

Your love endures forever

Day One

Consider praying this prayer out loud as a declaration of praise...

I will give thanks to You O Lord and call on Your name. I will make known among the nations, in this nation –the amazing things that You have done. I will sing to You and praise You alone. Teach me what it means to ‘glory in Your name’ that my heart might always rejoice in You. For it is my great desire to seek Your face always and remember the wonders that You have done.

I give thanks to You Lord, for You are good, Your love endures forever!

You remembered me when I was lost and without You and freed me from the enemy! Your love endures forever!

While I was still in my sin, Christ died for me! Hallelujah! Your love endures forever!

You have not kept a record of my sin, or treat me as my sin deserves, but through Christ You have removed my sin from me as far as the east is from the west and remember it no more!! Hallelujah!! Your faithful love endures forever!

I will bless Your name O Lord, and in Your name I will lift up my hands for Your faithful love endures forever!

I will praise You O Lord, there is no God like You in heaven or on earth- You who keep Your covenant of love with Your servants who continue wholeheartedly in Your way. There is nothing too difficult for You! Your love endures forever!

Yours is the greatness O Lord and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You alone for You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. And I join with all of heaven, and Your people everywhere in giving You thanks and praising Your glorious name! Hallelujah! Your faithful love endures forever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen and Amen!

Read: Psalm 105:1-5; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-24;
Romans 5:6; Psalm 103:10-12;
Psalm 63:4; 2 Chronicles 6:14;
1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Save me from myself, O Lord

Day Two

Quiet your heart before you begin. Be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10).

Father, thank You for the promise of Your Word that as I come near to You, You will come near to me. Thank You for the blessing that is mine as I seek hard after You. But I come to You Heavenly Father confessing that I have allowed other loves to stand in the way of my relationship with You. I have often come near to You with my mouth and have said the right words, and yet my heart has remained distant from You, hard and untouched by Your Spirit. Help me Father! Be merciful to me, for I long to be one who seeks You with all of my heart, and finds You.

May I not draw near to You and then retreat again to lesser loves. Save me from myself I pray – from self-righteousness, self-provision and selfishness. Strengthen me to remain in You, to learn to abide in You, so that I can bear spiritual fruit, for I know that I can do nothing unless I am abiding in Christ Jesus.

Empower me by Your Spirit to earnestly seek You. May my longing to draw near to You be reflected in my thought life, what I allow myself to read and see, the music I listen to, the conversations I engage in, how I conduct myself in my home, neighborhood or work, and when I think no one is watching. In all of these things and so many more-teach me what it means to live and move and have my very being in You alone. I invite You Holy Spirit, to break-up the unplowed ground of my heart, that it might become a fertile field in which Your Word can grow. Soften my heart again I pray, that I might more clearly hear Your voice and walk in Your ways. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Read: James 4:8; Psalm 34:10;
Isaiah 29:13; Jeremiah 29:13;
John 15:4, 5; Hebrews 11:6;
Acts 17:28; Jeremiah 4:3;
Matthew 13:18-23

Walk as Jesus walked

Day Three

I thank You Father for the example of the life of Jesus. Help me to follow in His steps, for I know that whoever truly follows Him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Forgive me Father for the times I have chosen darkness over the light of Your presence. Help me to love You above all others and all other things. May I listen to Your voice, be known by You and follow You. May I not be a stumbling block in anyone's path or be discredited as Your disciple this day because of my words or actions for You have said in Your Word that whoever claims to live in Jesus, must walk as He did!

May I become a disciple who, like the apostle Paul, can say to others without boasting "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ!" Empower me by Your Spirit to be an example of Jesus in my home, place of work, neighborhood or school. May my encounters with friends and strangers alike be seasoned with the presence of Christ. May I fix my thoughts and my eyes on Him. In everything may I set an example by doing what is good. Even in the face of suffering, may I be an example of patience. And Father, I ask that You would give me opportunity to entrust to someone else all that You are teaching and showing me, that I might truly become a disciple who makes disciples.

As one who follows You Lord, may I continue in faith and stand firm, never moving from the hope held out to me in the Gospel. Remind me that as Your disciple I have been called to the ministry and message of reconciliation as Christ's ambassador. May I be a worthy vessel through whom You can implore others to be reconciled to Christ, that lasting spiritual fruit may be born out of my life. All this I ask in the Mighty Name of Jesus. Amen.

Read: 1 Peter 2:21; John 8:12;
Luke 14:26; 1 John 2:5;
John 10:27; 2 Corinthians 6:3;
1 Corinthians 11:1; Hebrews 12:2;
Titus 2:7; James 5:10;
2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 28:19;
Colossians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20;
John 15:16

I will remember

Day Four

Father, You are great and worthy of all my praise! How awesome are the things You have done! I am grateful and I bless Your holy name Lord, for I have seen You at work on my behalf again and again and I worship You, for only You could do these mighty things. You alone are God.

Thank You for Your provision. I remember when...

Thank You for Your protection. I remember when...

I remember the day you saved me... and I thank You for shining the light of Your presence into my darkness and not treating me as my sin deserves! (pause and remember and give thanks)

Teach me by Your Spirit to live with Your praise always on my lips. Forgive my ungratefulness I pray and change my complaining heart! When I look back and remember how You have been with me, how Your hand has been on me, I am filled with gratitude and praise. But too easily I am captured again by the storms around me and lose sight of You and my faith seems to disappear. Yet O Lord You have been faithful, faithful to all Your promises. Therefore, I will not fear, even though everything around me seems to give way and I seem to lose my footing in the midst of changing times, regardless of the storms I face, my hope is in You Lord and Your unfailing love for me.

I ask Father, that You write new songs of worship on my heart, for You are worthy. Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your Name and honor You. As I remember all that you have done in the past, increase my faith Lord and my trust in You for those things that loom before me today. Help me in my weakness. Remove the shadows of doubt that still linger and affect my living. May all that I am and all that I do flow out of a heart of worship and adoration for You. For You are glorious and I put my hope in You alone.

Read: Psalm 145:3; Psalm 66:1;
Psalm 103:10; Psalm 34:1;
Psalm 103:2; Psalm 33:4;
Psalm 46:1-2; Psalm 147:11;
Psalm 86:11; Mark 9:24;
Psalm 29:1-2

Praise Him in the storm

Father I confess that I do not know what to do, but my eyes are upon You. How thankful I am for the promise of Your Word that when I grieve, You give me a crown of beauty, that even when I mourn there is gladness found in You. And when I despair and feel hopeless in my circumstances, as I look to You, You will cloak me in a garment of praise.

My desire Father, is to always praise You, but I confess that often, like Peter, I look away from the face of Jesus, see the fierceness of the storm around me, sink into my circumstances and lose all ability to believe that You will fight my battles. Why is my faith so small? Why do I doubt? Forgive me Father and have mercy on me. Help me I pray! Destroy doubt in my life and make it true of me that though the fig tree does not bud (my dreams do not come to fruition...) and there are no grapes on the vines (my burdens seem endless...), though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food (my financial resources are sadly lacking...) though there are no sheep in the pen or cattle in the stalls (my worldly possessions are minimal at best...), may I still be joyful and praise Your Name – for You are my God and my Savior (I have Jesus!) You are my strength, and you enable me to rise above the circumstances of my life and the cares of this world.

May I follow the example of King Jehoshaphat and the army of Israel and sing and praise Your name, and leave the battles of my life in Your hands. Even in the most overwhelming situations may I choose to give thanks to You, rejoice in You, knowing that Your love endures forever. I choose this day to praise You regardless of what I see with my earthly eyes and I rejoice that my name is written in heaven because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Thank You that the victory is sure. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Read: 2 Chronicles 20:12; Isaiah 61:3;
Matthew 14:25-33; Habakkuk 3:17;
2 Chronicles 20:21-22; Psalm 5:11;
Luke 10:20

Day Five

I choose to wait on You

Father, help me to be confident that I will see Your goodness in the land of the living. Help me to wait for You, to be strong and take heart and to wait. I ask that my life would increasingly become a proclamation of Your greatness and goodness. Make me fearless in the face of trials. Strengthen me I pray to stand firm and release my lips to worship You - You are great and awesome O God! You alone are God, creator of heaven and earth – and I join with all creation and praise Your holy name! Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty, who always has been, who is here right now, and who is coming! Forgive me for withholding my praise and adoration, for being silent and even sullen and losing sight of Your greatness and glory. In doing so I've allowed You to become small in my eyes and have taken situations and concerns into my own hands instead of trusting You. You have said that the one who trusts in man and depends on the arm of flesh for his strength is cursed. Father forgive me for the ways that I have trusted in others or my own strength instead of trusting You. Increase my faith, Lord. May I become like a tree planted by the water and doesn't fear when heat comes, but whose leaves are always green.

I choose now to cast my cares on You...
relationships in my life that are fractured,
those who are close to me who have yet to call on Your name,
the weariness of finances,
the brokenness of the world.....

O Lord increase my faith! Enable me by Your Spirit to speak Your word with great boldness into every situation of my life, regardless of what is happening around me. I choose again to put my trust in You and hope in Your unfailing love for You are my strength, and those who hope in You will not be disappointed. Thank You that You are at work on my behalf, and nothing is too difficult for You. Nothing! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Read: Psalm 27:13; Acts 4:23-31;
Isaiah 6:3; Jeremiah 17:5;
Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalm 55:22;
Acts 4:29; Habakkuk 3:17-19;
Isaiah 49:23; Luke 1:37

Day Six

You are doing great things

Day Seven

Give voice to your praise by reading the following prayer out loud.

Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise Your Holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, I will not forget all the things You have done! You forgive all my sins (Hallelujah!) and heal all my diseases. You have redeemed my life from the pit – from sin, darkness and destruction, and crowned me with love and compassion. You satisfy my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's. You are compassionate and gracious, O Lord, slow to anger, and abounding in love. You do not treat me as my sin deserves or repay me according to my iniquities! (Hallelujah! Praise Your Holy Name!)

I praise You Lord! My soul cries out “Great are You Lord! How awesome are Your deeds!” Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! I praise You O God for what You are doing among Your people – Your Church, for we are the sheep of Your pasture! You are turning our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, by Your Spirit. You are restoring to us the joy of our salvation. Yes! Joy and gladness are being restored to Your people, and I praise Your name! Only You can do these things! You are releasing the tongues of your people to sing of your righteousness and declare Your praise! You are renewing our hearts of worship! I praise Your name O God! You are teaching us to love what You love, You are changing us. You are changing me. I praise Your name, for only You can do these great things! Only You can breathe the life of Your Spirit into the dead places of our hearts! Only You can revive and transform Your church!

Father I will praise You in the presence of Your people! I will lift up my hands in the sanctuary and bless Your great Name. I will declare among Your people that ‘Your love endures forever!’ I will not be kept silent in proclaiming Your greatness and giving You glory. This day Father may I be found faithfully praising You in word and deed, heart songs and meditations and acts of love and service. May all that I do and say be a reflection of my love for You, that Jesus may be exalted in and through my life. For Your name and renown are the desire of my heart! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Read: Psalm 103; Psalm 66:3;
Psalm 100:3; Ezekiel 11:19;
Psalm 51:12-15; Ezekiel 37:3-5;
Psalm 134:2; Psalm 136:1;
Luke 19:40; Psalm 29:1-2;
Isaiah 26:8

Overcomer

Day Eight

Father, Your Word says that I am an overcomer because of the blood of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the word of my testimony - that in Jesus, all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form and I have been given fullness in Christ and share in His authority over every spiritual power and authority! But I confess that I do not feel like an overcomer and I often give-in to the influence of this world instead of submitting to Christ.

O God, save me from myself! May I be full of Your Spirit and Your mighty power- the power of the resurrection! Teach me and use me, that I might be one who sees strongholds demolished in my life and help others to walk in freedom. Thank You Father, that because I belong to You in Christ Jesus, You surround me with Your presence- that You are a wall of fire around me. You O Lord are my refuge and my strength. In every situation and struggle, You are with me. I will not be afraid for my trust is in Your Name.

Like Joshua, may I be confident that You are with me and will never leave or forsake me. By Your Spirit at work in me make me to be strong and courageous, to not be afraid or discouraged, but always mindful that You are with me wherever I go. Use me to take back ground that the enemy has stolen. Help me to be self-controlled and alert, knowing that the enemy of my soul is prowling, looking for an opportune moment.

In Jesus’ name, strengthen me to submit to You, resist the enemy and to stand firm in my faith! Give me I pray, Your perspective of the situations I face and may I live victoriously, as a conqueror, because of Jesus and His love for me. May I be full of faith, and Your Word, for I belong to You Lord Jesus, and You have overcome the world!

Read: Revelation 12:11; Colossians 2:9-10;
Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 3:10; 2
Corinthians 10:4; Psalm 125:2;
Zechariah 2:5; Psalm 46:1-2;
Psalm 20:7; Joshua 1:5, 9;
1 Peter 5:8-9; Romans 8:37;
1 John 5:4

I will not fear

Day Nine

As you pray, in the midst of whatever trial you presently find yourself, choose to worship God for who He is.

Father, how desperately I need Your help in aligning my heart with the truth of Your Word. With my mouth I would say that You are in the midst of the difficulties of my life, working them together for my good, but the unease in my heart says otherwise. Help me, O God! By the power of Your Spirit at work in me, change my heart! Remove fear and make me fearless. Remove timidity and make me bold for Your kingdom. Remove doubt and unbelief and increase my faith. For I will remember Your deeds Lord, the miracles that You have done in my life as I have journeyed towards You. I will meditate on all of Your works and think about the many mighty things You have done for me. I purpose this day to worship You alone. I will bow to no other god.

Because You are my God, my refuge and strength, I will not fear even though trouble may seem to surround me. Because of Your great love for me, I know that You will rescue me. You will protect me, be with me, deliver me. Because You are my God, and You have redeemed me and called me by name,

You will be with me when I pass through the waters of adversity - I will not drown.

The swift current of the trial of disappointment that I find myself in - will not sweep me away.

The fiery trial of sickness or loneliness or financial instability or... - will not set me ablaze!

For You are the LORD my God, the Holy One of Israel, my Savior. Therefore, I will praise You O LORD, with all my heart. I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You and sing praise to Your name. For my hope is in Your unfailing love that is at work on my behalf, for my good to make me more like Jesus. Seal this work to my heart I pray. In the beautiful name of the One who died to make me Yours, Jesus. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:28; Isaiah 29:13;
Isaiah 41:10; 2 Timothy 1:7;
Mark 9:24; Psalm 77:10-15;
Daniel 3:16-18; Psalm 91:14-15;
Isaiah 43:1-3; Psalm 9:1-2;
Psalm 33:18

Remove every obstacle

Day Ten

Father, I long for the day when the desert and parched lands of my life will be glad and the wilderness areas yet untouched by Your Spirit will rejoice and blossom!

Open my blind eyes I pray, and help me to see every area of my living that has yet to submit to the Lordship of Jesus... (show me these things as I wait on You).

Open my ears Father, that I might hear and understand Your Word and the voice of Your Spirit... (quiet my noisy mind as I wait on You).

Tenderize my heart that I might respond in brokenness and repentance... (give me I pray, the gift of tears as a sign that You are softening the hard places of my heart).

May the Holy Spirit flow from my life and cause every desert place to become a stream of living water! Have mercy on me O God! In Your great compassion, wash away all of my sin and cleanse me. Create in me a pure, clean heart and renew a steadfast determination within me to follow hard after You. Restore to me the joy I knew when I first found You and give me I pray, a willingness to do Your will. Father, I ask this that I might become one who You use to walk alongside those who are still lost in their sin. Make me bold Father, and may Your praise always be on my lips. Restore me, and may Your face shine on me, for I long for more of You. I know of the awesome things that You have done in the past, but I ask that You renew them in my day! In my lifetime, make them known! I ask that You remove every obstacle in my life that is in the way of experiencing Your fullness. Your Word promises that You will revive the spirit of the lowly and the heart of the contrite and so I choose to humble myself before You. Teach me and show me what this means-what it looks like in my daily living. Destroy every area of pride in me Father, until the humility of Jesus, His love and compassion, flows from my life like a mighty river. And revive me Lord! For the sake of Your Church and a dying world, revive me again and again! In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Read: Isaiah 35:1-6; Psalm 51:1-2, 10-15;
Psalm 80:7; Habakkuk 3:2;
Isaiah 57:14-15

Help me to persevere

Day Eleven

Quiet your heart before the Lord. Commit to Him those situations in your life that are difficult.

Lord Jesus, You said that in this world I will have trouble, but that I should take heart, for You have overcome the world! Hallelujah Lord! You are greater than all of my fears. You are more powerful than all the powers of darkness that wage war against my soul O God! You alone are God! May Your name be great and proclaimed loudly in and through my life!

Forgive me Lord, for the times that I do lose heart, and I am overcome by the world. Instead Father, give me eyes to see that my momentary troubles are achieving for me an eternal glory that will far outweigh them all! And may I be found worshipping You in the midst of the obstacles, challenges and trials of this life. Remind me constantly, by Your Spirit, that I am not home yet. Empower me to persevere and endure hardships in my life for the sake of Your name and the formation of Your character in me.

I acknowledge that You know all my ways, and that You will bring me through the storms in my life, refining me as gold. May the trials I face teach me to obey Your Word and may my faith be proved genuine and result in praise, glory and honor to You, Jesus. I confess that You alone are God, there is no other, and I trust in Your name alone to save me. I rest in Your sovereignty and hope in Your Name as I wait for You. For You have searched me and You know me and everything about me – when I am still, when I am busy, where I go and what I do, You know all my ways and every thought I have. Even before I speak a single word, You know it. There isn't any place that I can go where You are not there.

Thank You Father, that even the darkness that seems to engulf me at times, is as light to You. I praise You and acknowledge that every day of my life was ordained for me by You. Therefore I submit myself to You alone and stand against the schemes of the enemy in Jesus Name. Amen.

Read: John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 4:17;
Revelation 2:3; 1 Peter 1:7;
Isaiah 44:6; Psalm 20:7;
Psalm 139:1-16; James 4:7

A living sacrifice

Day Twelve

Before you begin, sit quietly before the Lord. Ask Him to help you to understand what it means that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Father, I thank You for Your great mercy and love poured out for me through the work of Christ. But I confess that I often live without any thought of Your great sacrifice and have engaged my mind and body in things of this world that are not holy or pleasing to You. You have said that presenting my body as a living sacrifice is part of my spiritual worship, and I have forsaken it.

Father, I confess that I have allowed my mind to be entangled with the patterns of this world and its standard instead of the standard of Your Word. Forgive me, Lord! Strengthen me. Be the filter over my eyes and mind.

I have been undisciplined in the care of my physical body and careless about my health and habits. Help me to discipline my body and put to death my fleshly nature. Forgive me Father.

Forgive me for wanting my pursuit of You to be easy. Forgive my slothfulness, O God! May I run after You in such a way as to get the prize, and discipline myself so as not to be disqualified.

Give me the gift of wisdom and discernment, I pray, and guard my mind from hollow and deceptive philosophies that depend on human tradition and principles of this world, rather than on Christ and Your Word. I ask this so that my mind might be truly renewed and my living transformed. I choose, Father, to give up my rights and the control of my life, that I might be a living sacrifice, and I pronounce this day, my great desire to follow You *wholeheartedly*.

I long, Lord Jesus, to experience Holy Spirit ignited, transformational living—daily! To see Jesus lived out in me—through me, in ways I have not yet known, grant this, I pray. O Holy Spirit of God, purify me, refine me I pray, until all of me is conformed to You, Lord Jesus, and I learn the secret and discipline of becoming a living sacrifice. Only You can accomplish this, and I pray in Your great name – in Jesus' name. Amen.

Read: Romans 5:5; Romans 12:1;
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Colossians 2:8;
Romans 8:29

Holy Spirit rain down

Day Thirteen

Father thank You for sending the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to teach me and remind me of the things that Jesus said. Thank You for His presence with me—forever. Forgive me, Father, for the times that I resist the Holy Spirit, even though I know that He is the One who convicts of sin and righteousness and judgment. How thankful I am that the Holy Spirit helps me in my weakness—that when I don't know what or how I should pray, He intercedes for me in accordance with Your will.

Father, tenderize my heart and make me sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. I ask that You remove any hardness of heart that still remains in me, and give me a heart of flesh. By Your Spirit, reveal even the hidden sin in my life as I wait on You... (pause and wait before the Lord, confess those things He brings to your mind)

Your Word promises that You, heavenly Father, will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask You, and so I ask, Father, as Your child—fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit! (pause and wait before the Lord, personalize this prayer and make it your own)

Empower me by Your Spirit to live victoriously for Christ, that as I am in the world, I may not ever be of the world. I ask that the power of the Holy Spirit come on me that I might be a witness for You, and boldly speak Your Word. Teach me by the Spirit when and what I should say. I long for the fruit of the Spirit to be evident in my life in ever-increasing measure, and to truly walk in the Spirit, so that the desires and passions of my sinful nature are destroyed. Strengthen me by Your Spirit to stand firm against the enemy and to persevere and do Your will. Like the early disciples, may my life be characterized by fullness of joy, and the presence of the Holy Spirit so that Jesus will be seen more clearly in me and through me, and my life will bring glory to His name, for this is the longing of my heart. Holy Spirit rain down on me. In Jesus' name I ask these things. Amen.

Read: John 14:26; John 16:8;
Romans 8:26-27; Ezekiel 36:26;
Luke 11:13; Acts 1:8;
Luke 12:12; Galatians 5:22-25;
Ephesians 6:11; Acts 13:52

Renew my mind

Day Fourteen

Father God, You who makes all things new through the power of the Holy Spirit, renew my mind I pray! May I not conform to the things of this world, but instead, may I be continually transformed by the renewing of my mind with Your Word.

Lord in many ways I have been lazy and undisciplined in regards to the use of my mind. Forgive me I pray and renew my mind. (I lay before you my use of my computer and technology, my TV and DVD viewing, the things I read...pause and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you)

I have entertained philosophies of the world that are contrary to Your Word. Lord, forgive me and renew my mind. (I lay before you the way that I have rationalized behavior or condoned values of this world...pause and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you)

I have watered down the truth of Your Word in order to condone my sin. Lord forgive me and renew my mind. (I lay before you the excuses that I have made for my thoughts, attitudes and actions that are contrary to Your Word...pause and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you)

I have allowed fear and anxious thoughts to overwhelm me. Lord forgive me and renew my mind and make my heart steadfast. (I choose now to cast all of my cares and fears onto You and ask that Your peace be poured out on me...pause and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you)

I ask that I might have Your mind in the many situations that I encounter daily, and never turn away from Your truth. Give me I pray a fresh hunger to study Your Word, that I might be equipped for every good work. And Father, in a world of watered down truth, empty philosophies and hopelessness, empower me by Your Spirit to be prepared to answer everyone who asks me to give the reason for the hope that I have. May Jesus be seen clearly in my daily living. Strengthen my faith, Father, for Your Word says that if I do not stand firm in my faith I will not stand at all. O God, help me to stand. In Jesus' name. Amen..

Read: Romans 12:2; Colossians 2:8;
John 17:17; 2 Timothy 2:15;
Philippians 4:7-8; 1 Peter 3:15;
Isaiah 7:9

O Lord You are my strength

Day Fifteen

Before you begin, sit quietly before the Lord. Ask to be given a 'willing spirit'– willing to repent, to change, to listen, to obey.

Father, thank You for the promise of Your Word that those who hope in You will renew their strength. You alone are the source of all strength for You are the ruler of all things and in Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to me. Strengthen me to stand firm, to stand for righteousness, to stand for Your kingdom! Like Daniel, may my life be characterized by integrity and 'above-reproach conduct'. Even in the midst of unjustness, may I be one who turns to You in worship and thanksgiving. May I always run towards You and not grow weary. Empower me I pray, to walk and not faint. Help me to not fear or be dismayed, regardless of the situations that I am in, or the condition of the world around me – for You are God and You hold all things together. Hold me together I pray! Strengthen me and help me – uphold me with Your righteous right hand and with power through Your Spirit in my inner being, so that Christ may dwell in my heart in all of His fullness - in all His fullness! Have mercy on me Father and help me to lean on You and find my strength in You alone for my spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak and I confess to You Lord –

the weakness of my faith and flesh... O Lord have mercy!
the undisciplined use of my mind... Renew and strengthen my mind by Your Word!
the sin that I yet hold on to... Wash me and cleanse me.
the timid ways in which I still live... I turn from a spirit of fear and trust in Your Name!

Increase my faith – destroy doubt and unbelief in my heart and mind and empower me to live boldly. May the sphere of influence in which You've planted me resonate with the praise of Your Name and the imprint of Jesus be left on all that I touch. For Your name and Your renown are the desire of my heart. In Jesus' powerful name I pray. Amen.

Read: Isaiah 40:31; 1 Chronicles 29:12;
Isaiah 41:10; Daniel 6;
Colossians 1:17; Ephesians 3:16-17;
2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Matthew 26:41;
Romans 12:29; Psalm 51:7;
Isaiah 12:2; Isaiah 26:8

The indwelling Holy Spirit

Day Sixteen

How I thank You, Father, for the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Thank You for bringing me, by the blood of the Lord Jesus, from death to life; from being under the law, to being under Your grace. May Your great love and tenderness compel me towards greater obedience.

I ask Father that You forgive me for the ways that I have allowed sin to continue to reign in my life...

For attitudes that I have nurtured that are full of self and detrimental to my relationship with You and others...

For focusing on the darkness of this world, instead of the Light of Your presence, Lord Jesus, forgive me. May my mind and attitudes be controlled by the Spirit and produce life and peace.

For actions and habits in my life that do not push me towards greater Christ-likeness, forgive me, Lord. Crush the walls of excuses that I have erected that keep them so firmly in place!

O God, may Your Word dwell in me richly and may whatever I do or say be done in Your name, that You might receive glory and praise. Make me to be, I pray, a slave to righteousness and lead me towards holiness! Help me to live under the law of the Spirit, to live and move and have my very being in You alone for I know that it is Your desire that I be holy and blameless. Make me alive in Your Spirit that I might be like a tree planted by the water and never fails to bear fruit. May I live by the Spirit so that I will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature, and keep in step with what the Spirit is doing. May the fruit of the Spirit be born in my life in ever increasing measure. May love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control be evident in my words, actions and reactions. Conform me I pray, to the image of Jesus for I ask these things in His name. Amen.

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 6:13;
Romans 8:6; Colossians 3:16-17;
Romans 6:19; Acts 17:28;
Ephesians 5:26-27; Jeremiah 17:8;
Galatians 5:16, 25; Galatians 5:22-23

Come out of the shadows

Day Seventeen

Father I'm so grateful that through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life has set me free from the law of sin and death! Thank You Jesus for willingly becoming my sin-offering. That my sins have been forgiven and forgotten, and that You have given me Your righteousness is beyond my ability to understand, but I am so very thankful!

And now Lord, knowing that I am Yours and that the Holy Spirit lives in me, may my mind be set on what the Spirit desires. I ask in Jesus' Name that You break all residual strongholds of my sinful nature, that my mind be controlled by Your Spirit and produce life and peace in me. I choose this day to put to death the misdeeds of my body that I might truly live! Thank You for the Spirit of sonship, that I am Yours and call You 'Father' is more than I can comprehend! Empower me to live as Your child. (pause and consider that you are a child of God!...)

May I stand firm in my faith in You. Give me I pray, a holy determination to live in the freedom that Christ has provided for me, and not live under the weight of sin. How I thank You, Lord Jesus, that while I was still captive and imprisoned by my sin, You came and proclaimed freedom! Forgive me for the ways that I live as if Your sacrifice for my sin is not enough. Truly my sin is great, - but Your grace is greater still and You have given me Your robe and ring and have invited me to feast at Your table! Forgive me Father, for the ways that I think, speak or live that are as if I am a slave in Your house, instead of Your child! Forgive me for living in the shadows.

Empower me, this day, by Your Spirit that is at work in me, to live boldly in the freedom that You have provided for me, in Christ. Transform my living and fill me with Your joy! Thank You that where the Spirit is, there is freedom, but help me I pray, and keep me from misusing the freedom I have in You, or exercising my freedom in any way that might be a stumbling block to someone else. Words are inadequate to express my thanks, Lord Jesus, for destroying the curse of sin and setting me free! Thank You for this glorious freedom! Strengthen me to come out of the shadows of my living, and walk in Your great light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:2-17; Galatians 5:1;
Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18;
Luke 15:11-31; 2 Corinthians 3:17;
Galatians 5:13; 1 Corinthians 8:9;
Romans 8:21

From the inside out

Day eighteen

Father, Jesus said that I am to love You
with all of my heart,
with all of my mind,
with all of my strength, and
to love my neighbor as myself- that this is more important than anything
else that I do.

Forgive me Lord, for I know that I have kept parts of my heart hidden and distant from You.

I have been slothful in my thinking, lazy and undisciplined and have not loved You with all of my mind.

I'm so very aware of my weakness and confess that I am not sure that I know what loving You with all of my strength even looks like.

Father, You know that I rarely love others as much as I love myself. Forgive me Lord.

Have mercy on me and change me O God! May my life be marked by deep heart-belief and mouth confession that Jesus is Lord. Keep me I pray, from self-imposed, outward moral reformation that leads to joyless, disempowered living. Instead, may I be continually spiritually transformed, conformed to the character of Jesus, that the reflection of His glory may be seen in me, and others drawn to Him. Change me from the inside out, I pray.

May I truly believe in my heart what I confess with my mouth, so that my faith will not shrivel within me when faced with the difficulties of life, or be hypocritical and harsh as I live in front of those who have yet to call on Your Name.

Thank You that Your Word is near me, in my mouth and heart. Now help me to obey it, I pray. O how I long for my heart and mind to align under Your Lordship. I am weary Lord of unbelief and double-mindedness! Save me from myself, I pray. For I do believe in my heart, but help my unbelief. I confess with my mouth, Lord Jesus, that You alone are Lord to the glory of God the Father. Now may it be true in my heart as well, and lived-out this day through my life. In the mighty name of Him who alone can accomplish these things. Amen.

Read: Mark 12:33; 2 Corinthians 3:18;
1 Peter 3:15; Deuteronomy 30:14;
Matthew 5:16; Mark 9:24;
Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:11

The imprint of Jesus

Day Nineteen

Father I come before You this day, overwhelmed by Your holiness and greatness. In light of who You are, I am keenly aware of the weakness of my fleshly nature. Have mercy on me O God. Forgive me for going my own way and not aligning my life with Your perfect will. I confess that I have been misguided by my own self-serving purposes and have lost sight of Your face. Remove from me I pray, the shame of my sin that keeps me from running into Your arms, looking on Your face and receiving Your forgiveness. I ask this day Father for a fresh infilling of Your Holy Spirit that will transform my living and display Your glory to those who do not yet know You.

This day Father, may my mind be set on things above, not on things of this earth. May I be a person of blessing this day. Help me to encourage those who are tired and wearied by the cares of this world. Give me opportunity to love in deed and action. May I be willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of the Gospel, and minister to others as if I were ministering to You. Father it is my desire that the imprint of Jesus be left behind wherever I go, whatever I encounter, whoever I meet. Accomplish this through me.

Father, I do not want to be one who follows You half-heartedly or out of convenience. May I always stand firm and not allow anything to move me away from You, and give myself wholly to Your purposes. How grateful I am that You are compassionate and gracious, that You know my weakness! Thank You for not treating me as my sin deserves. Restore to me I pray, the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit that Your glory might be displayed through my life. These things I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen

Read: Luke 15:20-24; Colossians 3:1;
Hebrews 3:13, 10:25; James 2:20, 26;
Matthew 25:40; Matthew 5:16;
1 Corinthians 15:58; Psalm 103:8-19;
Psalm 51:12-13

Fill up what is lacking

Day Twenty

Father, Your Word promises that You will be my sure foundation, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. Forgive me Lord, for I know that I often look in other places for strength and stability and miss Your blessing in my life. Forgive me for the times that I turn to the wisdom of the world, instead of turning to You. I am so quick to take matters into my own hands and do what is right in my own eyes. Teach me to pause, to seek Your face, wisdom and counsel. You have said in Your Word that if I lack wisdom I should ask, and so I ask Father, give me Your wisdom, I pray.

Guard my mind today against worldly philosophies. May I be rooted firmly in Christ!

In the situations that I face at work, home or school, may I know Your mind and be wise in all I do. Keep me from error, and I ask for Your wisdom especially in regards to... (pray through your schedule and concerns)

May Your wisdom be evident through me as I engage those in my life with whom I have relationship.

I declare my dependence upon You alone, the source of all knowledge and wisdom and I ask that You give me wisdom from heaven that is:
pure (reveal the hidden motives of my heart Father!);
peace loving (may my words build others up and promote unity I pray);
considerate and submissive (may my thoughts be of the needs of others-
teach me to serve!);
full of mercy and good fruit (may I be a dispenser of Your great grace);
impartial and sincere (may my actions flow out of my love for You – help me to love like You love).

Strengthen me today, remind me I pray to live-out what Your Word says - that I might be like a wise man who builds his house on a rock, that regardless of the storms that come against me, I might not be moved. In the Name of Jesus, who is the Word. Amen.

Read: Isaiah 33:6; 1 Corinthians 3:19;
Proverbs 3:7; Colossians 1:9;
Ephesians 1:17; James 1:5;
Colossians 2:8-9; James 3:17;
Matthew 7:24-25

Teach me the way of humility

Day Twenty-one

Before you begin, like the disciples in Luke 11:1, simple ask, “Lord teach me to pray.”

Father I come before You asking that You empower me by Your Spirit that the humility of Christ might be evident in my relationships with others. May I do nothing out of selfishness, but truly consider others better than myself and look out for the interests of those You have placed in my life. Father this is so against my nature!

Forgive me Lord – for I confess that more often than not I am more concerned with my own needs, and getting my own way. May selfishness be put to death in me that I might truly serve others in love.

Forgive me, Father, for I confess that often my involvement in the needs of others is based on my own comfort or if it's convenient for me. How selfish I am Lord! Teach me what it means to love sacrificially I pray – to love like Jesus, to serve like Jesus! Teach me this way.

May I extend grace and mercy to others as You, Father, have extended grace and mercy to me. Destroy pride in my life in all of its ugly forms (the need to have my own way, to be heard, to be right, to be noticed and appreciated, excusing sin in my life...pause and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you). Help me to be keenly aware of the ways that I exalt myself, and may I instead exalt Christ.

Your Word promises that You will guide the humble in what is right—I want to be guided by You! I choose this day to submit to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, to not resist His work in my life, and to humble myself under Your mighty hand that You might lift me up in due time as You see fit. May the refining fire of the Holy Spirit have full reign in my life this day that I might be a useable vessel for the purposes of Your Kingdom. And may I be an extension of Your love and mercy to those who are burdened with the cares and brokenness of this world and are in desperate need of the Savior. I ask these things in His Mighty Name. Amen.

Read: Philippians 2:2-4; Galatians 5:13;
Galatians 6:2; Daniel 4:37;
Psalm 25:9; 1 Peter 5:6;
Luke 10:25-37

You are great O God

Day Twenty-two

O LORD, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Your glory is above the heavens. When I look at the night sky and see the work of Your hands, the moon and the stars which You have set in place, Your greatness overwhelms me, and in my heart I feel so small and insignificant. Yet You tell me that You have made me a little lower than the angels and crowned me with glory and honor, made me ruler over the works of Your hands and have put everything under my feet! That You O God, creator of all things calls me by name and says 'do not fear I am with you, I have redeemed you, you are mine,' - is a blessing too great to comprehend!

That You have called me out of the darkness of my sin and into the wonderful light of the Lord Jesus makes my heart overflow with thanksgiving! For I remember when I was still dead in my sin, hopeless and despairing, but You have rescued me from that dominion of darkness and brought me into the kingdom of Jesus and my sins have been forgiven! My slate has been wiped clean! Hallelujah! O God purify me I pray that I might be found living a life that is worthy of the calling that I have received from You.

Open the eyes of my heart ever wider I pray that I might have a clearer understanding of the 'glorious inheritance' that You have called me to. Strengthen me in my inner man that I might always press-on towards You. May I press-on *today*. Renew my passion and hunger to know You and to be in Your presence. Help me to live as one who has been called by the God of the universe into intimate fellowship and communion. I confess my weakness to you, the difficulty that I have almost continually, to remain steadfast and focused on Your face alone. Help me Lord! Be strong in my weakness I pray, and accomplish all that You intend. Be glorified Father – in me and through me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen.

Read: Psalm 8; Isaiah 43:1;
1 Peter 2:9; 2 Timothy 1:9;
1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:12;
Ephesians 4:1; Ephesians 1:18;
Philippians 3:14; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9;
2 Corinthians 12:9

Dead to sin

Day Twenty-three

Before you begin, ask God for a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on your life.

Lord Jesus Christ, it is in Your mighty Name that I pray....

Father, Your Word says that a patient man is better than a warrior, and one who controls his temper than one who takes a city. You have admonished me in Your Word to control my body – my appetites and behavior, in a way that is holy and honorable to You. But I confess Father that I fall short of this in many areas of my life and I ask that You strengthen me by Your Spirit, so that I might not let sin reign in my body or give in to evil desires (pause and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal those areas of your life that are not yet submitted to Him).

May the fruit of self-control continually increase in my life, that this godly characteristic may be evident in the way that I eat, how I shop, the hobbies I engage in, my sexuality, my words and actions... may every aspect of who I am and how I live be under the control of the Holy Spirit. I submit to You now in Jesus' Name Father.

Empower me to keep a tight rein on my tongue. May I be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, knowing that anger does not bring about the righteous life that You desire. May I bless with my mouth and my life.

May my life be so controlled by Your Holy Spirit, that I truly live and move and have my very being in You alone. Help me this day to not indulge my fleshly nature. Strengthen me to stand firm and be self-controlled in thought, word and action – that I might be a useable, noble vessel for Your purposes and the glory of Your great Name. Accomplish this through Christ in me, for I pray in His name. Amen.

Read: Proverbs 16:32; 1 Thessalonians 4:4;
Romans 6:12; 2 Peter 1:5-6;
Daniel 1:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19;
James 1:26; James 1:19;
Acts 17:28; Romans 9:21

Father, You are faithful

Day Twenty-four

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to quiet your heart and bring to your mind the many reasons you have to be thankful. Spend time recounting the goodness of the Lord.

Father, it is good to praise You and proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night. You are the One who makes me glad! Open my eyes to see the works of Your hands and sponsor in me, by Your Spirit, songs of joy, for You are worthy of the highest praise I can offer!

Forgive me Father, for allowing my heart to be captured by the cares of this world instead of You and Your greatness. Like Paul and Silas, may I be found singing in the 'prisons' that I face! How thankful I am for the sacrifice of Jesus for my sin, that He has saved me completely and intercedes for me! Hallelujah! What a great salvation is mine! Lord, You are great and awesome!

May I always sing of Your great love, and make known with my mouth Your continuing faithfulness through all generations. For Your love stands firm forever-Your faithfulness stands firm in heaven itself. And I know that You are able to do above and beyond anything that I can even imagine. Help me to always enter into Your presence with thanksgiving and praise for You are good and Your love endures forever.

Thank You, Father, for reaching down and taking hold of me, for rescuing me and being my support in days of trouble. That You delight in me is beyond my ability to grasp. Help me Lord to hear the song that You sing over me. Satisfy me this morning with Your unfailing love, that I may sing for joy and be glad all day. May Your favor rest upon me, Lord. I ask that You establish the work of my hands this day, and may kingdom purposes be accomplished in and through my life for my hope is in You, the maker of heaven and earth. You are my great reward, and I praise Your Holy Name.

Read: Psalm 92:1-4; Acts 16:25;
Hebrews 7:25, 27; Psalm 89:1-2; Ephesians 3:20; Psalm 100:4-5;
Psalm 18:16-19; Zephaniah 3:17;
Psalm 90:17; Psalm 115:15;
Genesis 15:1

Teach me to pray

Day Twenty-five

Thank You, Father, that Jesus has born my sin and intercedes for me, that because of His blood, shed for me, I have confidence to enter into Your Most Holy Presence. I want to draw near to You with a sincere heart in full assurance that as I call on You, You will answer me and show me great and unsearchable things that I do not know.

Teach me to pray O God! Teach me to pray Your heart, Your will, Your Word. Forgive me, Lord, for I am often self-focused in Your presence and give into the worries of this life and miss the blessing of praying Your heart for your Church and the world around me. Empower me by Your Spirit to intercede for others and Your work around the world. May I become one that You call on, even in the watches of the night, to “build up the wall” and stand in the gap on the behalf of others – and may I respond when You call. May the burden and intensity of the needs of a lost world, my brothers and sisters in Christ and my community of faith so overtake me, that I cannot keep silent day or night before You. Make me to be a watchman for Your Kingdom Father!

Like Anna, may I never leave Your presence, but learn to worship, fast and pray continually. Teach me what it means to be persistent in prayer until I receive the answer, - to always pray and never give up. Help me to rise before dawn and cry out to You, always putting my hope in the promises of Your Word. May Your Word be in my heart like a burning fire and Your promises my constant meditation. Mold me Father, into a prayer-warrior for Your Kingdom. Teach me to pray in Your Spirit that I might become one who is truly devoted to prayer and who participates with You in Your work, even to the ends of the earth! May prayer truly become the foundation of my living that I might be one who is found faithful, always praying –refusing to give up. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Read: Isaiah 53:12; Hebrews 10:19-20;
Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 6:25-33;
Ezekiel 22:30; Isaiah 62:6-7;
Ezekiel 3:17; Luke 2:37;
Luke 11:5-9; Psalm 119:147;
Jeremiah 23:29; Psalm 1:2;
Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1-6

Resurrection life

Day Twenty-six

Lord Jesus, You said that You are the resurrection and the life, and that if anyone believes in You, they too will live! Jesus, I believe! You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world, who was raised from the dead, has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to You! I want to truly know You Lord Jesus, and the power of Your resurrection in my life. Show me what this means and teach me by Your Spirit, for I cannot comprehend the magnitude of this! In light of this resurrection power I ask you to change the way that I live. Transform me I pray, that my life may be characterized by ever increasing boldness and confidence in You – for my Savior lives! By Your Spirit, empower me to live above the circumstances and daily situations that surround me, for I know that I have been raised with You through my faith in the power of God the Father Who raised You from the dead.

How grateful I am that I have been made alive with You! Thank You for forgiving me all of my sins and canceling the written law, with its regulations, that was against me- that stood opposed to me. Thank You for taking it away and nailing it to the cross. Thank You Jesus for disarming the powers of darkness and making a public spectacle of them by triumphing over them by the cross! How I praise God that You have been raised from the dead! For I know that if You had not been raised, my faith would be futile. Lord Jesus, I believe that You died and rose again and because of this, I know that You will come again! – that You will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God the Father, and those who have died in You will rise first. After that, if I am still alive on the earth, I will be caught up, with my brothers and sisters in Christ, in the clouds to meet You in the air – and will be with You forever. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!

Read: John 11:35; Matthew 16:16;
1 John 4:14; 1 Peter 3:21-22;
Philippians 3:10; Colossians 2:12-15;
1 Corinthians 15:12, 17;
1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

Reveal the hidden things

Day Twenty-seven

Quiet your heart before the Lord and meditate on the cross and the incredible sacrifice of Jesus on your behalf.

Thank You Lord Jesus for bearing my sin in Your body on the cross so that I might die to sin and live for righteousness. Thank You for the provision of healing found in Your great sacrifice. Forgive me I pray, for the times I treat casually the freedom I have in You, do not live for righteousness, and allow myself to become enslaved again to the yoke of sin. Have mercy on me Lord and heal me, for I know I have sinned against You.

By Your Spirit, teach me what it means to “live for righteousness” – to “seek righteousness”, that You, Jesus, may be seen in me more and more, and that lasting spiritual fruit may be born out of my life. Keep me from outwardly drawing near to You with words and actions and yet keeping my heart closed off to You.

I ask, Lord Jesus, that You open every closed chamber of my heart – places I am even unaware of – and expose them by the light of Your Spirit. Remove every cobweb. You alone can heal the broken and wounded places of my heart. Where I am blind to my own sin, restore my sight, I pray. Where the enemy is oppressing me and holding me back from a deeper relationship with You, release me Lord! I ask that You, my Healer, grant me complete freedom in areas of my life that have not yet been captured by Your great love (pause and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the hidden things of your heart to you) Only You can bring healing to the hidden places of my heart and I invite You, Holy Spirit, to change me until I am conformed to the image of Christ.

Destroy pride in me, and everything that holds me back from sharing my pilgrimage with my brothers and sisters in Christ, confessing my sins and finding healing. I praise You, Lord, for You are the One that heals me! And I trust in You for healing of my body, mind and soul. These things I pray with confidence Lord Jesus, because of Your finished work on the cross. Amen.

Read: 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 5:1;
Psalm 41:4; Zephaniah 2:3;
1 Peter 2:24; John 15:16;
Isaiah 29:13; Psalm 147:3;
Romans 8:29; James 5:16;
Exodus 15:26

Teach me to love

Day Twenty-eight

Father, You who are the author of love, teach me Your way. I know Father that so often I do not love as You have called me to love. I love when it is convenient, when I'm in the right mood, or even worse, only if someone has been loving to me. Forgive me. Have mercy on me Lord. Forgive my self-serving, selfish loving. Fill me with Your love and compassion.

You have said that love is patient and kind, it does not envy or boast, it isn't arrogant or rude, selfish or easily provoked. It does not keep record of wrong or rejoice in unrighteousness. Father, give me this kind of love for those around me! May my love for my family members, my co-workers and neighbors– my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus - truly bear all things, believe all things, hope all things and endure all things. Keep my love from failing. May I practice lavish love with them, so that I may live-out Your love in the world that has yet to know You.

May extravagant love be evident in my relationships with my brothers and sisters in Jesus. Keep me from having any part in that which would cause division in the body of Christ. Instead, may my life be rooted and established in love. Father, Your Word says that it is by the way that I love those in my community of faith that the world will know that I belong to You. Give me this kind of love I pray! As You have lavishly loved me, may I in turn love others and encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus on toward even greater love and good deeds. May I be found worthy of bearing the Name of Christ, and determined to live-out the debt of love I owe so that Jesus may be exalted, His name glorified and the transforming power of His love made evident in my life. In His name I ask these things. Amen.

Read: 1 John 4:16; Matthew 5:38-48;
1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 12:25-27;
John 13:34-35; Ephesians 3:17;
1 John 3:1; Hebrews 10:24;
Romans 13:8-10

I wait on You O Lord

Day Twenty-nine

How thankful I am Father that You are patient with me, slow to anger and abounding in love. Forgive me for not treating others with the same gentle patience that You have shown me (pause and pray for those you find difficult to love). Empower me I pray, by Your Spirit, to be patient with everyone.

Forgive me for the many ways I impatiently run out ahead of You and do things in my own strength. Teach me to wait on You, and to walk in the way of Your Word as I do so. May Your name and renown be the desire of my heart in every situation that I face in my daily pilgrimage. Strengthen me to be patient in affliction and to persevere so that I may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. I confess that I cannot do this in my own strength and ask that you empower me according to Your glorious might so that I might have great endurance and patience.

Father, may I be one who waits patiently as I hope for what I do not yet see in the circumstances and relationships of my life, knowing that all who wait for You are blessed. May I be patient and stand firm in my faith, for surely Jesus is coming soon! As I wait for His glorious appearing, may my life be characterized by patient hope and endurance. For I know the day will come when I, along with all Your people will declare: "Surely this is our God, we trusted in Him and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him, let us rejoice and be glad!" May I be one who imitates those who through faith and patience inherited what had been promised. And so this day Father, I choose to wait for You, to trust in You, to hope in You, knowing that those who hope in You are not disappointed. Strengthen me to stand. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Read: 2 Peter 3:9; Psalm 86:15;
Isaiah 26:8; Romans 12:12;
James 1:4; Colossians 1:11;
Romans 8:25; Isaiah 30:18;
James 5:8; Isaiah 25:9;
Hebrews 6:12; Psalm 22:5

Find me faithful Lord

Day Thirty

Lord Jesus Christ, it is in Your Name that I pray...

Father, how very thankful I am that Your faithfulness endures forever, that even though my journey with You is often marked by my faithlessness and unbelief, You remain faithful for You cannot deny Yourself. How great is Your faithfulness! Forgive me, I pray, for I often look away from Your greatness, lose sight of Your face and throw away my confidence in You.

Strengthen me by Your Spirit so that I am able to persevere, do Your will and receive what has been promised. For I know that in just a little while Jesus is coming, and You have called me to live by faith. I do not want to be one who puts his hand to the plow and then turns back! Help me to faithfully follow hard after You and walk in the light of Your presence. May my heart be set on pilgrimage with You alone, and like Moses, may I be faithful as a servant in Your house and work as faithfully as those who built the temple, in order, to see Your purposes prevail and Jesus exalted! For You have given to me a sacred trust, the message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ, and You have required that I be found faithful.

Father, You know my weakness and weariness, and the temptations of this world that pull at my heart and encourage me to wander. Strengthen me I pray! Pour out Your Holy Spirit on me this day that I might faithfully follow hard after You and become, more and more, one who is sure of what I yet hope for, and certain of what I do not yet see (pause and commit to the Lord again, those things that you are still waiting for). Do all of this I pray, that on that glorious day when I see Your face I might hear You say "well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen.

Read: Psalm 117:2; 2 Timothy 2:13;
Lamentations 3:23; Hebrews 10:35-38;
Luke 9:62; Psalm 89:15;
Psalm 84:5; Hebrews 3:5;
2 Chronicles 34:12; 2 Corinthians 5:18;
1 Corinthians 4:2; Hebrews 11:1;
Matthew 25:21

May Your kingdom come in me

Day Thirty-one

Father in heaven, how great is Your name! How awesome and unsearchable are your deeds! It is You who formed the mountains and created the wind. You turn dawn to darkness and tread the high places of the earth – the LORD God Almighty is Your name! There is none like You and I praise Your awesome name! May Your will be accomplished on earth O God– in my life Lord. I submit to You and Your will and ask that as it is in heaven- where saints and angels worship and adore You and there is perfect unity, may it be so here as well. May Your kingdom come Lord!

I confess my great need of You more than anything else Father. Be my daily bread I pray. I want to feast on You until all other desires fade, my love of the world is destroyed and my heart is stayed on You alone. Satisfy me Father with Your great love and forgive me I pray for sinning against You. I confess that too often my thoughts, words and actions are not Christ-like and do not honor You. Instead of reaching-out to others with the love of Jesus, I shrink back. Instead of blessing, encouraging and edifying others, I keep silent. Even in sharing Your goodness and proclaiming Your greatness I have kept quiet. O God have mercy on me!

Destroy my self-focused living and change me by the power of the Spirit at work in me I pray. May I be quick to forgive others, always remembering the great debt that has been forgiven me. I confess this day that Yours alone is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. You alone are able to do above and beyond anything that I can think or imagine. I proclaim with all of heaven “Great and marvelous are your deeds Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy!” Hallelujah! Praise never-ending be to You O God! In the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the only true God I pray. Amen and amen.

Read: Psalm 65:5-6; Amos 4:13;
Psalm 99:3; 1 John 2:15-17;
Psalm 51:4; Luke 19:37-40;
Matthew 6:12-15; Ephesians 3:20;
Revelations 15:3-4

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Putting on the Armor of God

Father today I acknowledge that every battle in my life is not mine, but belongs to You. For I know that my real struggle is not against what I can see with my eyes, but with what is unseen – the powers of this dark world, the devil – who waits for an opportune moment to steal, kill and destroy Your work in my life, to ensnare me. (2 Chronicles 20:15; Ephesians 6:12-13; John 10:10)

Father forgive me, for I have not been self-controlled and alert. I've allowed myself to be lulled into complacency by the noise and distractions of the world. I have not resisted the enemy, most of the time at best, I pretend he does not exist. But Your Word admonishes me to stand firm in my faith, that if I do not, I will not stand at all. Lord, teach me to stand. (1 Peter 5:8-9; Isaiah 7:9)

Today, as You have instructed me, I choose to put on Your full armor so that I might stand against the devil's schemes and stand my ground when the day of evil comes upon me – that I might be strong in You and Your mighty power! I choose to 'put on' Jesus! (Ephesians 6:10-13)

I stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled securely around my waist. Jesus, You are the way and the truth and the life...I turn from all false teaching and philosophies of this world and I put on Jesus, the Truth. (Ephesians 6:14; John 14:6; Colossians 2:8)

I put on the breastplate of righteousness – Jesus, there was no sin found in You, yet You took my sin on Yourself so that I might become the righteousness of God! This day, I turn from all sin that entangles me and holds me back, and I put on Jesus, my righteousness. (Ephesians 6:14; Philippians 3:8-9; Hebrews 12:1)

I choose today to fit my feet with readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Lord Jesus, You are my peace, for you have destroyed the barrier that was between me and God the Father! Make me ready to give the reason for the hope that I have, for I long to share with others that You Lord Jesus are my peace! (Ephesians 6:15; Ephesians 2:14-18; 1 Peter 3:15)

I take up this day, the shield of faith so that I might be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows, the attacks of the evil one. The life I live in this mortal body, I live by faith in You, the Son of God, who loved me and who gave Yourself for me. May my faith in You increase as I hear Your Word and put it into practice – for You Lord Jesus are the author and perfecter of my faith.(Ephesians 6:16; Galatians 2:20; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25; Hebrews 12:2)

I put on the helmet of salvation and declare that salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven by which I can be saved from my sin! You Lord Jesus are the Christ the Son of the Living God! Jesus, You are my salvation! (Ephesians 6:17; Acts 4:12; Matthew 16:16)

I take up this day, the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and I proclaim Lord Jesus that You are the Word made flesh, and You will accomplish all that You intend! Hallelujah! (Ephesians 6:17; John 1:14; Isaiah 55:11)

Father, I choose today to clothe myself with Christ, to be alert and ready to pray – to pray in the Spirit no matter the occasion or situation that I am in, with all kinds of prayers and requests. May I become one who is increasingly faithful in prayer. (Ephesians 6:18; Romans 12:12)

In all of these things, I put on Christ Jesus - and I take my stand! May Your power that is at work in me this day, be mighty. I ask all these things in the Name of Jesus, who gave Himself for me that I might truly live. Amen and Amen.

Prayers for the Body of Christ

Personalize the following prayers for your community of faith.

Father prepare the hearts of Your people to worship You as we gather. Prepare my heart I pray! May each of us come before you with songs of thanksgiving and joy! Pour out Your Spirit on us as we gather.

Father I ask that You build Your house– we do not want to labor in vain! In Your good pleasure, make Your church prosper. May many be led to Jesus and Your love spread through the city through our lives. May Your favor rest upon us Lord. Establish the work of our hands (Psalm 127:1; Psalm 51:18; Psalm 90:17).

You are the God of all hope Father. I pray that you will fill my brothers and sisters in Christ with joy and peace that their hearts might *overflow* with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Where there is depression or despair, discouragement or doubt, may it be dispelled in Jesus Name and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit be poured out on their lives (Romans 15:13).

May our times of personal and corporate worship be infused with fresh Spirit-life I pray. May we worship You in spirit and in truth and give You the glory due Your Name (John 4:23-24).

Reveal to us in what ways we come near to You with our lips (what we say or sing in Your presence), but keep our hearts far from You (Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8).

You have said Lord, that You will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask - Father, I ask! Fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit! Pour-out Your Spirit on my brothers and sisters in Christ at. Revive us –change us! Conform us to the image of Jesus! (Luke 11:11-13; Psalm 85:6; Romans 8:29)

Father, I pray for those among our community of faith who are new in their journey with You, - increase their faith Father. May they be built-up, edified and encouraged. Add to our fellowship daily those who are being saved! (John 6:44; Acts 2:47)

Father pour-out the gifts of the Spirit and strengthen us as Your people to serve. May there be no lack in any area of ministry, but may we increasingly use the gifts that You have given us to serve one another.

May our zeal in serving You never diminish. Strengthen those among us who have grown weary in doing what is good, encourage them I pray. (Romans 12:10-11; Galatians 6:9)

Father, You are our healer and I come to you on behalf of my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus who are suffering physically. May Your healing power be poured out on them I pray. Strengthen and renew them and may all sickness be gone in Jesus' Name. I pray especially for.... (pray for those you know of by name...)

Father I lift up to You, those in our fellowship who are struggling with doubt and unbelief and I ask in Jesus' name that the enemy be pushed back. Strengthen them to fix their eyes on Jesus, and give to them I pray, fresh faith and signs of Your goodness so that they do not turn back (Hebrews 12:2; Mark 9:24).

Fill us with fresh passion for You and a hunger for holiness, that we would truly become those who seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. Reveal to us I pray, the things that keep us from truly drawing near to You (Psalm 119:2; Matthew 6:33).

As a community of faith, may we increasingly be those who bless with our mouths, who seek and pursue peace with one another. May we love as brothers and be compassionate and humble towards one another (1 Peter 3:8-12).

Father I ask that Your Word would dwell in us richly, that we would overflow with Your Word. I pray Father that Your Word will become our only standard for our lives. Destroy the excuses that we give for our sin and conform us to the image of Jesus! (Colossians 3:16; 1:19-20)

Father You have said that the sacrifices that You are looking for are a broken spirit and contrite heart. Destroy pride among us Lord and give to us the gift of repentance I pray (Psalm 51:16-17).

Be exalted, be glorified in our conversations, in the choices that we make, and the places we go. Whether we eat or drink or whatever it is that we might do may we always be mindful that we belong to You, and do it all for Your glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Father I pray that we will become the kind of worshipers that You are seeking, those who worship in spirit and in truth. Open the eyes of our hearts and reveal the hidden things, for You have said that You desire truth in our inmost parts. Show us Lord, show me, where I am still withholding my heart from You (John 4:23-24; Ephesians 1:18; Job 28:11; Psalm 51:6).

I pray for my brothers and sisters and ask that we might all 'run the race' in such a way as to be found worthy of the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24). May our daily living display Christ in greater and greater clarity, and the imprint of Jesus left in our wake.

I ask in Jesus' mighty name that every stronghold of addiction be broken off of us as Your people. Reveal the hidden things Father! Purify us and make us holy! (Job 28:11)

Give us 'God-sized' dreams for the ministries that you wish to accomplish through us. Forgive our lack of faith, and embolden us to be risk-takers for the sake of Your kingdom! (Hebrews 11:1, 6).

Lord Jesus help us to abide in You that we as Your people might bear spiritual fruit that will last and by doing so, show that we are truly Your disciples (John 15:5-8).

Allow us, I pray to see harvest come in, and souls come to know Jesus! Father I pray for pre-Christian friends, co-workers, family members, who are connected to our community of faith – Lord Jesus, may their longing for You increase. Make us ready to give the reason for the hope that we have in You. (1 Peter 3:15) *(Pray for those in your life who do not yet know Jesus by name...)*

Father protect us from the love of money. May we be increasingly content with what we have knowing that You will never leave us (Hebrews 13:5-6).

Renew our minds I pray. May we as Your people turn from the philosophies and entertainment of the world and truly think on things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy – may this be the standard for what we allow into our minds and hearts (Philippians 4:8).

May we, from youngest to oldest become those who do not just hear the Word, but be those who do what it says (James 1:22). May we be increasingly quick and willing to obey.

Father I pray for my brothers and sisters who are struggling with depression, anxiety and fear. I ask that they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). Destroy every stronghold – set captives free!

Father may the world know that we belong to You by the way that we love one another. May the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace increase in our fellowship. Help us to be completely humble and gentle with one another and to bear with one another in love (Ephesians 4:2-3).

Father You have promised to bestow on Your people the oil of gladness in place of the 'ash piles' of our lives (Isaiah 61:3). Many of us struggle under the memories of past hurt, abuse and loss. Heal our damaged emotions Father, restore joy and gladness to us I pray!

Lord Jesus You said that Your house was to be a "house of prayer for all nations". And so I ask that our community of faith learn the discipline of prayer. May we determine to increasingly become those who "cast every care" onto You, to "watch on the wall" for Your church and who "always pray and never give up" until we see lives transformed, revival fall and the last great harvest come in! (Mark 11:17; 1 Peter 5:7; Isaiah 62:6-7; Luke 18:1-8)

Father I ask that You breathe new Spirit-life into our community of faith. May revival visitations of the Holy Spirit fall on us, change us, renew us, I pray! (Ezekiel 37:5). May we not resist the Holy Spirit in any way.

A Prayer for Pastors

Father, bless my pastor with rest on every side. Guard his heart and mind and cloak him in Your peace. Clear the way today for him to carry out Your plans for our faith community with no interference from the enemy. I stand in prayer for him and ask in Jesus' name that the forces of darkness that would come against him, be pushed back and by faith I take hold of the harvest that your Spirit is bringing forth for the Kingdom of heaven through our faith community. Thank you, Lord, that each time the enemy comes in like a flood, Your Spirit will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight! I thank you for total victory for our Pastor and for my church and I ask You Lord Jesus to meet his every need. Thank you that You are mighty to save and able to overcome and defeat every attempt of the enemy that might tempt him to lose heart! Hallelujah!

Give our Pastor endurance and encouragement and clear guidance by your Spirit for every decision required of him. May the anointing of the Holy Spirit be upon him. Revive his heart with Your Word Father. May his love for You increase and compassion and love for his flock flourish and grow. Strengthen him with Your joy this day and may he be encouraged by the Holy Spirit and reminded of the spiritual sons and daughters that are his.

Give him wisdom that is from heaven I pray. Wisdom that is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Protect him from the evil one and from being entrapped by the fear of man. Pour out Your blessing on him Father and may Jesus be seen in him more and more, and the work of his hands firmly established. I ask these things in the name of Him who is head of the Church, and I give You thanks Lord Jesus for my pastor. Amen.

Read: 2 Samuel 7:1; Luke 10:19;
Isaiah 59:19; Psalm 44:5;
James 3:17; Matthew 6:13;
Proverbs 29:25; Psalm 90:17

Prayers for city and nation

Father I declare Your Word over the city of (____), that the earth is Yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it belong to You! (Name of Nation) belongs to You Father! (City) is Yours Father! And all people are Your inheritance! This day I pray that Your Name will be exalted in this nation. Pour out Your Holy Spirit and reveal Yourself to the hearts of the people of this country through dreams and visions, and through Your Church. Use us I pray, use me, as a conduit of Your great love and compassion. May the love of Jesus be evident in my every word, in my countenance and actions. Fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit I pray and empower me to be salt and light in the midst of darkness. Lord Jesus may You be exalted in this land! May You be glorified in this nation! For You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God – there is no other God besides You, and I ask these things in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Read: Psalm 24:1; Joel 2:28-29;
Luke 11:15; Matthew 5:13-14;
Matthew 16:16; Jeremiah 10:10

O God, You who holds all things together, and the nations in Your hand; You who in Your sovereignty has placed me here, in (City, nation), at this time in history; whose plans and ways are perfect – I submit to You. Your will is that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance, and in accordance with Your will, I ask that this would be so among us. May we, the church, grow through new converts. May the Gospel be presented to the lost among us with power, the Holy Spirit and deep conviction, not only through words, but by our very lives. Teach us, teach me, to make the most of every opportunity that we might constantly spread everywhere the fragrance of Christ. And allow us I pray, allow me, to be part of end-time harvest, that Jesus, the Lamb, might receive the reward for His suffering. I ask all of this in His mighty name. Amen.

Read: Psalm 24:1; Colossians 1:17;
Isaiah 46:11; James 4:7;
2 Peter 3:9; Acts 2:47;
1 Thessalonians 1:5; Colossians 4:5;
2 Corinthians 2:15

A Prayer for neighborhood

Father I praise and thank you for placing me here, in this neighborhood, on this street, in this apartment/house. I acknowledge that your plans and purposes for me are perfect and that you have placed me here that I might participate in your plan for this neighborhood. Open my eyes to see where you are at work and help me to eagerly enter in I pray. May Jesus be seen in me, the very light of His presence, in the way I acknowledge and greet others, and reach out to those around me. Father may the presence and power of the Holy Spirit be poured out on my dwelling place, drawing those around me to Yourself. Open the eyes of the hearts of those I encounter and make them hungry to know You. I pray Your blessing over the street where I live (by name) and over the places where I purchase goods and food. Open blind eyes! Set captives free! May Jesus be revealed to the hearts of those all around me and I lift up those I know by name....

Help me to minister Your love and compassion to all that I encounter. Use me I pray that my life might be woven into the grand tapestry of Your perfect plan for my neighborhood and this city! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Read: Psalm 33:10-11; Psalm 139:16;
Psalm 25:12-13; Psalm 107:10-16;
Psalm 18:28; Ephesians 1:18;
2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 3:18, 4:7-12

First Sunday of Lent

The Cross

Father, how I thank you for the way that has been made for me to have relationship with You through the sacrifice of Jesus. Thank You for demonstrating Your great love for me by sending Christ to die for me, at just the right time, while I was powerless and still in my sin. And now, having been justified through my faith in Him, I have peace with You, Hallelujah! Thank You Lord Jesus, for I remember when I was separated from You, without hope and without God. But now, because of Your great sacrifice I have been brought near to God through Your shed blood. You are my peace, for You are the One who has destroyed the barrier, the wall that was between me and the Father!

Forgive me Lord for the times that I live as if Your sacrifice was not enough and I try to prove and purify myself by good works. Remind me by the Holy Spirit that You have reconciled all things to Yourself and have made peace with God for me through Your blood shed on the cross. I thank You for the peace that You have given me, not like the world tries to give, but true peace with God the Father. Empower me and strengthen me by Your Holy Spirit that I might not let my heart be troubled or fearful. Let me be captivated by the truth that I have been brought near to God, that because of Your sacrifice, the punishment for my sin has been fulfilled, and I have peace with God!

May the reality of these truths capture my heart once again Lord. May my living be transformed, my relationships rejuvenated, my praise and worship – unending! Rid my life of fear and hesitancy and let me instead be increasingly confident to enter into ‘Gospel living’ with others and approach my Father in heaven for You have gone before me. I praise You Lord Jesus, for You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, - who has taken away my sin! Thank You Lord Jesus! I praise Your Holy Name and choose to walk this day, under the banner of Your forgiveness and acceptance!

Read: Romans 5:6, 8; Romans 5:1;
Ephesians 2:12-14; Colossians 1:20;
John 14:27; Hebrews 4:14-15;
John 1:2

Second Sunday of Lent

The Cross

How I thank You Father, and praise Your holy name, for at just the right time, when I was still powerless in my sin, You sent Jesus to die for me. Thank You Jesus, for obtaining my eternal redemption through Your shed blood on the cross. Because You willingly laid down Your life as a sacrifice for sin, my eternal destiny is secure. Your one time sacrifice for the sins of all has made me holy before the Father! How this can be, I cannot comprehend, for my sin is great, but how thankful I am and I stand upon the truth of Your Word. Thank You Lord Jesus, that You have washed me and made me clean and have opened a new and living way through Your sacrifice so that I can draw near to God.

Forgive me, O forgive me I pray, for the times that I have yawned in the face of Your great sacrifice, and have allowed apathy to overtake my living... Revive my heart again I pray.

Forgive me for calling You 'Lord' and then turning away to my own agenda and even returning to my sin...Give me a steadfast spirit I pray.

Forgive me for the times that I call You 'Savior' and then seek ways to save myself, to manipulate and control my circumstances You alone are Lord, and I submit to Your will.

Have mercy on me Lord Jesus. Have mercy on me.

May the finished work of Your cross, the great love it represents, the freedom it provides, loom before me and be burnt upon my daily living. Capture my heart once again with the greatness and glory of the cross, until all that is dross in my life is consumed by You and my heart is set on passionately following after You. Teach me by Your Spirit what it means to take up my cross and follow You, to deny myself and to save my life by losing it for Your sake, that You Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, might receive the reward for Your great suffering. These things I pray in Your beautiful Name - the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Read: Romans 5:6,8; Hebrews 9:12,14,10,13;
Hebrews 10:19-20; Mark 8:34-35

Third Sunday of Lent

The Cross

Father, I give thanks to You, for You always lead me in triumphal procession in Christ! But I confess O God, that I do not always follow in this way. Instead of walking in the light of the victory that is mine, I cower in the shadows.

Help me I pray to not lose heart, although outwardly I am wasting away and the darkness seems so great. By the presence and power of Your Spirit in me, renew me inwardly day by day.

Remind me continuously that the light and momentary troubles that I face are achieving for me an eternal glory that far outweighs the trials I encounter. That You Lord Jesus, who lives in me, is greater than the evil one.

This day, this moment, may I walk in the victory of the cross, and may my identity be found in You alone. May I be teachable in the wilderness of my living I pray and may springs of living water come forth in every dry place of my walk with You. Thank You that through Christ Jesus Who loved me, and gave Himself for me, I am more than a conqueror. Help me to remember that the battles that I face in life are not mine, but Yours, that those who do not yet know You have only the arm of flesh as their strength, but You, my God, are with me to help me and to fight on my behalf. So I ask that You make me strong. Help me to be courageous. Keep me from being terrified or discouraged, but remind me that You are with me wherever I go, in every decision that is before me, in every temptation that I face. Thank You Father that I share in the victory of Christ, that You have given to me the fullness of Christ, because I am in Him!

Strengthen me by Your Spirit Father, to be on my guard, to stand firm in my faith, to be a person of courage and strength and do everything in love, that I might not be burdened again by any yoke of slavery but walk in victory! I ask these things in the Name of Jesus, my triumphant Savior. Amen.

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17;
Romans 8:37; 2 Chronicles 20:1;
2 Chronicles 32:8; Joshua 1:9;
Colossians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14;
Galatians 5:1

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Cross

Thank You Lord Jesus for bearing my sin on Your body on the cross so that I might die to sin and live for righteousness. Thank You for the provision of healing found in Your woundedness.

Forgive me I pray for the times that I casually treat the freedom I have in You, do not live for righteousness, and allow myself to become enslaved again to the yoke of sin. Have mercy on me Lord and heal me, for I know I have sinned against You. By Your Spirit, teach me what it means to “live for righteousness” – to “seek righteousness”, that You, Jesus, may be seen in me more and more, and that lasting spiritual fruit may be born out of my life.

Keep me from outwardly drawing near to You with words and actions and yet keeping my heart closed off to You. I ask, Lord Jesus, that You open every closed chamber of my heart – places I am even unaware of – and expose them by the light of Your Spirit. You alone can heal the broken and wounded places of my heart. Where I am blind to my own sin, restore my sight, I pray. Where the enemy is oppressing me and holding me back from deeper relationship with You, release me Lord! I ask that You, my Healer, grant me complete freedom in areas of my life that have not yet been captured by Your great love. Only You can bring healing to the hidden places of my heart and I invite You Holy Spirit, to change me until I am conformed to the image of Christ. Destroy pride in me, and everything that holds me back from sharing my pilgrimage with my brothers and sisters in Christ, confessing my sins and finding healing.

I praise You Lord, for You are the One that heals me! And I trust in You for healing of my body, mind and soul. These things I pray with confidence Lord Jesus, because of Your finished work on the cross.

Read: 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 5:1;
Psalm 41:4; John 15:16;
John 6:33; Isaiah 29:13;
Psalm 147:3; Isaiah 61:1;
Luke 4:18; Romans 8:29;
James 5:16; Exodus 15:26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Cross

Father, how I thank You that through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life has set me free from the law of sin and death! Thank You Jesus for willingly becoming my sin-offering on the cross, so that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met. And now Lord, knowing that I am Yours and that the Holy Spirit lives in me, may my mind be set on what the Spirit desires.

I ask that In Jesus' Name You break all residual strongholds of my sinful nature and that my mind be controlled by the Holy Spirit and produce life and peace in me. I choose this day to put to death the misdeeds of my body that I might truly live! Remove from my heart the love of this world, and pry my hands off of the non-eternal things that I still cling to. Empower me to live as Your child.

May I stand firm in my faith in You. Give me I pray, a holy determination to live in the freedom that Christ has provided for me by His finished work on the cross, and not live under the weight of sin. Strengthen me to walk away from temptation, to say ‘no’ to ungodly conduct, conversation, thoughts and choices. Forgive me for the ways that I live as if Your sacrifice for my sin is not enough. Truly my sin is great, - but Your grace is greater still and You have given me Your robe and ring and have invited me to feast at Your table! Forgive me Father, for the ways that I think, speak or live that are as if I am a slave in Your house, instead of Your child! Forgive me for living in the shadows.

Empower me, this day, by Your Spirit that is at work in me, to live boldly in the freedom that You have provided for me in Christ. Thank You that where the Spirit is, there is freedom, but help me I pray, and keep me from misusing the freedom I have in You, or exercising my freedom in any way that might be a stumbling block to someone else. Strengthen me to come out of the shadows of my living, and walk in Your great light. And I proclaim that today, I choose righteousness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:2-17; Galatians 5:1;
Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18;
Luke 15:11-31; 2 Corinthians 3:17;
Galatians 5:13; 1 Corinthians 8:9;
Romans 8:21

Sixth Sunday of Lent

The Cross

How I thank You Lord Jesus, that You came to earth and shared in my humanity and by Your death on the cross, destroyed the enemy of my soul who held the power of death. Thank You for freeing me from the slavery of the fear of death and the grip of sin. Thank You for making atonement for my sins and for being tempted Yourself, so that You can help me when faced with temptation. For You are Jesus, the Son of God, my great High Priest, my mediator with God the Father, who sympathizes with my weaknesses, for You were tempted in every way, just as I am – yet You did not sin! Knowing this, that I have nothing to fear and that You have gone before me, help me to approach You with confidence, so that I may receive mercy and help when I am in need. I confess my great need of You Lord. Without You I am nothing.

Lord Jesus You alone can strengthen me to stand against temptation and transform me. Jesus I need You to radically change me from the inside out.

Lord Jesus, there are many relationships in my life, people who I care for deeply, who desperately need You, some know that they need you, others have yet to call on Your name. (Pray for those in your life who need an encounter with Jesus by name)

Lord Jesus, the world is so broken and in need of a Savior. Have mercy Lord, have mercy. I bring before You those places and people that You have laid on my heart...

How thankful I am that You have completely saved me! Your death on the cross for me has canceled my great sin-debt! Hallelujah! I ask that You give me a fresh glimpse of my new heritage found in You and through You. May my eyes be fixed on You, and all lesser loves in my life destroyed. Thank You for enduring the cross for me. May I be conformed more and more to Your image, that You might receive the reward for Your suffering in me and through me. For You are worthy Lord Jesus. You are worthy Lord Jesus! You are worthy! And I ask these things in Your Mighty Name.

Read: Hebrews 2:14-18; Hebrews 4:14;
Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25;
Hebrews 12:22-24; Hebrews 12:2

Seventh Sunday of Lent

The Cross

Lord Jesus, You said that You are the resurrection and the life, and that if anyone believes in You, they too will live! Jesus, I believe! You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world, Who was raised from the dead, has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to You! Hallelujah!! You have conquered death and the grave!

Lord Jesus, I want to truly know You and experience resurrection power in my daily living. Show me what this means and teach me by Your Spirit, for I cannot comprehend the magnitude of this! In light of this resurrection power I ask you to change the way that I live. Transform me I pray, that my life may be characterized by ever increasing boldness and confidence in You and be a true reflection of Jesus in me – for my Savior lives! By Your Spirit, empower me to live above the circumstances and daily situations that surround me, for I know that I have been raised with You through my faith in the power of God the Father - Who raised You from the dead!

Thank You for forgiving all of my sins and canceling everything that was against me and stood opposed to me – you've wiped my slate clean! Thank You for taking it all away and nailing it to the cross. Thank You Jesus for disarming the powers of darkness and making a public spectacle of them by triumphing over them by the cross! How I praise God the Father that You have been raised from the dead! For I know that if You had not been raised, my faith would be futile. Lord Jesus, I believe that You died and rose again and because of this, I know that You will come again! – that You will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God the Father, and those who have died in You will rise first. After that, if I am still alive on the earth, I will be caught up, with my brothers and sisters in Christ, in the clouds to meet You in the air – and will be with You forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!! What a Savior! Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus! Amen and amen.

Read: John 11:35; Matthew 16:16;
1 John 4:14; 1 Peter 3:21-22;
Philippians 3:10; Colossians 2:12-15;
1 Corinthians 15:17; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

First Sunday of Advent

Ask God for a fresh revelation of the significance of the incarnation. Commit to Him in prayer, your desire to be still this Advent season and know that He is God.

Thank You Father that Jesus became flesh and lived among us, and that His glory was revealed! Father, thank You for sending Jesus, Your own Son, in the likeness of sinful man, to be a sin offering for me, providing the way for me to become Your child. Jesus the Messiah is born!

You alone Lord Jesus are Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. It is in You, Lord Jesus that all the fullness of God dwells, and through You alone that I have been reconciled to God because of Your shed blood on the cross. I confess Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way to God the Father, You alone are the truth and the life.

Forgive me, I pray for the ways that I have allowed the light of Christ in me, to be diminished – for You have said Lord Jesus that if the light within me is darkness, how great is that darkness! You Lord Jesus, who is the light of the world, and has entrusted me with the light of the Gospel – shine through me!

Fill me with Your compassion for those around me, and help me to love like You love. Destroy complacency and the desire for comfort in me. Change me that I might be willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of others and the Gospel. Open my eyes to the needs of those around me, and may I be one who invests in what is eternal.

By Your Spirit, may I always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that I have – You, Lord Jesus are my hope. But may I always do so with gentleness and respect, that the *incarnation of the Gospel* may be lived-out through me. As I enter this season, celebrating Your coming Lord Jesus-the first Advent, I pray that the wonder of Your coming to earth would capture my heart once again. Fill me with child-like awe and inexpressible joy. I ask this in Your mighty Name. The name of Jesus, Amen.

Read: John 1:14; Romans 8:3;
John 1:12; Isaiah 9:6;
John 14:6; Colossians 1:19-23;
Matthew 5:16; Matthew 6:23;
1 John 2:15; Matthew 9:36;
1 Peter 3:15

Second Sunday of Advent

Wonderful Counselor

Father, I praise You, for all things come from You! You are wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom! You have sent Jesus to be my Wonderful Counselor. Thank You that the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and power rest on Him and that He is the One Who intercedes on my behalf before Your throne. Thank You for the instruction and counsel You give to me. May I always trust in You and not be dismayed by the circumstances that seem to have hemmed me in.

For the relationships in my life that are in disrepair, I ask for Your wisdom O God, and humility to serve others out of my love for You.

In the handling of my finances and in the circumstances I find myself, give me Your wisdom Father.

For the decisions that I face in the arena of life where You have placed me, I confess that apart from You I can do nothing and need Your wisdom Lord.

At the very depths of who I am may I have Your wisdom, that I might respond in each situation that I face as one who has listened to Your counsel.

Forgive me I pray, for the times that I have been wise in my own eyes, for running ahead of You or excluding You completely from decisions that I make. I have been foolish, forgive me O Lord.

By Your Spirit, help me to truly revere You that wisdom may be found in me. May I reflect the likeness of Jesus and become a person of wisdom and godly counsel. Use me I pray to see captives set free!

I trust in Your Holy Spirit to lead me and guide me in all truth and I thank You Father for the promise of Your Word that You will be a sure foundation for my times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. In the midst of the pull of the world, remind me I pray, that revering You is the key to this great treasure. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Read: Isaiah 28:29; Isaiah 9:6;
Isaiah 11:2; Romans 8:34;
Hebrews 7:25; Psalm 16:9;
Isaiah 28:16; James 1:5;
Psalm 51:6; Proverbs 3:7;
Psalm 111:10; Luke 4:18;
Psalm 73:24; John 16:13;
Isaiah 33:6

Third Sunday of Advent

Mighty God

Father, I acknowledge that wealth and honor come from You. You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. You are mighty and awesome O God! There is no one like You. You are great and Your name is mighty in power. Thank You for sending Jesus, the Word made flesh, Mighty God in human likeness.

Father, I thank You for the promise of Your Word that with You, all things are possible – that You are with me and You are mighty to save! I believe this O Lord, but there is still unbelief in my heart. Help I pray. I ask Lord Jesus that You be mighty to save...

In the hidden recesses of my living where I have yet to be conformed to Your image O Christ – may Your greatness be displayed.

In the lives of friends and loved ones who have yet to know You, destroy the work of the evil one by Your mighty power.

In the brokenness of the world and the lives of those around me, reveal Yourself as Mighty God, mighty to save – and use me as Your messenger I pray.

I know that you can do all things, that no plan of Yours can be thwarted and that You are able to do even more that I can think to ask! And so I confess with my mouth that in every situation that seeks to overwhelm me, my salvation depends on You. You are my mighty rock, my refuge. You are mighty God and I join in with all of heaven and proclaim:

“Holy, holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! You are worthy Lord Jesus”, the Word made flesh, mighty to save, “the Lamb Who was slain – to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!”

You are Mighty God and I will worship and serve you only. In the Mighty name of Jesus I affirm these things. Amen

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:12; Nehemiah 9:32;
Jeremiah 10:6; Isaiah 63:1;
Matthew 19:26; Zephaniah 3:17;
Matthew 9:24; Job 42:2;
Ephesians 3:20; Mark 14:36;
Psalm 62:7; Revelation 4:8, 5:12

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Everlasting Father

Before you begin, quiet your heart and ask for a fresh revelation of God's great Father-love for you.

Lord Jesus, how I thank You that although You are God, You did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but You made Yourself to be nothing and took on the very nature of a servant and were made in human likeness. Thank You for Your willingness to humble Yourself to the point of death on the cross for me! Lord Jesus, You are the radiance of God's glory and exact representation of His being – the very image of the invisible God! You are the Everlasting Father incarnate!

Forgive me, for the times that I ascribe to You, attributes of my *earthly* father, and help me by Your Spirit to see and understand Your true character. I ask You to renew my mind in this area, that everything that sets itself up against truly knowing You would be destroyed. And I acknowledge and confess with my mouth that...

You are compassionate and gracious
Your love endures forever, it never fails
You are merciful
You are faithful to all Your promises
You are mighty to save and rejoice over me with singing!

Thank You for making me Your child and for the incredible privilege of calling You “Abba” (Daddy!). How can this be? Empower me by the Holy Spirit to understand what it means in my daily living that You *delight* in me, and may this revelation change how I approach You and express my heart to You. May I become as a little child and rest in Your great Fatherly love and care, for there is a longing in my heart for intimacy that only You can fulfill. In Jesus' Name I pray, amen.

Read: Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 1:3;
Colossians 1:15; Isaiah 9:6;
2 Corinthians 10:5; Psalm 86:15;
Psalm 32:10; Jeremiah 3:12;
Psalm 145:13; Zephaniah 3:17;
Romans 8:15; Matthew 18:3

Fifth Sunday of Advent

Prince of Peace

Before you begin, ask God to reveal to your heart the ways that the enemy has robbed you of the peace. Recommit these things to Him....

I thank You Father, that Jesus Himself is my peace and that He has completely destroyed the barrier that separated me from You! How grateful I am that I have been reconciled to Him through His blood shed on the cross and now have peace with You.

Forgive me I pray, for the times that I do not cast my cares and anxieties onto You, but instead carry them myself and allow my heart to be weighed down and needlessly burdened. I ask that Your peace, which is beyond my ability to understand, guard my heart and my mind- *cover* me, because I am in Christ Jesus. *I belong to You.* Thank You Lord Jesus, for the peace that You give to me which is so very different than the fleeting attempts of the world to quiet my heart. Guard my heart by Your Holy Spirit, that I might not be afraid. Help me to learn to be still and know that You are God, to hear Your voice in the midst of the storms that I face saying "Peace, be still." Keep me from fear and increase my faith. May my life be characterized by Your peace no matter what situation I might face, that You may be glorified in me and through me and receive the praise that is due Your name.

May I love Your Word that I might have great peace and not stumble.

May my mind be controlled by Your Holy Spirit and produce life and peace.

May Your strength and peace fill my life because I belong to You.

Lord Jesus, You are my Wonderful Counselor, You are Mighty God, the Everlasting Father incarnate and Prince of Peace! With You *all things are possible.* I invite You into the impossible situations of my life and ask that as I wait on You, You fill me with Your peace – for my hope is in You alone and I trust in Your great name.

Read: Ephesians 2:14; Colossians 1:20;

Romans 5:1; 1 Peter 5:7;

Philippians 4:7; John 14:27;

Psalm 46:10; Mark 4:35-41;

Psalm 119:165; Romans 8:6;

Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 53:6;

Matthew 19:26