



Prayer Journal

DAY 15

"Who knows whether you have come to this position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

"I heard the Lord say, whom shall I send and who will go? Then I said here am I send me." — Isaiah 6:8

Isaiah 6:8

The Holy Spirit became available to believers at Pentecost and is available to believers today. He works as a comforter, counselor, encourager, strengthener and guide ... if we are open to Him.

PRAYER

Gracious and kind Heavenly Father, keep me ever mindful of the unique opportunities that I have to serve in Your Kingdom. May I always stand ready to tell others what you have done for me. In Your Son Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

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Written by: Kent McDaniel





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DAY 16

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

John 14:26

We are each in a unique position to be profitable servants of God. The only thing holding us back is ourselves. We should remember the parable of the sower: Jesus points out that the results of telling others about the Gospel rests on the hearer and not the one who witnesses.

PRAYER

Dear Lord and Father, God of heaven and earth, I know that the Holy Spirit is available to all who live in relationship with you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Enable me to be open to your Spirit for wisdom, guidance and strength. Amen.

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“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

In our walk with Jesus, prayer is the way by which we can talk to Him as often as we want. Prayer is such a gift and is wonderful tool that God has given us. Jesus perfectly modeled prayer for His disciples as they ask Him to teach them how to pray. He also modeled it as He often escaped to a secluded place to have his time of prayer with God the Father, as well. Jesus is the best example for you to follow, as He truly made prayer a priority and, in turn, He instructs us to be committed to prayer, as well.

PRAYER

Father, be with us as we come together in prayer asking for guidance for the next chapter for our church. Help our hearts and minds to be in a good, positive place as we set intention in prayer for 40 days. Thank you for sending your son to teach us how to pray and for saving us from our sins. In Christ’s name I pray, amen.

Written by: Von McDaniel





**“Learn to do good; seek justice.
Rebuke the oppressor. Defend the
fatherless; plead for the widow.”**

Isaiah 1:17

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DAY 18

All throughout the Bible we learn about the goodness of God. As Christians we are taught to have not only good thoughts, but to put those thoughts into practice. We should have emphasis on the importance of sharing with others as part of our doing good.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, may we all be aware of those in need. Open our eyes and our hearts to share our blessings that you have so richly blessed us with so that we may grow your kingdom for the next generation. Amen.

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DAY 19

"This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

Discernment is a gift of the Spirit. It's the ability to identify God's will and direction for people. Often, we mistake what the world portrays as right and good for truth, when in reality these things are the total opposite of what God says is true.

Without reading His word and earnestly asking for discernment, we will fail to grasp the truth and, in turn, fail to do all He is calling us to do for His kingdom.

Rather than listening to social media posts or discussing among ourselves the possibilities or trying to figure everything out on our own, we must approach God humbly as creations, not as those aspiring to fully explain the Creator. His ways are not our ways, and as mortals, we will never have the ability to determine right from wrong without His Spirit leading and guiding our choices. We have to allow His Spirit to lead & guide our own spirits in order to get it right.

PRAYER

Patient Father, how we long to know your will and follow your way. Help us to lean into your Spirit for discernment. Open our hearts to allow your Spirit to rest, rule and abide deep within us so we are led by you and our spirits are not fed by this world and its misguided ways. I pray for your will to be known and done in our lives and that everything we say and do is to further your kingdom. May we die to our own selfish agendas and, instead, show gratitude for our many blessings and be generous with our gifts. Allow your Spirit to help us examine everything, sizing it up and seek out your truth this day and all the days to follow.

It is by the power of your Son, Jesus, that we ask and receive all things. Amen

Written by: Michele Reynolds





"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalm 37:4

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DAY 20

The desires of your heart are the deep inner longings that are in harmony with God's will. When we delight in the Lord, we seek His presence, meditate on His word day and night, and set our will with His. When we do these things, our desires shift from selfish and sinful things. As we draw closer to God, our desires change to what can evolve into a God centered vision. When God becomes our greatest desire and first love, we are then in the position for Him to bless us with our heart's desires.

PRAYER

Holy Father, my heart wants to put your love above all else. Guide me to seek your will in every area of my life, aligning my desires with your perfect plan. Help me to trust that when I put you first, your will provides the desires of my heart in ways that bring true joy and purpose in my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Written by: Rebecca Ryan





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DAY 21

“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:18-19

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

Jeremiah 29:11

As we all go through times we consider to be less than perfect, we must remember that God has a plan for us. Do you trust God, or do you think you know what is best for you and your family?

Our biggest issue is that we need to be more trusting of God; He is the ultimate author of our story, and we need to quit taking the pencil and follow God's plan.

Do you get upset when things do not go your way? When we have times where we are lacking trust, we need to turn to God in prayer. We must remember that all prayers will be answered; you may not get the answer you want, but that is because it is not part of God's plan.

Do you dwell on your past and get worried about things that have already happened, things God has forgotten? We cannot dwell on the past, as we trust and follow God. God will always take care of us if we turn to him and trust him. Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers. When we get to heaven, we will see that was not part of God's plan and we would not have had the outcome for which we had hoped.

PRAYER

Father God, as we come to you, we ask that you are our comforter, caretaker and please forgive us as we learn to trust you and follow your lead. May we learn to let you draft the story you have planned, as we learn to follow and trust you. Be with us daily, as we are constantly learning and as we learn we lead others to your kingdom. Amen.

Written by: Michelle Snell





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DAY 22

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

Genesis 2:15

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:10-11

It doesn't take God very long to reveal in scripture that stewardship is part of his divine design for creation. Just two chapters into the Bible, Adam is instructed to take care of the Garden of Eden. Humans were made to be stewards. In fact, it was man's first and only duty in the beginning.

In Peter's first letter, we see the theme of stewardship continue as he addresses early Christians who have found themselves being persecuted for following Christ. Through Peter's words, we learn a lot about ourselves as we navigate life as stewards of God's gifts in our present time. We know it's not always going to be an easy walk, but we're promised blessings through and as a result of our struggles in this life as we follow Christ. As we practice stewardship of our God-given talents and treasures, may we always bear in mind that all things belong to God. We are just conduits, charged to steward His gifts and deliver His good news.

Though our lives look much different than those of Adam, Eve and the early Christians of Peter's day, our purpose remains the same: Take care of "the garden" and all things in it.

PRAYER

Father, as we discern how we're best equipped to serve you through All Generations, may we remember that everything we have originates from and belongs to you. Guide us as we consider how to share the gifts of time, talent and treasure that you have blessed us with to steward your creation. May we rest easy knowing that your blessings far outweigh anything this world has to offer, and may we always keep our eyes and our hearts focused on you. Amen.

Written by: T.F. Thompson





Prayer Journal

DAY 23

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20

"Missional living" is a church phrase that brings about confusion and even apprehension for many followers of Christ (myself included). We know that as believers in Christ, we are subject to the message He delivered to His disciples shortly after His resurrection. His Great Commission, as we now refer to it, defined the mission of the church and for us as members of it. We are tasked with carrying on the mission He set forth for his earliest followers. While this seems pretty simple, it can feel like a daunting task.

Merriam-Webster defines a mission statement as: "Something that states the purpose or goal of a business or organization." Many of us have functioned under the mission statement of the company for which we work. We live into its words as we act as agents for the company, and we strive to uphold its meaning and values as we carry out the company's business. Why then is it so hard for us to grasp missional living as it pertains to our discipleship of Christ? Perhaps it's a product of our comprehension of the language Jesus uses to communicate the mission statement for his "organization." "All nations" makes our mission seem like it's an "over there" thing, existing away from our normal walks of life and our daily interactions. Or maybe we don't feel qualified to join in on the task He gave to our ancestors in the faith.

In reality, Jesus calls us into his mission where we are, as we are. Maybe it's supporting a co-worker going through a tough time at home, or perhaps being more intentional with our actions after we tell someone, "I'll be praying for you." Jesus didn't intend to create barriers for His disciples to share the Gospel. He intended for us to view our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, churches, cities, social media feeds, etc. as our part of "all nations." He's willing to use us in our current state, as broken and unqualified as we may feel. He has a job for each of us, where we are, as we are.

PRAYER

Father, I'm here, and I want to be more open to being an active part of your mission. Help me recognize the opportunities you give me to show your love to the members of all nations that I interact with every day. Help me realize your presence in my life, where I am, as I am. May I feel your embrace as I share your love in my home, neighborhood, workplace, community and all of the places you lead me, regardless of how close or far away that may be. Amen

Written by: T.J. Thompson



"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

"I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ."

Philippians 3:8

Consider where you are in your faith-walk with Christ. Are you comfortable, or are you on fire? A google search of "what are the characteristics of Christians who are 'on fire for Christ?'" included the following:

1. Boldness – They are fearless in preaching the gospel and serve God without compromise.
2. Love – They love others and are sacrificial givers.
3. Obedience – They are obedient to the Spirit of God.
4. Meditating on the Word – They meditate on the Word to allow the truth of Christ to become part of who they are.
5. Desire for God's presence – They are obsessed with the presence of God and desire for others to be with Him, as well.
6. New encounters with God – They constantly have new encounters with God to develop a greater desire to know him.

P R A Y E R

Father, you are the author and creator of all things. You know everything about us. Please ignite a fire in our hearts for a deep relationship with you and for those that don't know you. Keep fear and complacency far from our hearts. Open our eyes to see how you want us to use the gifts and financial means that you have given us for your glory. Forgive us when we doubt. Thank you for desiring a relationship with us, walk beside us and let us feel you near all of the days of our life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Written by: Shari Wilson

"... But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!"

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:8

The best way of life! As I was thinking about what scripture to include, 1 Corinthians 13 kept coming to mind. This scripture is often referenced in lessons on marriage. While it is a guide for loving our spouse, it is so much more.

God showed me something new this time. The last sentence of chapter 12, "But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all!"

Jesus calls His followers to love like no other – to love others, not just our spouses like He loves.

PRAYER

Dear Father, change our hearts so that we are not jealous, boastful, proud, rude, demanding our way, irritable, keeping records of wrong or rejoicing in injustice. But, rather live the best way of life by loving others with a love that is patient, kind, never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance. Thank you for the ultimate example of love in sending your son, Jesus, to show us the best life. In His name, amen

Written by: Jane Marie Woodruff



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DAY 26

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."

Psalms 34:4-8

How often do we fear something throughout our daily routine? We panic thinking we forgot something, or anxiety sets in about a meeting, a bill that is due, or even what we are going to eat next.

Fear is a very powerful force that we must deal with almost daily. It can take our focus away from what we should be trying to accomplish to the point we start to doubt ourselves and abilities. The devil uses fear to take our focus from God, as well. He can twist and turn our lives upside down to the point we lose our focus on our Father, who will deliver us from our fears. We must constantly pray to our Father and turn over all our fears and worries. He wants them, and He is willing to take them. Take refuge in the Father, for He is good.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I give you my worries, fears, anxiety and all other things that distract me from your presence. Help me to focus on you and only you because I know my burdens are in your hands. Guide me as I walk daily with you. Thank you for loving and protecting me. In your Son's precious name, amen.

Written by: Tony Harris



"I sought the Lord, and He answered me; 'Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.' Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you' —when you already have it with you. Do not plot harm against your neighbor, who lives trustfully near you. Do not accuse anyone for no reason—when they have done you no harm. Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways. For the Lord detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence. The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous. He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame."

Proverbs 3:27-35

Ever since I was very young, my grandpa would always tell me, "A young man (or woman) should have a strong understanding of the Proverbs. It'll help you grow up learning the right lessons."

Throughout my life, I've leaned on some of the central themes found here: be slow to speak, listen intently, be content with and celebrate righteousness, wisdom and Godliness cannot be separated, treat others fairly and truthfully.

This Proverb encourages us that righteousness and good deeds never go unseen. Verses 27-28 remind us to never put off the good we see we can do. Often, I fall into the trap of viewing myself in light of the good things I want to do instead of the good things I actually do. This Proverb serves as a reminder to never put off the good works we see need getting done.

How often do you pass up on the good deeds you see need doing? What do you learn about wisdom from this Proverb? What do you learn about foolishness from this Proverb?

PRAYER

God, you are good, and I love you. Father, help me to live wisely, dwelling on goodness and shunning what is evil. Allow me to see others in need, and give me the strength to help them. Lord, show me the neighbor near me who needs to be shown your love. Lord, bless my home as I righteously serve you. Lord, let there always be less of me and more of you. This is my humble prayer in the name of Jesus; Amen.

Written by: Coleman Bevill



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DAY 28

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

The good Lord is our provider for all the gifts and comforts that we receive. This verse helps us understand that when we are blessed and comforted by the Lord, it is our job to share the same blessings, gifts and comforts with others – who may not yet know the Lord. In this way we can be missional in our giving, finding others who need what we have already received.

PRAYER

Holy God, please open my eyes to what you have already blessed me with. Show me how you have comforted me and given to me so freely. Open my eyes to see others who have experienced the same struggles that I have. Open my heart to bless them as you have blessed me.

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