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# A WORD FROM PASTOR DREW LANDRY

Welcome to the 21 Days of Prayer 2026! I believe starting the last two years with a focus on prayer brought us closer to God and closer to each other. I was truly blessed and encouraged as I heard many stories of what God did because His people prayed.

You've heard me say many, many times, "No one prays enough, and you learn to pray by praying." Let me encourage you, if prayer is something new for you, this guide will help get you started. And remember, prayer is a conversation with God; no magic "must use" words, just words from your heart. If you've been committed to prayer most of your Christian life, I have no doubt God will bring something to your heart or mind in the next 21 Days that you need to be more passionate about when you pray.

I also want to remind you, the most dangerous request you can make of God is the request the disciples made, "Lord, teach us to pray" Luke 11:1. Both Judy and I have seen God use prayer to bring us to and through life events that have deepened our love for Jesus and our love for each other! And please, don't think we're experts on prayer, we're not! We don't need to be experts; we just need to practice with intentionality.

As we go through the next 21 Days of Prayer, let the moments you spend with this guide, reading the passages of scripture and praying, be "come away" moments from all the distractions, business, and noise of life to intentionally sit with Jesus in prayer.

I love you!

Your Pastor,



Psalm 119:7, "I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your righteous rules."

Lord, I confess that Your Word is always right and good. Your commands are righteous and worthy of my praise—even when they correct or challenge me.

Father, I acknowledge that every word You have given is pure, true, and authoritative. Help me praise You with a heart that trusts Your wisdom above my own.

Lord, create in me a clean and upright heart. God, use the next 21 days to shape my heart through Your Word.

# Petition

Psalm 51:10–12 ESV, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, I confess that my heart has not always been clean and pure

efore You. God, a clean heart and renewed spirit is my sincere desire. Restore to solve for Your salvation and the passion I once had for You. Today I surrender my will, yays, and my wants especially in the areas of	
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so that I may walk closely with You again.	

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Prayer Prompt: Father, recognizing Your holiness, I humble myself before You today. I want to seek Your face. Forgive me for the ways I've sinned: \_\_\_\_\_

Father, teach me to walk in Your ways. Heal my heart. Make me useful again to Your Kingdom.

Romans 12:1–2 ESV, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

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Prayer Prompt: God, in obedience to Your command in Romans 12, I give You all o myself today: body, mind, spirit, and soul. This year, through Your grace and power I desire to offer myself as a living sacrifice for Your glory. Please renew my mind and transform my desires so that I live in a way that pleases You. God, I confess my mind needs a total refresh. Help me change the way I think about
to align more with Your will.
Psalm 85:6–7 ESV, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You's Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation."
Prayer Prompt: Lord, I know nothing is true corporately until it is true individually, so I'm asking for revival to begin here in me. Lord, I am willing to make every spiritual change necessary to make revival a reality. Fill me with Your love and renew my hope. Lord, bring fresh fire to my heart. I confess I've grown cold in
Lord, rekindle my spiritual passion in the areas of
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Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



### PRAYERS FOR RELATIONSHIPS - MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

### Praise

Psalm 119:12, "Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!"

Lord, I confess that too often I have leaned on my own understanding. I want to prioritize the guidance found in Your Word.

Lord, direct my mind toward instruction found in Your Word and away from self-reliance. Teach me to desire Your wisdom above my own flawed judgments. I confess that Your commands are a gift to be cherished and never a burden to bear.

Colossians 3:13-14, "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against

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around me.

another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, make me aware and help me to forgive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, just as You forgave me. Father, help me to let go of any resentment I'm holding and let Your love heal what may be broken. Fill my heart with Your love and grace toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:2-3, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, please teach me to walk in humility, love, and gentleness in all my relationships, specifically showing peace and patience toward \_\_\_\_\_\_.

just as you are doing."

Prayer Prompt: God, help me to encourage and build up others in my relationships by being aware of their needs, sharing Your Word, and living a life of faith, praying for a compassionate heart and using my words to bring hope and strengthen those

1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,

Ask for blessings in your relationships. May your love for each other be a testament to His grace and mercy.

Walk with integrity, keep promises, and fulfill commitments. (Psalm 15; 112:1-9)

Seek guidance and direction in navigating the challenges and complexities of relationships. Make wise and God-honoring decisions together.

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Psalm 119:24, "Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors."

I confess that Your Word's instruction is my greatest delight. Lord, may it be so.

Lord, I confess that Your Word counsels and instructs me better than any human wisdom. It is more reliable and trustworthy than my feelings and experiences.

God, teach me to listen to Your Word before I react; to seek Your counsel before my own reasoning.

Counsel me and direct my thoughts, attitudes, and actions through Your Word.

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Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Revival begins when God's people share His compassion for the lost.

Prayer Prompt: Lord Jesus, thank You for seeking and saving me. Stir my heart with a steadfast passion for those who are far from You. Open my eyes to see the people around me who need Your grace. Today I pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_\_, my "one" that they will be found by You and come to know Your saving love and mercy.

### PRAYER POINTS FOR YOUR "ONE":

- Ask God to open their spiritual eyes, as the Bible states, "the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to move in their heart, convict them of sin, and lead them to a genuine desire for God, for repentance and faith. Thank Him for not giving up on us. "The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." (2 Peter 3:9).
- Pray for laborers to be sent, asking God to send people to them who will share the Gospel in a clear and compelling way. Use me as one of them. "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore

pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38).

- Pray for a new heart: Use Scripture like Jeremiah 24:7, asking God to "give them a heart to know [You], that [You are] the Lord..."
- Ask for the breaking of spiritual strongholds: Pray that the power of Satan that blinds and deceives would be broken in their life, in the name of Jesus.
- Pray for a heart of understanding: Ask God to give them understanding of the message of the gospel so they can receive it.

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Psalm 119:27, "Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wondrous works."

Lord, I confess that I need Your help to understand Your Word. I acknowledge that You alone give spiritual understanding. Often, my hectic life is the enemy of growth and intimacy. Help me slow down as needed to meditate on Your mighty works—in Scripture, in my family, and in my own life.

### Petition

Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Prayer Prompt: Dear Lord, thank You for sending our pastors to shepherd SBC. I'm grateful for the love You put in their hearts for You and Your people. I appreciate the special and unique set of gifts and talents that enrich each pastor's ministry and bless our church. Would You, in turn, bless each pastor and their families today, and help each pastor to sense Your presence in an intimate and sweet way. Show me how I can support and encourage our pastors.

Ephesians 6:19-20, "and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, fill our pastors with courage and clarity whenever they proclaim Your Word, coming from prayer-saturated dependence on the Holy Spirit. Give them fearless boldness to speak truth from Your Word in love, and without fear or compromise, letting every sermon point people to Jesus.

1 Peter 1:15-16, "but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"

Prayer Prompt: Father, guard our pastors from temptation and keep their character pure, living lives of integrity that reflect Your holiness. Let them be gentle, self-controlled, and faithful in every area of life. Protect their marriages, minds, and motives so they reflect Jesus in all they do. Give them the strength to stand strong, firm, and steadfast.

Pray the armor of God over each pastor and their families so that they may stay alert and aware as they stand on the front lines of spiritual warfare every day. Ask the Lord to help our pastors with an increased emphasis on prayer, study, and service. Pray they will be focused on the Lord and His purpose for their lives and ministries.

Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Prayer Prompt: Pray: Lord, renew our pastors with energy and strength today. Provide endurance, joy in all circumstances, and a fresh vision. Let each pastor find respite, relaxation, and refreshment for themselves and with their families for continued kingdom service.

### Reflection

Pray for each pastor, their wives, and their families by name. Pray for the fruit of the spirit in each of their lives - that love, joy, peace, and patience will guide; that kindness and goodness will be companions; that faithfulness will be the motto, and that gentleness and self-control will be evident to all. Help the pastors to see each person today through Your eyes.

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Write your prayer for SBC P	'astors here:		



Psalm 119:34, "Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart."

Lord, I confess that wholehearted obedience is not produced by willpower but by Your transforming work within me.

Lord, I confess that total surrender and obedience to Your law is worthy of my whole heart. I'm done with my own half-hearted effort. God, I acknowledge that Your Word deserves my full devotion, affection, and commitment.

Lord, help me follow You with my whole heart. God, point out divided loyalties, distracted thoughts, and reluctant obedience. Let my devotion be complete!

# Petition

John 15:4-5, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

Prayer Prompt: Lord Jesus, teach me to a	bide in You today and stay connected with
You. Please increase the fruit of the Spirit	in my life. Create a deep desire in my heart
to be fruitful and to seek only after You a	and stay close to Your heart. Today I choose
to remain in You even when	tempts to distract. Lord, help me stay
connected to You when F	lelp my desires to align with Your will and
to allow Your peace and joy to overflow. H	Help me to listen for Your voice actively and
patiently, trusting in Your grace, and ask	ing to be pruned of anything that hinders
this connection.	

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, thank You for living in me. I no longer want to live by my own strength but by Your Spirit. Teach me to depend on You in every situation. Today I surrender \_\_\_\_\_\_ so You can live fully through me.

1 John 2:6, "whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked"

ge	ayer Prompt: Help me to walk like You in the area of Make my words ntle, my motives pure, and my actions full of love. Let others see Jesus in the way andle today.
WI	HAT ABIDING LOOKS LIKE:
	Trust and dependence – an enduring, intimate connection where we remain surrendered to the Lord and dependent on Him for life.
	Obedience – Jesus says if you keep His commandments, you will abide in His love, just as He abides in His Father's love.
	Living in His Word – To abide in Him means to abide in His Word and truly be His disciple.
	Walking as He walked – Those who claim to abide in Him are to live their lives in the same way He lived.
	Walk in the Spirit – The Holy Spirit is the way we know we abide in Him, and He in us.
Re	eflection
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Re	word the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.

What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



# PRAYER FOR EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

### Praise

Psalm 119:41, "Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your promise"

Lord, I confess that salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ is the greatest gift I have ever received. I confess that the only thing I brought to my salvation was the sin that made it necessary.

God, thank You for the salvation You so freely give. Help me live with a grateful heart, mindful of the cross, and full of joy in the rescue You accomplished for me. Help me pull up the roots of spiritual complacency. Let my life reflect the wonder of being saved.

1 Peter 2:24, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to

sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."

### Petition

Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank You for being close to us when we feel broken and hopeless. Surround \_\_\_\_\_\_ (loved one) today with Your presence, and comfort

them about \_\_\_\_\_. Help keep their minds steadfast and fixed on You.

Matthew 11:28-29, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."				
Prayer Prompt: Jesus, I bring You my weariness. Teach me to rest in Your present and find renewal for my soul, body, and mind as I trust You withknowing that You offer rest for the soul with the kind of healing that reaches deep than symptoms or stress.				
Read over 1 Peter 2:24 again. Consider what Jesus did for you on the cross. Write a few thoughts here:				
Healing is according to the Lord's will, but every prayer for healing and health deepens our faith and reminds us of Who the Healer is.				
Talk to God about this here:				
Reflection				
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?				
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.				
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?				



Psalm 119:49, "Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope."

Lord, I confess that Your Word is the source of all my hope. I acknowledge that real, lasting hope does not come from people, circumstances, or events. Real, lasting, sustaining hope comes only from You and Your promises. Your Word gives me a hope the world cannot steal. Thank You!

Dear Father, I pray that You would prick my heart through the Holy Spirit when I put my trust in what moth and rust will surely destroy instead of the promises found in Your Word.

### Petition

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank you for Your provision for everything I have. Help me be a cheerful giver of my time and finances, for You provide my every need. Help me give joyfully with generosity overflowing from my heart. Show me where I can sow generously in \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 Timothy 6:6-8, "But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content."

Prayer Prompt: "Jesus, help me to be content with what I have and to not continually want more money, possessions, and worldly things. Remind me that I own nothing and that I am a steward/manager of Your things. You own it all. Thank You for Your provision in my life."

List things you need to let go of and put in God's hands:

Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."
Stewardship is not limited to money – it includes our time, gifts, and work ethic.
Prayer Prompt: Jesus, help me work as if I'm serving You directly at all times. Let my attitude, effort, and time management bring You glory. I dedicate my gifts, talents, and work in to You today. Help me faithfully handle and manage Your provisions with excellence and devotion.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
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Psalm 119:60, "I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments."

God, I confess that I am often slow and reluctant to follow Your commandments. Sadly, my heart wants to negotiate with You and make excuses for my half-hearted obedience. Too often my lukewarm spirit is reflected in my attitude and behavior.

God, a quick, immediate, decisive obedience is the desire of my heart. Habitual surrender to Your will is my highest aim. Help, Lord.

# Petition

Awareness and Action: Spiritual warfare is a real and ongoing battle for believers. Our strength comes from the Lord's power and not our own. The armor of God is essential for daily spiritual protection. Each piece of armor serves a specific purpose in our spiritual life. The Word of God is our offensive weapon against temptation. Prayer and alertness are critical in maintaining spiritual readiness. Understanding the armor helps us live victoriously in Christ.

Ephesians 6:10-11, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the Devil."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, I choose today to stand firm in Your strength, not my own. Help me recognize the enemy's schemes (temptations, distractions, discouragements) and resist them with Your truth. Let Your power guard me as I face challenges in \_\_\_\_\_\_. Let me stand strong in You when \_\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you, Jesus, for not leaving me to fight this warfare alone. You gave me spiritual tools and weaponry. Let me put these tools to use wisely.

Ephesians 6:13-18, "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the

Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, enhance in me a confident spirit to fight against the evil one and for You. Let me begin each day clothed in the full armor of God; the belt of truth (foundation of spiritual defense), breastplate of righteousness (guarding your heart), gospel shoes (standing firm in peace), shield of faith (deflecting enemy attacks), helmet of salvation (protecting your mind), and the sword of the Spirit (wielding God's Word). Help me seize the initiative in this spiritual struggle so that when the battle is over, You will call me home as a "true and faithful servant."

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### PRAYERS FOR FEAR, ANXIETY, STRESS, AND WORRY

### Praise

Psalm 119:66, "Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments."

I confess that I need deeper wisdom in my spiritual walk, in loving my family, and in every area of my life. My own understanding falls short, but Your ways are right, true, and life-giving. I believe Your commands lead to flourishing, strength, and peace.

Father, shape my decisions, sharpen my discernment, and steady my steps. I long for a heart that chooses well, thinks clearly, and honors You. Help me grow in judgment that reflects Your truth and brings You glory.

### Petition

Isaiah 41:10," fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Prayer Prompt: Dear Lord, thank You for encouraging us to yield our fears to the truth of who You are so that our hearts can find rest, for being with me and holding me up. When fear and worry arise, remind me of Your strength and help me rest in Your presence as I face \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:33–34, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 'Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.'"

Prayer Prompt: Lord, help me focus and keep my eyes fixed on You today instead of worrying about tomorrow, letting tomorrow rest in Your hands. In the middle of the fear, I trust You to provide for me and carry the burden of \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:6–7, "Do not be anxious about anything, 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 understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Anxiety loses power when prayer takes its place. These verses remind us that peace is not something we achieve—it's something God gives when we trust Him.

Prayer Prompt: Lord, I cast every worry on You today because You care for me. I give You all my worries and concerns. Replace my anxious thoughts with Your peace and guard my heart as I trust You with Lord, calm my anxiety about"
The Word calls us to cast our anxieties on Him. How are we able to do this? By recognizing His power and resting in the promise that He cares for what we are walking through. He is still moving on our behalf, even when we do not see it in the moment.
Ask the Lord to help you identify areas where you are typically anxious, stressed, or depressed. Write down specific areas of fear, anxiety, stress, and worry. Below your list – rewrite Philippians 4:6-7 as a biblical reminder.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
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Psalm 119:76, "Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant."

Lord, I confess that I have often searched for comfort, peace, joy, and contentment in things outside of You. Every time I do, it leads to regret and emptiness. Please tune my heart to seek You first for the comfort and love my soul truly needs.

Father, the deepest longing of my heart is to experience Your steady peace and lasting comfort. I need it in my spiritual life, in my family life, and in every challenge I face. Prick my spirit when I am turning to other sources instead of You. Redirect my thoughts and desires back to Your truth. When I look elsewhere for strength, encouragement, or hope, gently lead me back to Your presence and Your Word.

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Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Prayer Prompt: Heavenly Father, I ask for the Holy Spirit to fill me and transform my thoughts, feelings, and actions. I pray that the fruit of the Spirit will blossom in my life. Help me to live by the Spirit and not by my own strength. Guide me to bear this fruit so that I can be a light to others and accomplish Your will.

Love – Pray for a divine love that transcends circumstances. Ask the Lord to help you love others as God loves you through words, actions, and attitudes. Reflect and pray:

Joy – Ask for deep, supernatural joy, not dependent on your situation but on God's presence. Reflect and pray:

Peace – Pray for the peace that surpasses understanding and guards your heart and mind. Reflect and pray:

Patience – Ask Him to help you respect others with a spirit of love and grace. Ask Him to give you patience in waiting and in trials. Reflect and pray:
Kindness – Pray for God to give you a heart filled with selfless, generous compassion and empathy for others. Reflect and pray:
Goodness – Pray that God's goodness in you will overflow to others. Reflect and pray:
Faithfulness – Ask God to grow perseverance in your soul, trusting in Him alone, that He is in control. Pray that you would be faithful to God in all things and be a dependable person for others. Reflect and pray:
Gentleness – Ask for a gentle spirit that builds others up. Reflect and pray:
Self-control – Ask the Holy Spirit to control your thoughts, words, and actions so that you are honoring Him. Ask for the ability to surrender your desires to God's will with self-control in every area of your life. Reflect and pray:
Slowly and prayerfully read over the list of the fruit of the Spirit again. Ask God to show you the ones that need the most growth. Write what you hear Him saying.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
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Psalm 119:81, "My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word."

I confess that I can drift from You and chase desires that are not Your best for me. I long for a soul that truly desires You and all the blessings of Your salvation.

Too often, I have misplaced my hope—looking to political leaders, friends, or even family for what only You can provide. God, reshape my soul. Do a transforming work in my heart so that I turn to You first. Teach me to look to Your promises for comfort, strength, encouragement, and direction. I want my hope to rest in Your Word.

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Matthew 22:36-40, "'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'"

Deuteronomy 6:5, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank You for the clarity of Your Word, and for the simple, profound call to love You and those around us. Let me not take You for granted and fail to keep You at the center of my life. Tune my heart to be constantly aware of Your presence and goodness throughout each day. Help me put You first in all my thoughts, actions, and desires, surrendering my own will to Yours. Thank you for loving me unconditionally despite my faults. Open my eyes to see others through Your eyes, and fill me with Your grace, compassion, and kindness. Help me put aside my pride and selfish ambitions and selflessly serve the people around me - my family, friends, communities, and even those who may be difficult to love. May I be a reflection of Your love to the world, and may everything I say and do be honoring to You.

PRAY FOR WAYS TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR GOD AND WRITE YOUR PRAYER HERE
Praise Him always. (Psalm 34:1)
Read the Bible. (1 John 2:5)

Make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)
Love Him intentionally. (Matthew 22:37)
Love, expressed through obedience. (John 14:15)
Show forgiveness and love to all people. (Ephesians 4:32)
Bear one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
Show generosity and hospitality. (Romans 12:13)
Serve others. (Galatians 6:9-10)
Love others (1 John 4:20-21)
Love, shown in humility. (Philippians 2:3-4)
Love in all things. (1 Corinthians 16:14)
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Psalm 119:89, "Forever, O LORD, Your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens."

In a world where everything seems to shift, often for the worse, my heart longs for what is permanent, stable, and unchanging.

God, I praise You that Your Word never changes. Thank You that in the middle of constant change, Your Word is a steady anchor for my life.

Thank You, God, that the answers, the guidance, and the hope I need are all found in Your firmly fixed Word. Help me rest in its certainty every day.

# Petition

Matthew 6:9–13, "'Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He didn't give them a formula to repeat but a framework for a relationship. Every phrase of the Lord's Prayer draws us deeper into communion with our heavenly Father — not to get Him to do our will, but to align our hearts with His. As Henry Blackaby reminds us, the Christian life is not about doing things for God but joining Him in what He is already doing.

- 1. WORSHIP "OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME."
- Prayer begins with worship. Before we ask anything, we remember who we're speaking to — a holy, loving, and personal Father. Calling God "Father" reminds us that we belong to Him; saying "hallowed be Your name" reminds us to honor Him in how we live. Worship realigns our hearts before requests ever begin.
- Prayer Prompt: "Father, I worship You today. You are holy, faithful, and good. Help me honor Your name in my words and actions, especially in \_\_\_\_\_."
- 2. SURRENDER "YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE."
- · Prayer is not about asking God to bless our plans but submitting to His. To pray "Your kingdom come" is to invite His rule in our lives, families, church,

and community. True prayer replaces our agenda with His — that's where revival begins.	
· Prayer Prompt: "Lord, let Your will be done in, just as it is in heaven."	
3. DEPENDENCE — "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."	
<ul> <li>This simple line reminds us that God provides enough for today. Dependence keeps us humble and grateful. Whether we need physical provision, emotional strength, or spiritual nourishment, God invites us to trust, not worry.</li> </ul>	
· Prayer Prompt: "Lord, please provide for me in the area of"	
4. CONFESSION — "FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS."	
<ul> <li>Healthy prayer keeps our hearts clean. As we receive God's forgiveness, we're called to extend it. We can't walk closely with God while clinging to sin or bitterness. Forgiven people forgive.</li> </ul>	
· Prayer Prompt: "Lord, help me forgive from my heart."	
5. PROTECTION — "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL."	
<ul> <li>Prayer ends where it began — in dependence. We can't resist temptation in our own strength, but God faithfully protects His children. Prayer keeps us alert and anchored under His covering.</li> </ul>	
· Prayer Prompt: "Lord, deliver me from the temptation of"	
When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we're not reciting words — we're entering a relationship. Each line draws us closer to the heart of the Father, aligning us with His will, trusting His provision, receiving His forgiveness, and standing secure in His protection.	
Prayer is not about moving God to act — it's about letting God move us to join Him.	
Reflection	
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?	
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.	
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?	



### EXPERIENCING GOD KEY PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S DESIRE FOR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP

### Praise

Psalm 119:103, "How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

I confess that Your Word is truly sweet. It is pleasing, nourishing, and deeply satisfying, much like a good meal that strengthens and restores. Your commands are not only enjoyable to receive; they are genuinely good and satisfying for my soul.

Yet, God, I ask You to help me love Your Word even more. Deepen my affection for Your truth and shape my heart so that obedience becomes my natural response. Teach me to show my love for Scripture through consistent, joyful obedience. May I delight in following Your commands, finding both pleasure and purpose in living out Your Word each day.

# Petition

Exodus 33:13 (ESV), "Now therefore, if I have found favor in Your sight, please show me now Your ways, that I may know You..."

Prayer Prompt: Father, this is what my heart longs for—to know You, not just know about You. Draw me close. Teach me Your ways so I can recognize Your voice, Your heart, and Your activity in my life.

James 4:8 (ESV), "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."

Prayer Prompt: You have always taken the first step toward a relationship with me.
Give me a willing, responsive heart. Remove every distraction so I can draw near to
You today because of Your

Revelation 3:20 (ESV), "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me."

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, You are pursuing me even when I wander. You knock patiently, gently, faithfully waiting for me to make room for You. Show me what has closed the door of my heart to Your voice. Forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_\_

and for

the ways I've ignored Your invitation. Today, I open the door wide. Come in. Have fellowship with me. Restore closeness where I've grown distant and let our time together reshape my desires and my direction.

Psalm 16:11 (ESV), "You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
Prayer Prompt: Lord, thank You that Your presence is my greatest joy and my surest direction. You don't just point me toward life—You walk with me. Today I thank You for
and for the joy that comes from being near You.
John 14:23 (ESV), "Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."
Prayer Prompt: Jesus, help me lead others into a closer, more personal walk with You. Let my words and my life point people toward the joy of knowing You daily. Shape my heart so fully that Your Spirit feels at home in me, even as I look forward to the day I am completely at home with You forever.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



# EXPERIENCING GOD KEY PRINCIPLE 2: RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE AND ACTIVITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

### Praise

Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

God, thank you for the light from Your Word. It provides wisdom, clarity, and comfort in moments of uncertainty. Yet I also confess that, although Your guidance is always available, I do not always turn to it or apply it as I should.

God, help me rely on Scripture more consistently, shaping my thoughts, directing my actions, and dictating my attitudes. Teach me to trust Your Word, especially when my future feels dark or confusing. May Your truth become my constant guide, leading me with confidence and steadying my steps each day.

### Petition

God is always at work around you. He speaks so you can know Him and join Him.

1. John 10:27 — Hearing God's Voice — "My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."

### PRAYER PROMPTS:

- · Ask God to grow your intimacy with Him so that recognizing His voice becomes natural, not forced.
- Pray for a soft, responsive heart that follows God immediately when He speaks.
   Ask God to silence competing voices—fear, doubt, distraction—so His voice
   is clear.
- · What are your "competing voices"? List them here: \_\_\_\_\_
- · Pray for clarity in recognizing competing voices.
- 2. Psalm 46:10 Stillness Before God "Be still, and know that I am God."

### PRAYER PROMPTS:

 Ask God to help you slow down and notice His presence and activity throughout your day.

	Pray for a quiet and settled spirit that isn't driven by hurry or anxiety.
	Ask God to reveal something you've missed because life has been too busy or noisy.
	Write down three times throughout the day when you can slow down and rekindle your intimacy through a brief prayer:,,,
3. I	saiah 30:21 — God's Guidance — <i>"This is the way; walk in it."</i>
PR	AYER PROMPTS:
	Ask God to make you attentive to His direction—even in ordinary moments.
	Pray for the courage to obey quickly, even when His leading requires change or faith.
	Ask God to expose any area where you're walking your own path instead of His.
•	Pray: God, show me an area of my life where I am not on Your path.
	Write what you hear Him say:
bri	John 14:26 — The Spirit's Teaching — "The Holy Spirit… will teach you all things and ing to your remembrance all that I have said to you."  PAYER PROMPTS:
	Ask the Holy Spirit to bring Scripture to life and remind you of truth exactly when you need it.
	Pray for sensitivity to the Spirit's gentle prompts, corrections, and encouragement.
•	Ask God to align your thoughts, desires, and decisions with what the Spirit teaches.
Re	eflection
Wł	nat was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Re	word the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
W	nat does God want you to do in response to today's study?



# EXPERIENCING GOD KEY PRINCIPLE 3: ADJUSTING YOUR LIFE TO GOD'S WILL (NOT ASKING HIM TO BLESS YOURS)

### Praise

Psalm 119:114, "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your Word."

I praise You because when I follow Your Word, I live under Your spiritual protection and favor. As Your child, walking in obedience places me in the shelter of Your grace, where You guard, guide, and strengthen me. Your Word surrounds me like a shield, offering wisdom, correction, and comfort for every season of my life.

God, my hope rests fully in You and in the promises You have spoken. Your truth is my refuge, and Your guidance is my security. Today I thank You, I trust You, and I praise You for the protection, peace, and confidence that come from Your Word.

### Petition

Proverbs 16:9, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

James 4:13-15 "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit,' yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

Prayer Prompt: Father, I acknowledge the self-centered desires that lure my thoughts and priorities away from You. Specifically, my desire for \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Prayer Prompt: Father, I thank you for what the Lord has done for me on the cross, and that I stand crucified with Christ. Help me to surrender control of my life to Jesus, such that His light and love will be lived out through me.

Romans 12:1-2, "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Prayer Prompt: Father, As I take in Your Word, transform and renew my mind, so that I may know and understand Your will for me. May my life be an acceptable sacrifice to You.

Colossians 3:1-2, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Prayer Prompt: Father, I thank You for the privilege of being "in Christ." You call us to set our minds on the things above. Today, my thoughts are distracted by

\_\_\_\_\_. Help me to trust You through this and remain focused on You.

Luke 9:23 "...If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Prayer Prompt: Father, help me to follow Jesus today. Help me to identify and put away the plans and desires that will lead me off Your path. Reveal to me the priorities and path that You have for me today. Through Your Spirit, enable and empower me to walk in a manner that honors and pleases You.

### Reflection

What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



# EXPERIENCING GOD KEY PRINCIPLE 4: EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE AND FAITH

### Praise

Psalm 119:125, "I am Your servant; give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies!"

Thank You for reminding me of my true position—I am Your servant. Help me live daily with the humility, posture, and attitude that a servant of God should have. I confess that my natural desire is often to lead, control, and be in charge, but I need the constant reminder that I belong to You.

God, I also confess my deep need for spiritual understanding. I need insight to grasp Your Word, clarity to follow Your will, and wisdom to walk in Your ways. Knowing and following Your truth is the greatest longing of my heart. I desire deeper intimacy with You. My plea is for greater spiritual understanding.

Petition
John 14:21 (ESV), "Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me."
Ask Jesus to help you prove your love through obedience, especially when
Prayer Prompt: Ask the Lord to shape your heart so that obedience becomes a joy, not a burden.
James 1:22 (ESV), "But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
Prayer Prompt: Pray that God will help you live out His Word through your actions. Write about circumstances/relationships that make it hard for you to live out His Word.
Pray about what you have written. Ask the Lord for wisdom in the decisions you make this week.

Luke 11:28 (ESV), "But He said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!"

Prayer Prompt: Ask Jesus to help you not only hear His Word but live it out. Pray fo the Lord to give you ears to hear His voice and a heart ready to respond.
Jesus says blessing begins with hearing. This isn't merely listening – it's intentional exposure to Scripture. Write down your plan for Bible intake in 2026:
Romans 12:1 (ESV), "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."
Prayer Prompt: Ask the Lord to help you surrender every part of your life to Him. Ask the Lord to show you where you need to yield control and trust Him completely Write what you hear God saying:
Galatians 5:25 (ESV), "If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."
Prayer Prompt: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your steps, helping you stay in rhythm with God. Pray for awareness and strength to obey the Holy Spirit's direction throughout the day.
Philippians 2:13 (ESV), "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."
Thank God for working inside you and ask Him to change your desires to match His
Prayer Prompt: Ask the Lord to help you surrender every part of your life to Him. Ask the Lord to show you where you need to yield control and trust Him completely
God, you know I struggle with joyful obedience when:
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



Psalm 119:133, "Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me."

God, one of my greatest needs is to live each day under Your guidance. Help me stay alert and sensitive to the ways You direct my steps. Let Your Word be my map, my compass, and the framework that shapes every decision.

God, let no sin gain control over me. Protect my heart from patterns that pull me away from You. I confess that I cannot walk wisely or resist sin in my own strength. I depend completely on Your guidance, Your power, and Your grace.

### Petition

### 1. KNOW GOD

- · "All Scripture is breathed out by God..." (2 Timothy 3:16). "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us ..." (John 1:14).
- Prayer Prompt: Lord, You want me to know You and have a relationship with You, so You speak to me through Your Word. Deep within me lies a deeper desire to know You and experience Your love by studying Your Word, which is written.

	Prayer Prompt: Lord, forgive me for allowing	
		to
	consume my time and keep me from knowing You through Your Word.	

### 2. KNOW MYSELE

- · Psalm 139:13-14, "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
- · Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"
- Prayer Prompt: Dearest Father, You created me, and I am precious in Your sight. I
  have been born again into Your family, and sin's power over me is broken, yet sin
  still lingers in my heart. Forgive me for seeking fulfillment through the idols of

3. K	NOW GOD'S LOVE REVEALED IN SALVATION
	Romans 5:8, "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinner Christ died for us."
;	Prayer Prompt: Holy Father, I am prone to deny my sin. Other times, I look inwar and see the stain of sin and feel guilt and shame. Your Word reveals that You love is freely given, irrevocable (Romans 11:29), and supremely revealed on th cross. As I repent and receive Your forgiveness for these sins
-	, let the truth that You "wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Psalm 51:7) take root in my heart.
4. K	NOW THE TRUTH
(	John 14:23, "Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our hom with him.'"
1	Living God, I am bombarded 24/7 with conflicting words all claiming to be th truth. Help me to turn more and more to Your Word to know the truth. Shap my heart to desire truth, be transformed by truth, rejoice in the truth, and liv the truth.
Ref	flection
Wh	at was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Rev	vord the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
Wh	at does God want you to do in response to today's study?



### Praise

Psalm 119:142, "Your righteousness is righteous forever, and Your law is true."

I confess that Your righteousness is eternal—Your character, standards, and definitions of what is right never change. What You have called right has always been right and will always remain right.

Today, I renew my commitment to Your unchanging truth.

Help me fully grasp that Your Word is the ultimate standard of truth, the only guide that shows what is good, wise, and life-giving. There is no mixture of error in anything You speak.

Thank You that Your Word gives me a moral and spiritual anchor when everything around me feels confusing or unstable. Your truth is my steady foundation.

## Petition

Jesus' ministry was saturated in prayer. Not only did Jesus teach on the importance of prayer, but He also modeled His devotion to prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Prayer is an ongoing, intimate relationship with God in every moment. Constant prayer turns ordinary moments into holy ground. Gratitude keeps the heart tender and open.

Prayer Prompt: Father, help me stay in constant conversation with You today with both scheduled and spontaneous times of prayer. Remind me to rejoice and give thanks even in \_\_\_\_\_\_. Repurpose my life as one who is devoted to prayer, being watchful, and thankful (Colossians 4:2).

Remember, when conversation with God becomes a part of your daily rhythm, you will be able to sense His presence and guidance even more.

Matthew 6:6, "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Prayer is intimate and personal, where we meet the Father privately, safely, and authentically. This special place is where transformation begins. Prayer in private produces power in public.
Prayer Prompt: Father, draw me closer into Your presence. Teach me to love the quiet and intimate moments with You. I come to You now with on my heart.
James 5:16, "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."
Prayer changes circumstances because it connects us with the power of God Himself. Our prayers matter. God moves through the petitions of His people – not because we are powerful but because He is.
Prayer Prompt: Lord, remind me that my prayers matter to You. Use my prayers to bring change in Lord, work powerfully through my prayers for Lord, help me persevere in prayer for
Prayer invites God into every situation. Prayer strengthens faith. Prayer is personal and unique and can flow directly from your heart. Additionally, there is also power packed into God's Word. Perhaps the first and most comprehensive guide of all is to pray to God using the very words He has already spoken in His Word.
Practice the blending of prayer with the reading of Scripture.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



#### Praise

Psalm 119:149, "Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O LORD, according to Your justice give me life."

God, hear the cries of my lips and the quiet prayers of my heart—not because of anything good in me, but because of Your faithful, covenant love. I come to You fully aware that it is Your steadfast love alone that moves You to listen and respond.

There is nothing I have earned, nothing I deserve, that would qualify me for Your mercy or compassion. Yet You hear me because You are loving and just. God, I stand in awe of Your unwavering love and Your perfect justice. Thank You for the life, hope, and grace You freely give.

#### Petition

John 4:23-24 ESV, "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"

Prayer Prompt: God, teach me to worship You in spirit and in truth. Stir my heart with genuine emotions, quiet my mind so it stays fixed on You, and anchor my whole life in the certainty of Your Word.

Psalm 33:8 ESV, "Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!"

Prayer Prompt: Almighty GOD, fill me with holy awe when I come before You. Captivate me again because of Your \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 1:9 ESV, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, forgive me of \_\_\_\_\_\_. Strip away anything that dulls my love for You. I want to worship with a heart that is clean, uncluttered, and wholly Yours.

Psalm 100:4 ESV, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!"

What does God want you to do in response to today's study?	
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.	
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?	
Reflection	
Prayer Prompt: Jesus, show me how I can encourage those around me as we I Name high. I long for Your glorious return when we will worship You forever.	ift Your
Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love an works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encou one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."	_
Prayer Prompt: LORD, let gratitude rise in me like a song I can't contain, for ` gracious, and You have poured out countless mercies I don't deserve. I tha for	



#### ESSENTIAL SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: EVANGELISM

#### Praise

Psalm 119:160, "The sum of Your Word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever."

I confess that Your teachings, promises, commands, and stories form one complete and unified truth. Your Word is entirely trustworthy from beginning to end. I long to align every thought, action, and attitude with what You say, but I need Your help to make that desire a reality.

God, Your standards never expire or lose their authority. What You declare right and good remains right and good for every generation. My heart is grateful that I do not have to invent or search for truth on my own—Your Word clearly reveals it. Give me a heart fully submitted to Your unchanging truth. Help me anchor my life in Your dependable wisdom and hope.

### Petition

As Donald S. Whitney stated in his book *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, "evangelism is presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to sinful people, in order that they may come to put their trust in God through Him [Jesus Christ], to receive Him as their Savior, and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church"

Jesus Christ Himself has commanded us to evangelize – it is NOT an option. (Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-47, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)

Fill in the blank: "Lord, please stir my heart and give me a passion for the lost around me. Holy Spirit, please give me courage to share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_."

Prayer Prompt: God, help me to see the opportunities to share the Gospel with others that you bring into my path each day. Give me boldness to share the Gospel in these opportunities for Your glory.

Prayer Prompt: God, use me to bring hope and healing to a world that is in great need of being reconciled to You. Help me to develop a clear and personal testimony that creates a desire for others to hear the Gospel.

What I was before I received eternal life: (Who you were before Christ)
How I received eternal life: (How you came to know Christ as your Lord and Savior)
What eternal life has meant to me: (Who you are after Christ)
Prayer Prompt: God, please discipline my mind, thoughts, actions, and words so that I may know how to "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time." That my speech will "be gracious, seasoned with salt," so that I may "know how I ought to answer each person." (Colossians 4:5-6)
Take a few moments to: Pray to God about how He can use you to share and show the gospel with others, and who you can lead to faith in 2026 - YOUR ONE.
Consider downloading the "Life on Mission" app from the North American Mission Board and learning the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation. Find out more about the Circles Gospel Presentation within the "Life on Mission" app.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?



#### ESSENTIAL SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: SERVING — USING YOUR GIFTS

#### Praise

Psalm 119:165, "Great peace have those who love Your law; nothing can make them stumble."

God, thank You that no matter the circumstances, I can experience great peace. My heart overflows with gratitude as I meditate on this truth—deep, lasting peace is available to me through You. This is not just a moment of calm emotion but a steady and settled security that comes from Your presence.

Thank You that when I know You, trust Your Word, and align my life with Your wisdom, the result is real peace. Your Word gives clarity, direction, and discernment so I do not easily stumble in my spiritual walk. Help me remember that peace is always connected to obedience.

#### Petition

Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one Who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing."

A lot of Christians spend their lives feeling like God is mad at them, or, at best, God is disappointed with them. They feel their Christian life and service are never good enough for God. No matter how hard they try, they always come to God feeling like a failure. They are continually reminded of their sin. What a contrast this verse is to that thinking. The idea that God is joyful over us is beyond the imagination of so many believers. That He would delight in us is even more incredible. There are five wonderful truths in this verse that you can pray about and think about during your daily life and while serving the Lord.

#### MAKE THESE CONFESSIONS:

- · God is with me.
- · He is my mighty Savior.
- · He delights in me.
- $\cdot$  He calms my fear with His love.
- · He rejoices over me with singing.

Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."
Jesus modeled servant leadership. Serving others is how we resemble Him most. Kingdom greatness comes through humility. When we serve, we reflect the heart of Christ, Who stooped to wash feet and save souls.
Prayer Prompt: Lord Jesus, make me more like You — willing to serve, not be served. Show me someone I can serve today in "Lord, help me serve others like You in"
Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"
Service isn't limited to ministry – it's every task done for God's glory.
Even ordinary work can become worship when done for the Lord. Serving with excellence honors God and blesses others.
Prayer Prompt: Father, help me work wholeheartedly for You. Let my attitude in service reflect gratitude and joy, especially in "Lord, help me serve You faithfully through
Write down the names of a few people you are around regularly. Next to each person's name, add 1-2 ways you can serve those people like Christ.
Reflection
What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read today?
Reword the statement or Scripture into a prayer of response to God.
What does God want you to do in response to today's study?

# PSALM 119:169-176

"Let my cry come before You, O Lord; give me understanding according to Your Word! Let my plea come before You; deliver me according to Your Word. My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your statutes. My tongue will sing of Your Word, for all Your commandments are right. Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts. I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight. Let my soul live and praise You, and let Your rules help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments."

# ADDITIONAL NOTES


