. What a privilege it is to come to your throne unafraid, with utter freedom and confidence, assured of Your glad welcome---"to run right into Your throne room and find Your arms opened wide!" (Kay Arthur). To know that I'll find mercy for my failures and grace for my every need! What good news that I don't need to be almost perfect to come boldly into Your presence! Your mercy lets me come with my mistakes, my sins, my needs---as long as I come honestly. Thank you that You are always ready to forgive, always eager to hear my voice and answer my prayers.

Thank you, Lord, for the dedicated Sunday school teachers and Bible study leaders in my church. May they enjoy bold access into Your presence day by day and refreshment from Your Word. Empower them, by Your Spirit, in their personal and family lives and in their teaching and leading. Help them realize that their work as Your servants is Your work. Enable them to surrender their service into Your hands and let You work in them and through them.

May the classes attract newcomers and draw them back week after week. Use these ministries to bring many to Christ and ground them in You and in Your Word. Use them to prepare people who, in turn, will become teachers and leaders, in both the near and distant future.

I pray these same requests for Sunday schools and Bible studies throughout our area---and beyond.

*“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.”(Ephesians 3:12, NKJV)*

*Scriptures: Hebrews 4:16*

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#### **DAY 14: PRAY FOR HOLINESS**

Holy Father, thank You that we are Your chosen ones, holy in Your sight and deeply loved. How wonderful that, by sacrificing your Son, You have perfected us in our inmost being.

Now, Lord, enable me to live out what you have done deep within me. How much I need greater holiness! May Your Spirit of holiness empower me to grow in righteous thinking and living.

I pray this also for believers in my neighborhood and church---and for others who come to mind:

Make us quick to confess our sins and rely on You to forgive. Make us clean and pure in every part of our lives. Deliver us from the evil ways we used to cherish when we didn't know any better. May we feed daily on Your holy Scriptures, letting You use them to cleanse our lives and remove our blemishes and wrinkles and defects.

I pray that Your people---and especially the Christians I know---will grow in holiness so that we will not dishonor Your name by compromised living. May we be blameless and contagious Christians, a good advertisement for the gospel.

I worship before you as the God of peace and well-being who is committed to making us holy. I count on You to do this day by day, giving us grace to cooperate with You. How I rejoice that You are faithful. You will continue Your work in us until the day when you bring us faultless into your glorious presence, with unspeakable joy.

*“Dear brothers and sisters, you are foreigners and aliens here. So I warn you to keep away from evil desires because they fight against your very souls.”(1 Peter 2:11, NLT)*

*Scriptures: Colossians 3:12; Hebrews 10:14*

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#### **DAY 15: PRAY FOR THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE, FOR THE GENERATION NOW GROWING UP**

Father, You are God throughout all generations, and You are deeply concerned about the temptations and moral pressures young people face today. I lift to You the young in my church, in my family and neighborhood, and beyond.

Draw them to Christ, and to true freedom through knowing and obeying Your Word. May they see You as good and desirable and loving; may they learn to love You with all their hearts and trust Your good plan for their futures. Give them godly role models and strong biblical convictions.

Give fathers and mothers great wisdom in bringing them up with loving discipline, Bible-centered instruction, and much prayer. And give children grace to love, respect, and obey their parents. May the parents be good examples in their walk with You and their love for each other. Work mightily to overcome problems in marriages and to keep parents together. And give special grace and help to families with only one parent.

Guide parents in their decisions about their children's education. Even when situations and educational opportunities are far from ideal---as with Samuel and Daniel, who were surrounded by evil---enable parents to lay strong spiritual foundations in each child's life.

Protect students from being misled by peer pressure and by the world's ways of thinking and living.

Encourage and strengthen Christian teachers in their important work. And I pray for all who minister to children, students, and families. May Your Spirit deeply touch many lives through them. I especially lift up \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, asking for wisdom, strength, and encouragement for them.

***“I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”(Isaiah 44:3, NIV)***  
***Scriptures References: Psalm 90:1-2; Matthew 6:13***

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### **DAY 16: PRAY FOR GRACE TO BE DILIGENT IN PRAYER**

It's a pleasure, Lord, to come into Your presence, and be still before You, and rest in Your love. How good it is to worship You and commune with You. And what strength and refreshment come from warm fellowship with You!

But don't let me forget that prayer is more than this. Give me grace to work diligently in prayer for others. And as You lead, to wrestle earnestly in prayer for others. And as You lead, to wrestle earnestly in prayer on their behalf. Put special burdens on my heart, enable me to pour out my heart, and enable me to pour out my heart for You to fulfill Your purposes.

Father, Your great desire is for all Your children to be both mature and effective. Do this for me, and for those in my church. Do it for fellow believers throughout our area. And our country. Do it for all believers.

Thank You for Your Spirit and the power He gives me to serve You---and others---through prayer.

Thank You for the way praise refreshes and strengthens me to work hard in prayer, and the way it stimulates my faith and help assure answers.

Greatly use those who are seeking to rally Your people to pray. Raise up many who will pray faithfully, pleading with You to work mightily in all the world.

***“Epaphras, who is one of you...is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.” (Colossians 4:12, NIV)***  
***Scripture References: Psalm 46:10; 23:2; 116:7; Numbers 6:24-26; Matthew 11:28-29; John 14:27; 2 Corinthians 4:16***

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### **DAY 17: PRAY FOR GOD'S PURIFYING WORK**

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit---God of awesome holiness and purity, of power and righteous judgment! I stand in awe of You, in holy dread of disobeying You, for You are a blazing, purifying fire. I also thank You that You are eager to consume everything that detracts from my well-being, my relationships, and my nearness to You.

“Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? He who walks righteously...” Lord, I long to live righteously every day, all day long. How much I need Your purifying presence to reprove me and purge my life of all that grieves You. Many of Your people likewise need refining fires to reveal and burn out sin. Bring release from the things that bind us---compromise, complacency, tolerance of sin, materialism, love of power, infighting, gossip, lack of spiritual depth. Give each of us a spirit of repentance and power to live our lives with reverent fear of You. Implant deep within me a hatred for sin and an enduring longing to be more like You.

Thank You, Father, that You discipline me because You want to adorn my character with the purity and beauty of Christ. Enable me to trust Your loving intentions and not to resist You. When You as a refiner of silver, use painful, fiery trials to bring the scum to the top in my life, give me grace to cooperate with You in removing it rather than just stirring it back in.

I praise You that You are full of compassion and that the outcome of Your purifying work is more than worth all You let us go through.

***“The Lord...will cleanse...by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.”(Isaiah 4:4, NIV)***  
***Scriptures: Psalm 99:1-3; Revelation 15:4; Isaiah 6:3,5; 1 Peter 1:16-17; Hebrews 12:29***

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#### **DAY 18: PRAY FOR LOVE IN THE CHURCH**

Dear Father, the Source of every mercy, how I thank You that each of Your children is dear to You---as dear as Your beloved Son!

You love us, even though we differ in some of our doctrines and spiritual practices. You still love us even when we sin! Lord, how unworthy I am of such love! How unworthy we all are! And how much we need to grow in loving others as You love us!

Enable each of us---in my church and in all churches everywhere---to experience Your love more fully, and to let it flow out to others. May your Spirit fill us day by day, bringing forth the fresh, abundant fruit of love in our lives. Love that keeps growing richer in knowledge and wise insight, in patience and kindness, in humility that honors the other person. Love that overcomes jealousy and arrogance and self-seeking. Love that is not touchy or resentful or judgemental. Love that covers a multitude of sins and refuses to gossip. Love that chooses to look out for the other person’s interests, as well as our own---whether we feel like it or not. Work in me this kind of love for all believers---and especially for those I find hard to love and those who tend to rub me the wrong way.

May we constantly show the fragrant love of Christ to one another, as we look forward to being together for all eternity. May the world see Your love in our lives, and may this draw many to You.

***“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you.”(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)*** **Scriptures: John 17:23**

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#### **Day 19: PRAY FOR WORLD’S PEOPLES WHO ARE STILL IN DARKNESS**

Father, how wonderful to be a child of the great King over all the earth --- a God of love who does not want anyone to perish but wants everyone to come to repentance, to freedom, and to fullness of life. I worship You!

Thank You my prayers can help fulfill Your longings to include in Your family people from every tribe and language and people and nation. What a family to belong to! And what an honor to help in this tremendous task through prayer!

Yet how terrible is the destiny of those who ignore Your salvation! Stir my heart, Lord --- and the hearts of countless others--- to pray more for those who have heard of You but have not yet responded. And for the millions who are still without the gospel.

Lord, You are the master of breakthroughs of the gospel throughout the world. Penetrate Satan's lines of defense. Do this especially among Muslims, among Buddhists, among Hindus, among Jews, as well as among atheists --- these great strongholds that the gospel has barely dented. Break through, Lord, to their leaders and to their people. May the reality of Christ and His saving love dawn in their hearts like a brilliant sunrise. And may Your Spirit work with unusual power through those who are ministering among them.

You have promised that the ends of the earth will be Your Son's possession. I ask You to accomplish this soon.

***“The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.”***  
***Peter 3:9, NIV) Scriptures: Psalm 47:2; 2 Peter 3:9***

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### **DAY 20: PRAY FOR ALL WHO PROFESS TO BE CHRISTIANS**

O my Strength, I will sing praise to You, for You, my loving God, are my strength, my fortress, my joy, my reward. I rejoice again in Your unlimited power and Your many promises to answer prayer. My heart trusts You, and I am helped and deeply blessed.

Lord, how Your heart is grieved by the many people who seem to be Christians in name only --- by the more than 1 billion nominal Christians in the world today. Have mercy on them --- including the ones I know personally. Whether they are lukewarm believers or don't know You at all, convince them of their sins and spiritual sicknesses, their empty ritualism, their compromise, their ignorance and indifference, their loving what gives them pleasure rather than loving You. Help them see that they have a mere form of godliness without the content.

Be gracious to them, Lord, so that in the end they will not lose everything they've lived for and receive no rewards. And draw those who don't know You to Your Son so that in the end He will not have to say, "I never knew You; depart from Me for your deeds are evil."

Thank you, Father, for Your heart of compassion toward these people, though You hate their ways. I plead with You to work in their lives. Make them aware of Your deep longing to make them truly --- and wholly --- Yours. Deliver them from merely acting as if they know You. Bring them into true faith and a full commitment to Christ. Lead them into a warm, vital relationship with You. May your Spirit work in their lives --- and mine --- with mighty power, making us a glory to Your name.

Today, I pray these requests especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Truly my soul silently waits for God.”(Psalms 62:1, NKJV)*

*Scriptures: Psalms 59:16-17; 43:4; Genesis 15:1; Jeremiah 32:17; Psalms 28:7*

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### **DAY 21: PRAY FOR NEW BELIEVERS**

Dear Lord, thank You for inviting me to join this strategic ministry of intercession. Show me which persons You most want me to pray for, and help me to pray for them often, without giving up.

Thank You, Father, for Your tender heart toward the newly born-again children in Your family. How grieved You are when they remain weak infants or become lukewarm or fall into sin. Protect and encourage the new family members I know, and others around the world, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Give special grace and deliverance to those strongly surrounded by Satan’s power. Deliver them from the evil one.

Assure new believers of their salvation and give them a hunger for the spiritual milk of Your Word. Help them pray and not lose heart. Lead them to nurturing groups of believers where Your Word is proclaimed and where older Christians will help them grow.

Teach them the wonder of Christ’s presence within them and how fully they belong to You. Fill their hearts with thankfulness and with glad surrender.

*“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”(1 Peter 2:2, NKJV)*

*Scriptures: Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1,3*

### **DAY 22: PRAY FOR PASTORS**

Father, how much I praise You for our Lord Jesus, the good Shepherd who knows His sheep and laid down His life for us. Thank you for the gracious way He ministers to our needs day by day. And for the millions of pastors You have raised up throughout the world to help Him in His shepherding.

I plead with You for my pastor and other ministers, priests, and spiritual caregivers in our area. Empower them day by day to shepherd Your flock under their care. May they “set an example for the believers in speech, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

Give them grace in the trials and temptations so many of them face: few words of appreciation, much criticism, excessive demands on their time, the difficulty of saying no, sexual temptations, fear of man, trying to please everyone, the danger of feeling they’re always right, and self-dependence, to name a few.

Motivate them to press on to know You better, spending much time in Your Word and in prayer. May they teach not human wisdom but Your wisdom. May they rely on You and Your sufficiency rather than their own.

Grant them wisdom in the complexities of their work and in equipping their people to use their gifts and carry their share of the ministry. In all things may they seek Your glory and not their own.

And, Lord, do these same things for the multitude of pastors in Your worldwide church --- and for other leaders and teachers in each of Your churches, including mine.

*“Far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you.”(1 Samuel 12:23)*

*Scriptures: John 10:11; Psalms 23:1*

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**DAY 23: PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER ON ALL WHO SERVE THE LORD---LAY AND FULL-TIME.**

Gracious Father, thank You for raising up full-time ministers and laymen and laywomen to serve You in a wide variety of ministries. I especially thank You for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Bless them in every area of their lives. In their physical, emotional, and spiritual health. In their marriages and families and other relationships. In their finances and paperwork. In their personal struggles and temptations. In their time pressures. In their recreation.

May all Your servants take time daily to seek You earnestly in Your Word and in prayer, refusing to let busyness and distractions squeeze You out. Give them wisdom in what to say yes to and no to --- even in ministry opportunities. Give the laypeople special wisdom in juggling the demands of their jobs, families, and ministries.

May those who serve You be strong in Your grace to disciple and coach younger Christians, to endure hardships, and to steer clear of needless entanglements. May they see Your Spirit work powerfully in their ministries.

***“You help us by Your prayers.”(2 Corinthians 1:11, NIV)***

Scriptures: Numbers 6:24; Psalms 67:1; 1 Chronicles 4:10

**DAY 24: PRAY FOR MORE WORKERS IN GOD'S HARVEST.**

Sovereign Lord --- head of the Church, commander of Your armies, Lord of the harvest --- You know the need for workers in our country and throughout the world. Give me and other intercessors, diligence in praying for more workers.

I plead with You to raise up mature and effective men and women and young people and send them out from Your church, our Sunday school, and our youth group. Do the same in other churches in our country and in other parts of the world.

I pray for the people You plan to send --- some of them now students in seminaries, Bible schools, and other training programs. Teach them to abide in Christ and to nourish their souls in Your Word. Empower them by Your Spirit to reap and build right where they are, and make them ready to go wherever You send them --- some into needy areas and closed countries where people live in deep darkness.

Work in all Your people, Lord. Make us willing to follow you anywhere, anytime, with or without anybody or anything but You. Wherever You lead us, may our primary interest be the things that are on Your heart.

***“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ”(Matthew 9:37-38, NIV)***

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:22; Joshua 5:14; Matthew 9:38

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**DAY 25: PRAY FOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONS**

Father, Give Your people hearts that burn with Your longing for the Good News to be preached throughout the world, and begin this work in my heart. May we desire what You so desire to do --- to bring people into Your family and mold them into the image of Christ. May we faithfully invest our prayers, our time, and our money in what is on Your heart.

Bring revival of urgent prayer among all Your people. May more churches, everywhere in the world, become missions-minded. May they send out people who are close to You, empowered by You, and equipped to serve and pray effectively.

Show me, Lord, which mission groups and which parts of the world --- which cities, countries, or people groups --- You most want me to pray for. And enable me to pray with growing faith, confident that my prayers indeed make a difference in the world, removing mountains that hinder Your work and bringing about impossible things.

Lord, You're in charge of the harvest. Cause countless people to turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to You. Do this in every tribe, every language, and every religion --- even in the most hard-to-reach places and the most resistant religions.

Lord these are big requests but not too big for You!

***“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.... Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”(Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15, NIV) Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 15:14; Romans 8:29***

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#### **DAY 26: PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR MISSIONARIES**

Dear Lord, Your eyes are searching the whole earth to strengthen those that are fully committed to You. May Your missionaries be fully committed today, and give them strength equal to the work You have assigned them. Enable them to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. I pray this especially for those laboring in Satan's strongholds where his power has scarcely been challenged. And I want to include these requests some missionaries I know: \_\_\_\_\_.

May they cultivate a strong and fresh grasp on Your Word --- the sword of Your Spirit. Increasingly make them men and women of prayer. Protect them from getting swamped by demands that crowd out time alone with You.

May they rejoice in Your sufficiency and rely on You for wisdom and peace. Grant love and harmony in how they relate to their partners and children, to other missionaries, and to the people they work among. You know their personal trails today --- loneliness, homesickness, the need of patience, official red tape, struggles in language learning, on and on. Give them grace to trust You as their refuge and strength, as their sun and shield, as the best person in their lives.

Put Your full blessing on their evangelism, their discipling, their church responsibilities --- and on those with other gifts and callings. In the name of Jesus, the mighty Victor, defeat Satan's attempts to blind people to the gospel and prevent the growth of believers.

***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.”(Acts 1:8, NIV)***  
***Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 16:8-9; Deuteronomy 33:25; Ephesians 6:10-11***

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#### **DAY 27: PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING**

Father, I rejoice in You as the Father of deep empathies, who comforts and encourages us. I need this so often, and so do millions of others in Your family and outside. How little I really feel the wrenching sorrows and hopelessness of people as You do. Stir my heart, Lord. In new ways make me --- and all Your children --- channels of Your love and compassion, spending ourselves in both prayer and action for those who suffer.

Lord, help those who are suffering. Again and again meet their needs --- physical, financial, emotional, spiritual. Through their pain or loss or trouble, make them aware of how much they need You. Then draw them to You as their Savior and Shepherd --- and their Lord. Comfort them in their anguish, their pain, their depression, their despair. Deliver them.

I pray especially for Your people who are going through intense persecution, torture, imprisonment. Help them and their families lean hard on You, and give them supernatural strength. Protect them, encourage them, and uphold them. Provide for their every need. Make Your presence unspeakably real to them.

Give Your joy to those who suffer. Put a new song of praise in their mouth, so that many will hear what You've done and put their trust in You.

***“The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion...Comforts us in all our troubles.”(2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV) Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Isaiah 58:10-11***

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### **DAY 28: PRAY FOR PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS, AND ALL IN AUTHORITY**

Father, how privileged I am to be able to pray to You! You are God Most High, ruler over the kingdoms of the world, infinitely greater than all earthly authorities. Nations are as nothing in Your sight --- like a drop in the bucket. And You reduce political leaders to nothing by merely blowing on them. What a mighty God You are!

To think that You have decreed that our prayers actually influence what You do! And that You are alert day and night, ready to listen to our requests!

I praise You that the hearts of earthly rulers are like streams of water that You direct as You please. Bring about wise decisions in the government and courts of our country

For the good of Your people and for the spread of the gospel, overrule bad decisions, mistakes, and evil plans. Do the same for all city and state governments, for leaders of other countries, and for the leadership of the United Nations.

Guide me to the issues and problems You want me to focus prayer on, both in our country and in the world. Just now I especially pray about \_\_\_\_\_. And I bring to You some current political issues and events that concern me:

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***“I urge then...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for...kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”(1 Timothy 2:1-2, NIV) Scriptures: Daniel 4:34-35; Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 40:15,17; 40:23-24***

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### **DAY 29: PRAY FOR WORLD EVENTS AND PEACE**

Father, what awful things take place in our fallen world, where people and nations rebel against you and your good purposes. On every hand I hear of abuse, terrorism, atrocities, massacres, oppressive regimes, corrupt political systems, and wars constantly raging throughout the world.

I lift these things to You, Lord, for You are the King of the nations, exalted above all the peoples. I praise Your great and awesome name, for you nullify the counsel of the nations, You frustrate the plans of the peoples. The nations roar like the roaring of many waters, but in Your time You will rebuke them. You act, and who can reverse it? And You are able to give me wisdom as I pray for world events.

May the distressing situations around the world serve to deepen and refine all who love You and call on You. In special ways protect them. Bring deliverance in times of danger, turning aside the schemes of evil people. And use the traumatic events to turn thousands, even millions, to Christ, as You've been doing in many countries.

I plead with You that, again and again, leaders will make wise decisions and justice will rule. May negotiations between nations and warring factions result in fair treaties that will restore peace.

Most of all, hasten the day when the government of the whole world will be on Christ's shoulders, bringing peace that will never end.

***"He determines the course of world events."(Daniel 2:21, NLT)***

***Scriptures: Psalm 2:1-3***

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### **DAY 30: PRAY AGAINST SATAN; PRAISE FOR VICTORY IN CHRIST**

Father in heaven, thank You for including me as an intercessor, as one who, in Jesus' name, can help defeat the wicked one. How I rejoice that Jesus is Victor over all the powers of evil, including Satan himself.

I praise You that on the cross Jesus stripped the evil rulers and authorities of their power and won the victory over them --- and that death could not keep Him in its power. You showed Your incomparable power by raising Him from the dead and seating Him in the place of supreme honor at Your right hand, a place infinitely superior to any other rule, authority, power, or lordship, both visible and invisible. There He now reigns in power for us --- and prays for us! So great is His power that His enemies cringe before Him! And You have raised me up and seated me with Him! I am in Him, high above all our spiritual enemies; and He is in me, far greater than Satan who is in the world.

Thank You that these things are true of all Your children. We are on the winning side! So I stand boldly before Your throne, grateful that I'm not praying alone. Rather, I'm joining Your Son and all Your "prayer warriors" as we strive in prayer against the enemy --- as we advance Your purposes and defeat Satan's purposes in lives and situations throughout the world. And in our lives and situations.

Father, because of this great privilege as Your child, I stand boldly before You and pray for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

I praise You for the overwhelming victories we win as we pray in the name of Jesus – the Name above all names, both now and in all the ages to come.

***“You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord All-Powerful.(Zechariah 4:6, NCV)***

***Scriptures: Psalm 45:3-4***

**DAY 31: PRAY THAT GOD’S PEOPLE WILL REALIZE THEIR WORLDWIDE CALLING**

Dear Lord, how much You love every person in the world and hate to see anyone perish! You are not content for people in vast areas of the earth to sit in darkness without Your Cross lifted high. I am grateful that I can work along with You in Your worldwide purposes.

Thank You that these days of prayer have helped me pray in new ways for myself and others. What a privilege to join Christ in His intercession --- to have Him and His Spirit as my nearest and best prayer partners! How gracious of You to welcome me into Your innermost circle of love as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And to think that my prayers are highly significant in Your eyes, and that they can make a great difference in my life, job, family, friends, and marriage --- and countless other lives!

May Your Spirit plant Your burden for the world ever more deeply within me --- and within all Your children. May He overwhelm us with the privilege of living of living solely for You and Your kingdom throughout the world so that rival interests will lose their luster and their hold on us. Help us to realize that “he is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose” (Jim Elliott). Stir us to give, to go, but most of all to pray.

May we hasten the day when Christ will return and the knowledge of You will fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

**COUNT ON GOD’S GRACIOUS WORKING IN YOUR LIFE.**

“May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

***“God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us --- that Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among the nations.”(Psalm 67:1-2, NIV)***

***Scriptures: 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 26:18; 20:24***