

THE DAILY LITURGY

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YOU ARE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS a special book, but not a unique one. It's special because the prayers, readings, and reflection in the book are meant to guide the people of the church into the very presence of the Triune God of the universe: to the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit. And yet, a book like this is not unique. For thousands of years, Christians have been praying and reading Scripture. Most of those Christians were guided into prayer by a book similar to this one, full of chosen passages and reflections oriented around the celebrations of the church calendar. These books of prayer, like this one, consisted of liturgies—rhythms of worship by the people, for the people—written and passed down as a means of devotional worship. Being ushered to God together by the means of liturgy isn't a novel idea.

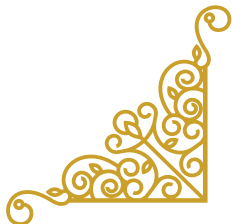
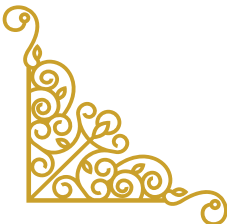
It's through this ordinary act of daily liturgy where we begin to be shaped by spiritual realities far outside what we can perceive. The truth is, we are always being formed. We are constantly taking in information and ideas and values. But when we place ourselves under the formation of God's Word, coming to him in the humble confession and adoration of prayer, turning from the noise of life into the quiet and penetrating truth of communion with him: that is when we are formed not into the image of ourselves or our world, but into the very image of God.

So the book you hold now is an ordinary one, a daily one. But the liturgies inside are special. They are God's words and the responses of God's people. In a changing world, here is solid ground. It may take months, years, or decades to really immerse yourself in the rhythms of grace, but here is a start. Here are daily liturgies for our daily need.



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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

THIS BOOK CONTAINS LITURGIES FOR EVERY day of the year, unless that day is a Sunday. This is because Sundays are for corporate worship, where the people of God gather together to take part in a worship liturgy of their own. Monday-Saturday, this book can be used to guide prayer for families, communities, small groups, or individuals.

You may have noticed that none of liturgies are dated. Instead of a set liturgy for each calendar day, the liturgies in this book follow the liturgical calendar of the church, a set of ancient markers meant to lead the church into rhythms of worship. The liturgical calendar is made up of seasons which split up the year.

Because different seasons start on different days of the week depending on the year, each liturgy will be marked Mon-Sat for each “week” of the liturgical season. The week begins on Sunday. For example, if you are opening up this book on Wednesday, December 5th, the liturgy for your day is the one marked “Wednesday, Week 1 of Advent”. Since some seasons begin during the week on different days depending on the year, you may occasionally read a liturgy out of place. If you are unsure of where you are in the liturgical year, ask your church leaders to help you. Take a look at how the liturgical seasons are broken up during the calendar year:

ADVENT

Advent is about waiting for the coming of Christ. A time of longing and fasting, it lasts four weeks and progresses from darkness to light.

CHRISTMASTIDE

Christmastide starts with Christmas Day and is a season of celebration and joy as we rejoice in the incarnation of Christ. It lasts until epiphany on January 6th, which usually means it is celebrated for two Sundays after Christmas Day.

EPIPHANY

Epiphany begins on January 6th and is the season of renewal as we contemplate the revealing of Jesus’ divinity in his birth and life. It lasts until Ash Wednesday, about 6 weeks.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK

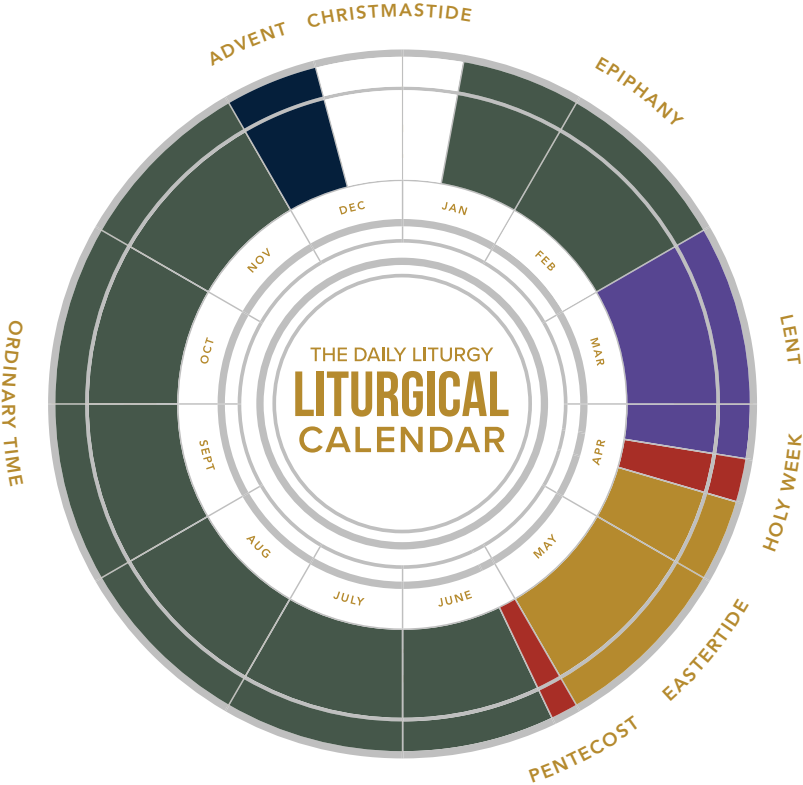
Lent is the season of fasting and repentance of sin leading up to Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, lasting 40 days until Holy Week (a remembrance of Jesus’ last days) which begins with Palm Sunday, one week before Easter.

EASTERTIDE

celebrates the resurrection of Christ and is a season of celebration and hope. It lasts for seven weeks.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the season for reflecting on the ascension of Christ, the sending of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of the church. It kicks off what is known as ordinary time, a season lasting all the way until Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.



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ADVENT

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MONDAY, WEEK 1**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

NT READING: *Romans 1:1-7*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I worship you because you have called me to belong to Jesus Christ. And I thank you that you are bringing about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, through the glorious gospel of Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 122*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gracious Father, this psalm calls me to turn away from the rush of the world and come to the peaceful house of the Lord. I answer that invitation with gladness, looking ahead to Sunday when I'll gather with your people, but also grateful that I can enter your house now in prayer. Today, Lord, I offer myself to you, inviting your life to flow through me. Guide my work, and give me the capacity to attend to it, free from distraction. Direct my interactions with others so that I honor them as fellow image-bearers, loved and valued by you. Most of all, as I walk with you today, take me beyond outward compliance with your laws, into true friendship with you. In this psalm, you urge me to pray for peace, so I invite your peace to rule in my soul, in my work, in my interactions, and in the lives of those who love you all around the world. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

TUESDAY, WEEK 1

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, cold of heart and impure, in your Kingdom. Deliver me from every ignorance and heedlessness, from pettiness of soul and stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me from temptation; receive me in repentance; grant me pure thoughts; that I may love You with all my heart and soul and that I may obey your will in all things to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 8:11-22*

NT READING: *Luke 1:5-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I rejoice, O God, in your great mercy. To the barren, you bring fulfillment; to the hopeless, you give joy and gladness; to the poor, you grant abundance. I thank you that just as you answered the prayers of your servants Zechariah and Elizabeth, so you hear the prayers of your people today.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 80*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm unfolds my family history. It tells the story of your work with your people; how you brought them to freedom, how you cleared a space for them, and then how they fell under the weight of their own sin. It's punctuated by their repeated cry for restoration, and I echo that cry in my own soul. I add my prayer to the ancient prayer of your people. Restore us, O Lord! Your people are so prone to worldliness, to selfishness, to idolatry. Thank you that at the very moment when the story seems to fall apart in failure, a voice cries out in the wilderness, "Every valley will be exalted, every mountain and hill made low. Prepare the way of the Lord." You sent your son to enact the magnificent restoration that your people need. We cried out, "Let your face shine on us," and you sent Jesus, the radiance of your glory and the exact imprint of your nature, to bring us back to yourself. Glory be to God.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 1

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 42:1-17*

NT READING: *Matthew 1:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for your faithfulness to your promises. Christ Jesus: I worship you, for you are the offspring of Abraham; the royal heir of David; the one in whom all of God's promises find fulfillment.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 25*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God: today I entrust my body and soul into your care. Turn to me and be gracious to me; consider my affliction and my troubles. Remind me every moment of your care and companionship. Teach me to return to you in my thoughts and prayers again and again throughout this day, and remind me that you use every circumstance to draw me closer to you. I commit myself to your watchful care, claiming Jesus Christ as my hope. Give me grace today to follow the road that you walked, and to your name be all the glory and praise, even to the end.

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BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

THURSDAY, WEEK 1

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

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OT READING: *Isaiah 45:14-25*

NT READING: *Luke 1:26-38*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, I adore you for the gift of faith. Like her father Abraham, Mary believed you and found favor in your sight. Thank you that you accomplish your purposes through the trusting, humble, faithful submission of your people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 120*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm is a cry of distress, acknowledging that your people need deliverance from lying, deceitful, violent people. Sometimes I am *TOO* aware of the evils of the world; and sometimes I am not aware enough. So sharpen my vision today, and deepen my longing for your deliverance. Do not let the freshness of the morning, or the glow of health, or the present strength of my life deceive me into a false reliance upon my own strength. All these good gifts come from you, but they are not mine to keep. My hope is not in my own strength or competence, but in the promise that Christ has come and will come again. Give me grace today to follow the road that you walked, and to your name be all glory and praise, even to the end.

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BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

FRIDAY, WEEK 1**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you promise that you will not despise. And so I pray: have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 63:7-19*

NT READING: *Romans 13:11-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I exalt you, because in the resurrection of your Son, the night is over and the day has come. Because I live in Him who is light, I have the power to walk in light. Thank you for your salvation, which has saved me from the darkness of fear, guilt, and shame.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 57*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

With the Psalmist, I say: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! May your name be lifted up, and may your beauty be seen and enjoyed. As I enter this day, I place into your hands all that you have given me. I dedicate my mind, my body, my possessions, and my influence to your service. All of these are yours, Father. All of these are yours, Lord Jesus. All of these are yours, Holy Spirit. O Triune God, may you speak in my words today; may you think in my thoughts, and may you work in my actions. Let my life be a channel through which your love may reach the lives of those around me. And give me grace to follow the road that you walked, and to your name be all glory and praise, even to the end.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

SATURDAY, WEEK 1

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139

& ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may rest in your love and walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 33:1-16*

NT READING: *Luke 1:39-56*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I magnify you, O Lord, because you oppose the proud and give grace to the humble. In you the poor are made rich, the sick are made well, and the hungry are filled with good things. You are mighty and have done great things for me... holy is your name!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 62*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord of Life: I wait in silence before you as I prepare to enter a new day. To you belong power and steadfast love; from you comes my salvation. I thank you for this day: for its many hours waiting to be filled with joyful labor, for its open doors of possibility, for its hope of new beginnings. Stir in my heart the desire to make the most of this day, for your glory. Give me gentleness of demeanor and strength of character. Give me patience, love, and self-control. Give me faithfulness in my relationships, sincerity in my speech, and diligence in the work that is mine to do. And above all, give me grace to follow the road that you walked, and to your name be all glory and praise, even to the end.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

MONDAY, WEEK 2

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and my unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. I confess my sin, and I thank you that according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

NT READING: *Luke 1:57-79*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I praise you, O God, for you have visited and redeemed your people. In your Son, you have brought light to those in darkness, forgiveness to the guilty, and life to those dead in sin. I thank you, that having been delivered from the hands of my enemies, I am free to serve you without fear to the glory of your name.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 46*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this psalm reminds me that you are very present in times of trouble. Though the nations rage, and the kingdoms totter; though corruption runs rampant in centers of power and the vulnerable are exploited, I will not fear. Oh Lord, there is a river, a beautiful, purifying river whose rushing streams make glad the city of God. You are in the midst of your city and she will not be moved. Baptize my imagination in your river. Direct my path toward your city. Overwhelm my distant, cynical soul with the certainty that you have come to your people to restore us, and you will come again to rule as king. One day soon, you'll make wars to cease. You'll break the bow. You'll shatter the spear. You'll burn the chariots. And then stillness. All the earth will be still and know. As I live in the meantime, help me cultivate stillness, knowing that you are God. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon me, as I have hoped in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

TUESDAY, WEEK 2

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I confess that I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things.

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OT READING: *1 Samuel 8*

NT READING: *Matthew 11:2-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, for you are the fulfillment of all the law and the prophets. In you, the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; the deaf hear; the dead are raised up; and the poor have good news preached to them. The promises of God have been answered; the Kingdom has come!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 28*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All through this day, O Lord, be my strength and my refuge. May the peace of Christ be within me, around me, before and behind me, to guide my speech, my thoughts, and my actions.

Since Christ has secured my peace with God, I will rest. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped. Oh Lord, remind me again that you are sufficient for the requirements of the day. Give me this day my daily bread. Fill me with a deep sense of your friendship. You are the one who knows what life is like for me, because you dwell within me and have joined your life to mine.

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BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 2

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, Every day I call upon you, In the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, And my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, That I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 7:1-16*

NT READING: *Romans 15:4-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I worship you for being the one who fills me with hope. Thank you for the encouragement of the Scriptures and for the power of the Holy Spirit. I praise your name among the nations, for you are the God of hope.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 63*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

In your name I lift up my hands, O Lord, offering this day to you. Today I continue this pilgrim journey, awaiting your coming kingdom. Awaken in me a vibrant, living desire to please you. Let me not quench your Spirit; instead, let me be filled with his power and influence. I ask for an ever-expanding capacity to know really know the friendship of the Holy Spirit, so that my life expresses the life of Jesus. Make me wise to see all things in light of eternity, and make me brave to face all the changes in my life that come from this vision. Give me a deeper sense of your companionship today, as you are the One who knows what life is like for me, because you dwell within me and have joined your life to mine.

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BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

THURSDAY, WEEK 2

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, I confess that in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I admit my self-reliance, and I turn from it. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 40:1-11*

NT READING: *Matthew 3:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for the prophets who ministered your word and prepared the way for your coming. Thank you that in Christ Jesus, I am baptized not only with water, but with your Holy Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 74*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, I'm so grateful today for the honesty of your word. This psalm takes an unflinching look at the state of the world, and of God's people, and sees a picture of profound desolation. I look at the world and feel the same distress. The dark places of the earth are filled with violence. Yet you are the king from old, and despite appearances, in your ancient wisdom and providence, you're working out salvation in the midst of the earth. As we remember your first Advent and look for the second, we see Jesus as the fulfillment of your saving work. Comfort us, and teach us to pray, even in suffering. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

FRIDAY, WEEK 2

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Malachi 2:17-3:5*

NT READING: *Philippians 1:3-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I adore you for the promise that you will complete in me the work which you have begun. Though I lack endurance, you are faithful. I praise you for your power which works mightily within me, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 68*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, I rejoice today that you are Father of the fatherless and protector of widows. You settle the solitary in a home; you summon your power to defend the weak. The reflection of your gentleness and glory once appeared unbroken in the face of Jesus Christ. Help me slow down, turn away from distraction, and meditate on Him, even through the work of this day. I long to see your glory in the face of Jesus. Give me a heart like Jesus: a brave heart, a peaceful heart, a tender heart, a welcoming heart, a heart fixed on you. Make me more like Jesus! I ask for a deeper sense of your friendship today. You are the One who knows what life is like for me, because you dwell within me and have joined your life to mine.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

SATURDAY, WEEK 2

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139

& ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. I am content to appear righteous instead of truly being righteous. I repent of my sin and my self-love. Please search my heart, examine my motives, and forgive my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and send your Spirit to renew and change my heart. Help me to hear your voice today above the clamor of this world, and follow only you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 66*

NT READING: *2 Peter 3:8-15a (end after "count the patience of our Lord as salvation")*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, in the fullness of time you made known the mystery of salvation by sending forth your Son. As I await his second coming, I adore you for your patience. You are not slow to fulfill your promises; rather, you wait so that many may reach repentance.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 85*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Your word, O Lord, is a fountain of hope and beauty that continually draws me to you. This psalm asks for your reviving favor to come back to your people again, and although it's focused on your people as a whole, it also gently speaks to the one who's spent a lifetime walking with you. Often walking the long road with you involves periods of silence or even distance, when it feels like you're not speaking. It's easy to feel that the joy of your presence was something for the past. I add my prayer to the prayer of the psalm today: revive me, so that I might rejoice in you. Show me your steadfast love. I'll be quiet, so that I can hear you, Lord, speaking peace to me. Help me to not return to my folly. Give me a sense of your nearness today

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

MONDAY, WEEK 3

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

NT READING: *Matthew 1:18-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ: I adore you because you are Immanuel... God with us. Thank you for your Incarnation, and for your Spirit, which even now unites me to you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 3*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: this Psalm acknowledges enemies on every side. There's every reason for anxiety, even panic. Yet the Psalmist responds, not with fear, but with a radical confidence in Your protective care. Salvation, he says, belongs to the Lord. And he lays down to sleep. With my own stresses and anxieties at the forefront of my mind, I thank you, Lord, that you are a shield around me. My resources feel pitiful compared to my needs. Falling on your mercy would be such a relief. With the psalmist, I cry to you," O Lord, be my glory. Lift my head, as I fix my hope on you." Help me sleep well tonight, as you sustain and surround me with your salvation. Save me, O Lord. Encompass me with your loving-kindness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

TUESDAY, WEEK 3

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 12*

NT READING: *James 5:7-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ has come, and Christ is coming. I adore you, O Lord, because your return is certain. Though I wait, I don't wait alone. Thank you for the presence of your Spirit, who helps me wait for You with patience.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 42*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I thank you, Lord, for this prayer, which speaks so gently to the downcast. Your word accounts for the whole spectrum of my emotional life, drawing me near to you even when I feel scattered, hurt, or discouraged. If this day brings feelings of deep water, of waves crashing over me, give my soul strength to grasp your loving-kindness. The truth is, you look at me with love, regardless of how I feel, because in Christ I'm clean, I'm whole, I'm welcome. Your loving-kindness is deeper than the chaotic waves that threaten me. Support me with your steadfast love, and give me songs and prayers in the night. Send your light and lead me into your dwelling. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Hope in God, today and always.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 3

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 35*

NT READING: *Philippians 4:4-9*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, O God, because you are near. I need not be anxious, because your peace guards my heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 75*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, with the Psalmist I long for the day when you will judge the earth with equity. In times when my situation is uncertain, my relationships seem insecure, or the world is filled with trouble, this psalm reminds me that you hold the pillars of the earth steady. You will surely hold me steady as well. My safety is not found in human strength, in powerful leaders, or in stable circumstances. My safety is found in the steadfast love of the Lord. With all my heart, I look for the day when you return, bringing justice and restoration. You will bring an unshakable stability to this fragile world. As I go about my work today, I will rest in your righteous judgments. You love humility and goodness; you bring low the proud and the wicked. Search my heart, steady me when I face temptation, and remind me of your love today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

THURSDAY, WEEK 3

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 61*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-24*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you because you are faithful. Just as you called me to yourself, you will preserve me and keep me blameless until the day of Christ Jesus.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 40*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, today I proclaim with the Psalmist: "As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord takes thought for me." Thank you for your loving care. You knew this day before I was made, and you will carry me through it no matter what it brings. The Psalmist also says, "I delight to do your will, and your law is within my heart." I know this verse speaks ultimately of Jesus; but it is also true of me, because your Spirit dwells within me, and has written your law on my heart. So today, as I battle sin and temptation, remind me that your will is my true delight. Help me to give in to what I *REALLY* want, instead of what I think I want. Increase my appetite for your Word; heighten my conviction of sin; and deepen my communion with your Spirit today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

FRIDAY, WEEK 3

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Micah 5:2-5a*

NT READING: *Titus 2:11-14 and 3:4-7*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God my Savior: I adore you for your goodness and loving-kindness. You have saved me by your own mercy, pouring out your Holy Spirit upon me richly through Jesus Christ my Savior. The grace of God has appeared! and by it, I am changed. Thanks be to God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 103*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: in the midst of my busyness and anxiety, I am reminded that my days are like grass. What seems pressing to me today is of little consequence eternally. So let my heart rest in your faithfulness and love. Recall to my mind the things you've done for me: you've forgiven my sin, you've healed my diseases, you've redeemed my life from the pit, you've crowned me with steadfast love. Lord, you have satisfied me with your goodness, and you have renewed my joy. My work today may involve small, ordinary things; or it may involve great influence and responsibility. Either way, as I work I will keep this truth before me: the Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. I know my days are like grass, and my frame is dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. With all creation, I will bless you, Lord, and I will live in the light of your presence.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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SATURDAY, WEEK 3

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139

& ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

NT READING: *Romans 16:17-20, 25-27*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

To you, God of all wisdom, be glory forever! I long for the day when you will finally crush Satan underneath your feet. In the meantime, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with me, and with all your people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 146*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: with the Psalmist, I praise you in joy and gratitude for your inexhaustible goodness. You're the wise, powerful king who keeps faith forever, who sees and lifts the poor from their poverty, who executes justice for the oppressed. Your promises culminated in the first coming of Jesus, reconciling us to yourself. They'll reach their full expression when he comes again to bring his kingdom into reality. As I await his glorious return, remind me that the poor and oppressed are especially precious to you. In whatever way I can, I want to express the values of your kingdom by sharing the good things I have. Give me special sensitivity to the widows and orphans in my community, and show me how I can be generous to those in need. I celebrate your reign, and I long for the day when you return to heal and renew all of creation.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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MONDAY, V 4 OPENING PRAYER

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Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith would be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 3:1-15*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians 4*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I worship you, Lord Jesus, because your return is imminent. You will descend from heaven; every eye will see you; and your people will enjoy eternal fellowship with you. Thank you for the comforting truth

that death is not the end; the dead in Christ *WILL* rise again!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 45*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Give me the grace, Lord, to set aside my distractions and join the psalmist in meditating on your perfection. I invite you to work in my imagination, so that I can see and admire you. I invite you to work on my ability to focus, so I can sustain attention on you. I invite you to work in my soul, so that I can tolerate the stillness it takes to pray deeply. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear you. Give me a refreshed heart, one that overflows with a song of love to you. This psalm reminds me that you are everything desirable. Powerful, compassionate, and just, with military might and courtly splendor. Your beauty has the power to change your people. As I gaze at you, I am re-made into your likeness. All generations remember you and all nations are drawn to your presence. Draw me to yourself today. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

TUESDAY, WEEK 4

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 49:1-2 & 8-12*

NT READING: *Hebrews 4*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the merciful and gracious high priest. Nothing is hidden from you, and before you I am completely exposed. Yet you sympathize with my weaknesses, and you welcome me to draw near. With confident humility, I kneel before the throne of grace.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 66*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

This psalm reminds me that the day is coming when all the earth will worship you, Lord. Your enemies will be defeated, and your people will boast in your beauty and goodness. Before your power and might, humility is the only proper disposition. Like you did with Israel, you've kept my soul among the living, you've stopped my foot from falling, you've brought me through fire and water to a place of abundance. When I lose heart, I'll remind myself of all you've done for my soul. Thank you for your generosity to me. Give me strength to live for the day when all of creation will lie captive at the feet of Christ in glorious liberty. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 4

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Numbers 24:2-9, 17a*

NT READING: *Hebrews 10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus: thank you for opening a new and living way for us to the presence of God. Thank you that because of your work, we can draw near in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with pure water. I worship you as the Mediator of the new covenant, who by a single sacrifice has taken away our sin.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 89:1-18*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: during this Advent season, I remember and rejoice in your covenant. You have bound yourself to your people with an oath; you have promised us your faithfulness. I look back to the covenant you made with David: you promised to establish his offspring forever and build up his throne to all generations. The New Testament writers speak of Jesus as the fulfillment of this promise the one who comes to inherit David's legacy and build up his throne eternally. So let me bow the knee today to King Jesus, and let me also rejoice in how he fulfills all the hopes and longings of your people throughout history. When I read about David, let me see Jesus. When I read about Solomon, let me see Jesus. When I read about all the flaws and failures of the kings in Israel's history, let me see Jesus as the truer and better king. And let me remember that all your covenant promises find their "Yes" in him. May I rest in his goodness and rejoice in his power, today and always.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

THURSDAY, WEEK 4

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 48*

NT READING: *Luke 10:21-24*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, Lord Jesus, for all things have been handed over to you by the Father. In you the fullness of God dwells, and you possess all wisdom, knowledge, dominion and power. Yet, to those with eyes to see, you have revealed your *SELF*; to those with ears to hear, you have spoken; to those with hearts to receive, you have given abundantly.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 89:19-37*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, as I walk through this Advent season, remind me of your steadfast love. Let me see how Jesus answers promises of this psalm. Through his incarnation, he showed that your love would be built up forever and your faithfulness would be established in the heavens. You made your covenant with David, and you fulfilled that covenant by establishing the throne of Jesus for all generations. Heaven and earth are his, for from him and through him and to him are all things. As I remember his first coming and look forward to his second, I rejoice that he's my glory, my shield, and my king.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

FRIDAY, WEEK 4**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of majesty and light, all of creation testifies to your glory. Though your law is perfect, I have disobeyed. Though your revelation is true, I have disbelieved. Though your commandments are pure, I have not trusted you. Forgive me, O Lord, for my willful sin and for my hidden faults. Preserve me with your mighty power this day, that I may not fall into temptation. Straighten my path, and give me wisdom to discern your will, that you might be glorified in everything. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 54*

NT READING: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, thank you that your gospel is not a cleverly devised myth but is the seen, heard, experienced testimony of eyewitnesses. Thank you for the witness of your apostles, who testified to your power and coming even unto suffering and death. And thank

you for the Holy Spirit, who confirms and illuminates the words of Scripture as a lamp shining in a dark place.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 89:38-52*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: throughout history, your people have grappled with the mystery of your ways. There are parts of my life that make me want to cry out with the psalmist, “How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?” In this season of celebration, when we reflect on your first coming and look hopefully for your second, there are many realities of the present moment that seem confusing, unresolved, painful. Remind me of your faithfulness. When my soul cries out in lament, help me not just to know, but also to feel, that I’m not abandoned. Strengthen me to trust you and rest in your good promises. I need your encouragement and reassurance. As you’ve shown your favor in the face of Christ, make it real in my soul today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

SATURDAY, WEEK 4

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I confess today my worry and anxiety. Instead of resting in your sovereignty, I fear the unknown. Instead of bringing my requests before you in prayer, I worry and fret. Instead of letting you be God, I fight for control. Forgive me, O Lord. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Set me free from all anxious thoughts today. Give me contentment and peace, for you have assured me that if I seek your kingdom, I will not lack any good thing. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 64*

NT READING: *Acts 13:16-33*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I worship you for the good news that in Jesus, your Son, the hope of Israel is realized and accomplished. What you promised to Abraham... what you pledged to Moses... what you foreshadowed in David.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 118*

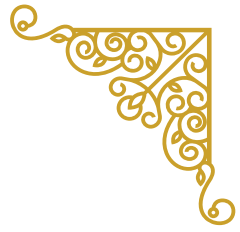
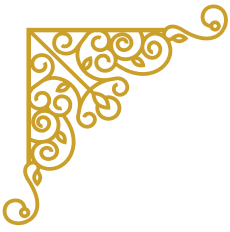
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I thank you, Lord, that your steadfast love endures forever. Thank you that you're on my side, that you answer me, and that you set me free. When I feel pressed by temptation today, let me call on you for help. When I feel weary with my work today, let me proclaim that the Lord is my strength. When I must fight for joy today, let me remember the glad songs of salvation. This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it! All of this glorious abundance is mine because Jesus, the stone that the builders rejected, became the cornerstone. Expand my capacity for awe, delight, and celebration this Advent season, so I can say, "This is the Lord's doing, and it's marvelous in my sight."

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

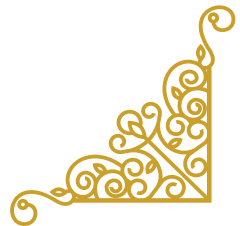
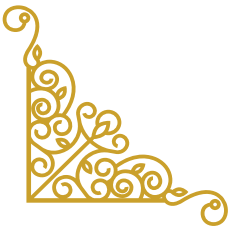
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THE DAILY LITURGY

CHRISTMASTIDE

Christmastide starts with Christmas Day and is a season of celebration and joy as we rejoice in the incarnation of Christ. It lasts until epiphany on January 6th, which usually means it is celebrated for two Sundays after Christmas Day.



CHRISTMAS DAY

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good. Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

NT READING: *Luke 2:1-15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I rejoice in this good news of great joy: my Savior, Christ the Lord, is born this day! You have visited your people, bringing light and life to all. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace toward men!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 8*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm is especially beautiful when I hear it on *THIS* day. Stars and angels, sheep and oxen

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All the imagery of nature comes alive with special meaning when I imagine it in light of your birth. In the coming of a baby, you established strength over your enemies. You demonstrated that even in your cosmic grandeur, you are mindful of your people, loving us so much that you condescended to come in humility to be our Immanuel. Without your grace, we would still be the people sitting in darkness. Instead, we have seen your light. Your name is majestic, Lord, and we celebrate your coming in all the earth.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 2**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshiping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 32:1-8*

NT READING: *Luke 2:15-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you, for you truly satisfy my deepest longings. As a child you were placed in a feeding trough; later, your body was broken for the life of the world; and even now I come to you hungry and find satisfaction. Thank you for the miracle of your Incarnation.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 96*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm is a wholehearted cry of celebration, and I pray that you would stir this same response in my heart today. Whatever pressure I feel, whatever anxious weight pulls my soul downward, whatever circumstance brings me to the end of myself, whatever failure haunts me, I will suspend those concerns and answer the invitation of this psalm. With believing people through the centuries, I affirm that glory is due to your name. I celebrate your strength, majesty, and beauty, and I eagerly look for the day of your return to set the world to rights. When I feel hindered in worship, I recall that praising you is my good. Awaken in me a new song today, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 3

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 13*

NT READING: *Luke 2:22-40*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: like your servant Simeon, I exalt you as creation's long-awaited salvation. You are the light of God revealed; you are the glory of your people Israel. Having seen you and experienced your salvation, I thank you that I now have peace with you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 102*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Of old, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth. Long before you made us, you planned your entrance into our world, to restore and return us to yourself. You knew us and called us to be your own. This time of year is loaded with contradictions, for we celebrate your birth with joy, even as our lives are marked by the emergence of old difficulties and disappointments. This psalm gives voice to our feelings of isolation and sorrow, with its images of birds on lonely rooftops and hearts withered like dry grass. Even as you help us express our darker feelings, you're reaching for us with gentle compassion. You're enthroned forever, and you arise to have pity on Zion. You promise that your beloved ones will rest secure... so I rest in that promise today, and I look for good things from your hand.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 4**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

NT READING: *Matthew 2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Son of God: I adore you as creation's true ruler. You are the righteous Lord, who rules with justice and mercy; not a cruel human despot who rules with fear and violence. It is my joy to worship you and honor you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 59*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this psalm reminds me that you are attentive to every circumstance of your people's lives. I don't face the kind of danger King David faced; but I do know the experience of opposition and turmoil. I know how it feels to face temptation. I know distress. In all my hardships, give me the ability to do what David does. Instead of pulling away, He draws nearer to you and engages in worship even singing and praying aloud! Make your steadfast love so real to me, that instead of feeling like David's response is strange, I would see it instead as normal. As you were with him, you will be a fortress for me. Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 5

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name’s sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 14*

NT READING: *Revelation 12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God my Savior: I adore you for the victory you’ve won over sin and death and hell. By the blood of the Lamb and by her faithfulness, your church will conquer her enemies. I long for your kingdom to

come; and I wait in eager expectation for the day of your return.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 147*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As I pray this psalm, O Lord, I remember that you are both transcendent and immanent. You are the mighty sovereign who commands nature who sends out ice and snow, who commands the stars, who covers the heavens with clouds. Your grandeur and glory brings me to my knees in awe and reverence. Yet you are also the loving father who gathers the outcasts, who heals your people gently, who binds our wounds and builds us up. You count the stars and give each one a name; you also lift up the humble and cast down the proud. Despite all the beauty of the natural world all the ways it displays your glory this Psalm reminds me that you take the highest pleasure in those who fear you. Thank you for delighting in your people. Let me sense and feel your delight today; and may it move me to admiration and obedience.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 6**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 52:1-12*

NT READING: *Hebrews 1:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you that in these last days, you have spoken to us by your Son. Lord Jesus: I was created by you; I am sustained in you; I have been redeemed for you. I adore you for your majesty, excellency, and glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 148*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: the Psalmist unapologetically calls all of creation to join in praising You! And so I confess the shallowness of my worship; how slow I am to rejoice in free, enthusiastic praise. I invite you to overcome my reserved demeanor and my slothful soul. Bring freedom to the places in me that are suspicious of emotion in worship. Let me see that the world is full of praise sports fans praising their teams, readers their favorite books, patriots their country. All of this praise should be yours, for you are the one who made it all. So rather than being tepid and timid in my worship, let me joyfully and loudly proclaim your praise. Give me courage today to invite those around me to praise the true and living God. And fill my heart with joy because of your glory and beauty.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 7

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 44:1-8*

NT READING: *John 1:1-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Word of God, full of grace and truth: I worship you because out of your fullness I have received grace upon grace. In you, the glory of God is made known; in you, the true light has come into the world.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 87*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this day will bring its share of concerns and distractions. Help me set them aside for a moment to meditate on the beauty of your holy mountain. This psalm describes Zion, towering above the nations. You have built up her gates, and she is a glorious place of welcome for the people. The psalm speaks of your plan to extend your love beyond your chosen people, Israel, outward to include the surrounding nations. Thank you for extending your invitation to me, because I too was an outsider before you brought me in. Your kingdom is beautiful, expansive, and welcoming. Help me live for the city of God today, even as I dwell among the city of man. And give me a warm hospitality to those who are not yet your people, that I may invite them to enter the gates of Zion through faith in Jesus.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 8**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 15*

NT READING: *1 John 1:1-4*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for the fellowship I have with you, and with your son Jesus Christ. Thank you for those who saw the Lord Jesus with their eyes and touched him with their hands; and thank you that they have passed on to us the word of life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 88*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this is the only psalm in the Bible that doesn't resolve on a note of hopeful worship. It's an unbroken expression of sorrow. It's also a special gift to those in a season of deep suffering. Thank you, Lord, that your word doesn't rush us or push us to get on with it when we're confronting emotional pain. Through the incarnation of your son, you entered into our reality to the fullest degree, and you know what it means to sink to the darkness. We know that we have your companionship in our sufferings, and that in some mysterious way, we share in your sufferings. Comfort the afflicted today, Lord, with your peace that passes understanding.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 9

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 16*

NT READING: *Galatians 3:23-4:7*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God my Father: by your Son and Spirit I am no longer a slave but your adopted child. Thank you for bringing me into your family!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 97*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION from last year's script. Rewrite?

O God: this Psalm reminds me of the good news that you reign. Your power and beauty are revealed in nature, from smokey, volcanic mountains to gentle morning light. As I do my work today, remind me of your great power and righteous judgments. Awaken my heart to the holy interests of your coming kingdom. Give me greater and greater capacity to love you and to hate all evil. This psalm includes a prayer for the preservation of life, and I add my prayer to it: please preserve me and those I love. Keep us in your care, O Lord, and teach us to worship you with whole hearts.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 10**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 17*

NT READING: *Hebrews 2:10-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I worship you for the wonder of your Incarnation. You partook of flesh and blood, becoming like us in every respect, in order to destroy the devil and deliver us from the fear of death. Thank you for your great condescension.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 115*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Meditating on your glory is the right medicine for my soul, O Lord. The world offers me many idols to worship: power, control, money, security, entertainment, pleasure, and comfort. But as this psalm says, those gods can't do anything for me. Worshipping them diminishes me, robbing me of my humanity. I'm made for the deepest, most intimate friendship with you, and the longer I try to find my security in other things, the more I suffer. Rather than give my heart to them, I will trust in the Lord today. Incline my heart away from idols and toward your glory, Lord. Let me live not for my name, but for yours.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 11

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 62*

NT READING: *1 John 2:28-3:10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I rejoice in the power of your love. Your love made me your child; and your love transforms me so that I love righteousness. Behold, what love the Father has given to us!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 135*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Your name, O Lord, endures, persists, remains forever. As I move into a new year, I feel my impermanence. I'm time-bound and limited; I don't know what's coming next. But I do know that I belong to you and with you. I know that you're compassionate. You tell me to stop pouring out my soul to idols that can't do anything for me. I want reliable control, safety, and pleasure; I want success and the validation of others. Your word reminds me that these things are as useless as scraps of metal. Help me see them for what they are. And then draw me into vital, daily communion with you. You invite me to enter your courts, to abide in your presence. This is always your way, from the earliest pages of Scripture. As you've done with saints of old, teach me to abide with you in my thoughts, prayers, and imaginings, so I can dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 12

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 66:7-24*

NT READING: *Revelation 22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: surely you are coming soon! You the bright morning star, the root and descendant of David, the beginning and the end. I worship you and look for your coming. Amen come, Lord Jesus!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 150*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

My Lord and my God: This final Psalm summarizes the entire collection with a wholehearted burst of praise to You. In my imagination, I see every nation, tribe, and tongue using their particular instruments and language to praise You for Your exceeding goodness. I see you, Lord, in the perfect shalom of your reign, gathering your people, delighting in their diversity, not a clan missing or excluded. The new heavens and the new earth, restored and at rest. I carry this picture into my day, knowing that although the world languishes in brokenness now, I'm a citizen of the world to come. Help me to recognize myself as an ambassador of that kingdom. Give me the grace to use whatever power I have right now to join you in your work of bringing peace, holiness, and justice to this world. I want the tune of your praise always in my ear, my secret reminder that the king is coming.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.



THE DAILY LITURGY

EPIPHANY

Epiphany begins on January 6th and is the season of renewal as we contemplate the revealing of Jesus' divinity in his birth and life. It lasts until Ash Wednesday, about 6 weeks.



DAY 1**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 60:1-8*

NT READING: *Luke 3:21-38*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I praise you because you are fully God and fully man not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared] concerning you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, who can come near you? Who can ascend your holy hill? The one with clean hands and a pure heart can approach you. But as I hear these words and test myself against them, I feel their prohibition. My hands are not clean. My heart is not pure. O Lord, if you mark iniquity, who could stand? But as I ponder carefully this psalm, I hear a hint of someone else. Someone who never lifted his soul to false things, someone who never spoke deceit, someone who lived, died, and rose again as the full expression of your salvation. Jesus, the king of glory, ascended your holy hill so the ancient gates could swing wide and admit me. The Lord, mighty in battle, conquered sin and death. He paid for the very sins that have stained my hands and my heart. Open the rusty gates in my soul, O Lord. Lift up my head, O king of glory, and come in!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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DAY 2

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist: I bow before you in humility. I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet I confess how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 18*

NT READING: *Matthew 3*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ: I praise you because you are the beloved Son, with whom the Father is well pleased. By Your obedience you bring many sons to glory, and share your inheritance with them. Thank you for welcoming me into your family.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 29*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, your word is filled with images of creation rejoicing in you. Remind me today that this is my Father's world; that all of nature sings your praise and declares your glory. Cause my heart to do the same. Help me be attentive to your glory in the natural world: the beauty of a sunrise; the strength of the wind; the song of a bird outside my window. Show me all the ways that your world is filled with the praise of you, and the longing for your return. Give me capacity to be fully present, paying attention to the people and things you've put around me. Lord, I have many tasks and concerns before me today, so I echo the cry of Psalm 29: may the Lord give strength to his people, and bless us with peace.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 3**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake. And help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 27*

NT READING: *Mark 1:4-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you as the one who inaugurates a new age, a new kingdom, and a new reality. You have ushered in the era of the Spirit, fulfilling all the requirements of the law, and pouring out the Holy Spirit on your people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 61*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, sometimes my life feels like a bare rock face and I feel like a weary climber, barely hanging on. Your word sustains me from one moment to the next, providing handholds and supports just when I need them. This psalm with its mountain imagery is one such support. The phrase, lead me to the rock that is higher than I, rings in my soul when I feel fatigued and helpless. Lead me, Lord. Lead me back to yourself, the rock, the refuge, the high tower. With the psalmist I call out, let me dwell in your tent forever. Be my resting place. Take me under your wings today. Appoint your steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over me. As I do my work today, let me sing praises to your name, strengthened by your Spirit’s presence and encouraged by the hope of life eternal.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 4

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, by my irritation, and by my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in Your Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

NT READING: *Acts 8:14-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Blessed Holy Spirit: I adore you for the power that you give, which no amount of money can buy and no worldly power can counterfeit. May my life be full today of your gracious influence.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 72*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm asks you to give the king your justice. And so it reminds me that you care about rulers, about authorities, about governments. The fact is that the world is full of violence and injustice, and often its rulers are complicit in these unjust ways. I have little power to make things better; but I join my prayers with the prayers of your people throughout history. By your grace, raise up righteous rulers who care about the good. And let unrighteous rulers cause us to long more deeply for the return of King Jesus, whom this Psalm anticipates. *HE* will have dominion from sea to sea. *HE* will defend the poor, and give deliverance to the needy. While I wait for *HIS* glorious return, I offer myself in the service of His kingdom. “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done” today, in my work and in my relationships. Whether I interact today with people of great influence, or whether I am called to small, invisible acts of service, help me do all things for the sake of Your name. Give me grace to work faithfully as I wait for the day when the whole earth is filled with your glory.

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BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 5**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 43:1-7*

NT READING: *Acts 10:34-48a*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I worship you because your gospel is for all tribes, tongues, peoples, and nations. By your Spirit I am united to everyone who has believed in your Son, across the world and throughout time. Thank you that you show no partiality, but welcome all who fear you and worship your Son.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 110*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, fill my imagination so I can fully grasp this imagery. This psalm, attributed to David, describes the reign of an extraordinary king. This king leads his people with strength, subdues their enemies, and rules with justice. Yet he also acts as a priest. This king-priest makes peace between God and the people. Because of his mediation, God can dwell with them. It's clear that the psalm points to a King greater than any human king. Though David was a man after your own heart, he, too, needed mediation for his sins. There's only one who could rightly fill the offices of both king and priest. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the new and better David, ruling with might and purifying with love. So today, awaken my allegiance to your kingship. Extend your rule and reign into the corners of my heart that are still dark with sin. Purify me with your holy love, cleansing me from all impurity and selfishness. Deepen my gratitude for your mediation, for you meet the deepest needs of my soul.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 6

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods. I have looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 1*

NT READING: *Acts 19:1-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit: thank you that you fill all who are baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Your power and presence are not for a select few; you delight to take up residence in all who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. I worship you, with the Father and

the Son; one God in three persons, now and forever: *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 125*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: thank you that you surround your people, like the mountains surround Jerusalem. What an image of protection and security! Thank you that today, as I venture out into the world, you surround me with your presence and your protection. And thank you that this Psalm is not just for me; you surround your people everywhere. We are wrapped in your love and secure in your Son and empowered by your Spirit. I don't know all the enemies that threaten me today. But I *DO* know that in this world I will have trouble. My adversaries both physical and spiritual are real and strong. So help me trust in You today. Let me be like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved. Remind me that it's not the strength of my trust that saves me; it's WHO I trust in. "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people." Surround me with your power and comfort today, through the presence of your Holy Spirit.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 7**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

NT READING: *John 1:19-34*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ: I behold you and adore you as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! You are the Eternal Son of God, who baptizes your people with the Holy Spirit. Glory to you, O Christ; glory to you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 2*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, the nations rage today just as they did long ago when this psalm was written. Rulers and kings plot destruction and violence, just as they have always done. Your people are no strangers to difficult and dangerous times. And yet we rest secure in your promise that you have set your king on Zion, your holy hill, and have given the nations as his possession. The gates of hell will not prevail against your church, and the kingdoms of this world are no match for the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me and all your faithful people around the world with the certainty that you've established your kingdom forever. We long for the day when you will judge the world in righteousness. Until that day, let us "serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling," bowing before king Jesus and offering him our lives in joyful surrender.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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DAY 8

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 19*

NT READING: *John 1:35-51*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, following you is a journey into deeper wonder and worship. Who has seen your limits? Who can know the depth of your wisdom? I treasure you as my teacher who guides me in the way of eternal life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 36*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love. This poem shows the frailty of the evil person, contrasted with the immensity of your goodness. I want to be instructed by both images taught to turn away from the troubling picture of evil and drawn by what the psalm calls the river of your delights. Show me how to take refuge in the shadow of your wings. I feel my own scarcity; lavish me with your abundance. Give me an ever-widening aperture to take in your light. Continue your steadfast love to me. Remind me of your faithfulness that reaches the clouds, and your judgments that extend to the deep. Let these realities strengthen and satisfy me as I approach the work of this day, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 9**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 26:1-15*

NT READING: *John 2:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, Jesus, for the signs and miracles that manifest your glory. You made yourself known in the world in ways that could be seen, tasted, touched. The world I inhabit is a theater of your divine glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 99*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord our God: Your word constantly calls your people not to give in to spiritual amnesia, but to remember your works. This psalm reminds us of your faithfulness to three priestly figures in Israel's history: Moses, Aaron, and Samuel. In their roles as leaders and intercessors they called to you, and you answered them from the pillar of cloud. You kept the promises you made them. You forgave their sins, but you also avenged their wrongdoings. Thank you, Lord, for sending Jesus as the perfect priest who intercedes for me. He bore my wrongdoing and averted the vengeance I brought on myself. As I enter this day now, I devote myself fully to Him. Like Moses, Aaron, and Samuel, let me be faithful to your purposes in the world. Give me power to remember your goodness to me, and carry that goodness outward to others today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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DAY 10

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 20*

NT READING: *John 3:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Thank you, Father, for sending your Son into the world, that the world might be saved through him. Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you were lifted up, so that whoever believes in you might have eternal life. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for the new birth which makes it possible to enter the kingdom of God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 121*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I lift up my eyes to you, Lord, as I enter this day. Whether the hours ahead bring trouble of various kinds, or quiet rest, you are my keeper. As I face temptation today, hold me steady; don't let my foot be moved. As evil threatens me today, guard my life; don't let me be overcome. As I face the heat of life today, be my shelter; don't let my soul dry up. Thank you for the promise that you never slumber or sleep; your care for me is constant, and your presence reliable. Every day, this world tempts me to be my own helper, or to deny my need for help entirely. So ground me today in the promise that "my help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." I rejoice in you, O Lord my God.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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DAY 11**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, cold of heart and impure, in your Kingdom. Deliver me from every ignorance and heedlessness, from pettiness of soul and stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me from temptation; receive me in repentance; grant me pure thoughts; that I may love You with all my heart and soul and that I may obey your will in all things to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

NT READING: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sovereign God: I adore you for the mystery kept hidden through ages and generations, but now revealed in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus, the true Israel, the Gentiles are welcomed in to your covenant promises! I revel in your manifold wisdom which is made known through the church as your people are gathered into one family in Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 139*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: today I invite you to search me and know me. You're already intimately acquainted with everything that will happen today. You're already aware of my every thought and word. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? I confess all the ways that I live as though I can hide from you; as though you don't already know my deepest parts. In reality, you know me more deeply than I know myself. So transform me through your intimate knowledge and steadfast love. When I'm tempted to pursue satisfaction in false things, don't let me wander. Hem me in, behind and before, and let your right hand hold me fast. Whether my life today requires me to travel great distances, or whether I hold my outpost in one place, you're here with me. Lead me in the way everlasting.

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BENEDICTION

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DAY 12

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

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CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. Help me to rest in my adoption as your child. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 49:8-18*

NT READING: *Hebrews 11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Throughout all generations, O Lord God, you are faithful. I worship you for your steadfast love toward those who trust you, rely on you, and believe in you. Thank you that in your Son, I have received the fulfillment of your promises and the assurance of my hope.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 41*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I'm reminded by this psalm, Lord, that there's a law of sowing and reaping at work in your kingdom. Although I am saved entirely by grace, totally apart from my deserving, I see that in matters of blessing, you measure it back to me with my own bushel. As I practice generosity with an open hand, you return generous blessings to me. Here's the portion of all those who are made like their Lord: they bless and they will be blessed, they preserve and will be preserved, they watch over the lives of others and they themselves will be precious in the sight of the Lord. Make me a student of this principle as I go about my work today. As you've lavished love and care on me, give me a generous spirit for those around me, so that I might come more and more to resemble you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 21*

NT READING: *Matthew 4:12-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, because in your coming, “the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light.” In you a new age has come, a new kingdom has arrived, a new people has been formed. You are the Light of the World thank you for bringing light to my darkness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 19*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm calls my attention to the natural world, which vividly displays your goodness and power. I see your creative joy and energy flowing as everything on earth benefits from your common grace. Then the psalm turns to your law, offering a blazing vision of your people living well in balanced, right relationship with you. Finally the psalm focuses on my inner person. It reminds me that your deep wisdom aligns the crooked places in my soul and makes me whole. I’m not good at discerning my own errors, so I add my prayer to the psalmist’s: keep me from presumptuous sins today. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight. Set me free from speech that isn’t honoring, and give me victory over thoughts that aren’t beautiful and righteous. By your good Spirit, align my interior life to reflect the goodness of your creation and your law, for Jesus sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 14

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19S

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jonah 3*

NT READING: *Romans 1:16-32*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God: I praise you for your righteous character. Since the creation of the world, your eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen. Because humans have suppressed the truth, you have given us over to our own lusts; this, too, is a manifestation of your righteousness. Thank

you that you are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 27*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this Psalm is such good news for those who are afraid; those who feel opposed; those who feel forsaken. David wrote this psalm when he was under military threat. He had every reason to fear for his life, yet he responded by preaching to himself that the Lord was his stronghold. As I read this psalm, I invite it likewise to read me, to act as my teacher and guide. O Lord, give me the grace to seek your face earnestly. Strengthen my confidence that I'll see your goodness in the land of the living. In all the places where I feel forsaken and let down; in all the instances when I feel alone; lift high my head and give me great confidence in your love for me. "Teach me your way O Lord, and lead me on a level path." Let me not turn aside toward temptation and sin today; help me walk faithfully with you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 15**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Nehemiah 8:1-10*

NT READING: *Mark 1:14-28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I worship you for your authority. Thank you that all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to you. Your power over evil is total and absolute; and for that I praise and rejoice in you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 62*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The refrain of this psalm, O Lord, beckons me to wait for you in silence. Sometimes that means waiting for you in the silence of emptiness and suffering, when my usual sense of communion with you has gone quiet. Sometimes it means fighting to clear the noise, both without and within, so that I can find the center of silent prayer. I live in a world filled with noise and distraction; and my own hopes are often attached to lesser things. So make me a seeker of silence. Reform my focus and my desires so that my soul waits for you alone. Meet me in the silence in such a powerful way that I am drawn back to your presence again and again. Let me not be content to know about you; rather, help me *KNOW* you as my rock, my refuge, my salvation and my glory. “For God alone my soul waits in silence... He alone is my rock and my salvation.”

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 16

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and my unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. I confess my sin, and I thank you that according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 31:1-7*

NT READING: *Hebrews 12:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you today as the founder and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before you, you endured the cross and despised its shame. You are now seated at the right hand of the throne of God worthy of all worship and adoration and honor.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 95*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, I come into your presence with thanksgiving this day, provoked by the many contrasts in this Psalm. In your hands are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains. Yours is the sea, and the dry land. You invite your people to make joyful noise and to bow down in quiet reverence. Yet the most instructive contrast in this Psalm is the vision of your people united in joyful worship, followed by the reminder of their hard-heartedness in the wilderness. I know these also are the two possible paths for my soul. I want to worship and bow down before you today. I don't want to harden my heart; I don't want to go astray. So give me grace to listen to your word with a soft heart. Give me grace to worship with abandon, my imagination filled with pictures of your glorious work. Align my inner being to your ways, for you are my Maker.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 17**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I confess that I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 41:1-20*

NT READING: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God: I adore you for the heavenly Jerusalem; for the innumerable angels in festal gathering; for the assembly of those who are enrolled in heaven; and for Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 101*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, like all of Scripture, this psalm is meant to shape my desires and capture my imagination. Help me see clearly this picture of a wise king ruling well. He's singing of love and justice. His heart, his royal court, and his people are characterized by integrity and truth.

Worthless things, deception, and pride are kept out. The people dwell securely because of his faithfulness. David wrote this psalm, but he couldn't fulfill its vision. It points beyond him to Jesus, the truly wise king who rules with steadfast love and justice. And when Jesus rules in MY soul, he helps ME display these qualities as well. Human leaders may deceive, struggle, and fail, dimming my hopes for a good king. But when I think of the joy, wisdom, and power of Jesus, I find myself willing to follow him anywhere. Jesus: bring your good kingdom to bear in my life today. Reign and rule in my soul today, and make me more like you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 18

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 56:1-8*

NT READING: *Luke 4:14-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I glorify you because you are the fulfillment of all the prophetic hopes of the Scriptures. In you has come liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, and liberty to the oppressed. What good news this is!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 144*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, I come to this psalm as a student and disciple, ready to learn from David's pattern of prayer. I recognize in myself the same concerns and desires that animate this prayer. At the beginning of the psalm, David is facing his enemies; he fears trouble. So he turns his meditation to the splendor and might of the Lord. As we pray with him, we see the mountains smoke and the arrows of the God fly like lightning. Then he asks God for household blessing and prosperity. We see a safe, flourishing community with abundant food and healthy children. I, too, recognize in myself the fear of trouble and the desire for security and prosperity. Lord, help me pray like David, with great confidence and intimacy. Where I face trouble today, help me meditate on your greatness. Where I long for security and prosperity, help me lean into your promises of blessing for those who fear you. Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord! *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 19**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, I confess that in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I admit my self-reliance, and I turn from it. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

NT READING: *Matthew 5:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: thank you for these words of deep comfort. To the poor, the meek, the hungry, the mournful, you promise blessing and satisfaction. I rejoice in the beauty and wisdom of your words.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 15*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, help me embrace both sides of the vision this Psalm puts forward. On the one hand, I know that I am unworthy to approach you on your holy hill. I don't have clean hands or a pure heart. Even my best efforts to do the right thing are mixed with pride and foolishness. So thank you that you sent Jesus down from your holy hill to walk blamelessly among us, to speak the truth, and to enact the obedience that we cannot. Thank you that his righteousness covers our sins and reconciles us to you. On the other hand, I know that this Psalm paints a picture of the kind of life that pleases you. It's not just a mirror to reveal my shortcomings; it's a map to show me how to walk in holiness. So let me embrace its vision! Today, let me do what is right. Let me speak truth in my heart. Let me not slander with my tongue. Help me do no evil to my neighbor. Help me despise what is vile, honor what is good, and protect the poor and vulnerable. Let me do all this by the grace of my Savior, who died and rose again to free me for a life of joyful obedience.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 20

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 195

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 22*

NT READING: *Galatians 1:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

My God and Father: I praise you for the marvelous good news of the gospel. There is only one gospel, through which you call sinners to your *SELF*; and one name under heaven by which we may be saved the name of Jesus Christ. To Him be glory, honor, and praise.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 21*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: in this Psalm you point my attention to Jesus, the new and better king. You gave him the desire of his heart, which he ardently pursued when he was on earth by his prayer, his actions, and his suffering. And as I slow down to ponder this, I realize: we are his desire. Jesus came to seek a people for himself: a people which includes me, and the company of believers through all time. Jesus' heart belongs to us, and to the work of our redemption. Now in heaven his desire is granted him, for he sees his beloved coming to be with him where he is. Lord, warm my heart in response to your love. Awaken in me a corresponding passion to be with you. The desires of the Lord Jesus were from his heart, and you heard them. Make my heart right before you, so that in my case also, you'll fulfill the request of my lips. In your strength I rejoice today. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 21**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. I am content to appear righteous instead of truly being righteous. I repent of my sin and my self-love. Please search my heart, examine my motives, and forgive my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and send your Spirit to renew and change my heart. Help me to hear your voice today above the clamor of this world, and follow only you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 18:15-22*

NT READING: *Mark 1:29-45*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I adore you for your power AND your compassion. Not only do you have the strength to heal and deliver; but you are moved with mercy toward the needy. In you, sinners find rest, healing, and forgiveness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 71*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I thank you, Lord, that you care for me in every season of my life. Whether I'm newly following you, or have walked with you for a lifetime, you prove to me again and again that I can trust you. This doesn't mean that life is easy or perfect. This psalm speaks honestly of troubles and calamities, acknowledging that life is hard. I know that I will face suffering, even tragedy, so help me to respond to hard times by clinging tightly to you. Remind me of your faithful care in years gone by, so that I can be strengthened when I feel afraid. Fill my mind and heart with songs of gratitude, so that I might remember and celebrate your loving-kindness. I entrust myself to you today; keep me in your care, and let my tongue speak of your righteous help all the day long.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 22

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 29:13-24*

NT READING: *1 Peter 2:2-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I worship you today as the Cornerstone. You are the stone rejected by men, but chosen by God and laid in Zion. To some, you are a rock of stumbling; but to your people, you are chosen and precious. Thank you that whoever believes in you will not be put to shame!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 84*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord God, a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. In the time this Psalm was written, the Psalmist had to choose between being in your house and being elsewhere. But now, in Jesus, you have come near; you dwell among your people. And so I don't have to choose between dwelling in your courts and being away from your house. Rather, in the very mundane and ordinary parts of this day, I can experience the presence of your Spirit with me always. So give me special grace to sense your presence today. Draw my awareness back to you even as I do the tasks at hand. Cultivate in me a deepening delight in your nearness, and a deepening communion with you throughout the day. Keep me from all evil today; let me not dwell in the tents of wickedness. And in the times when my desire for you is weak and I cannot feel your presence, let me rest in your good and gracious promises. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 23**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 23*

NT READING: *Luke 4:21-30*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the Savior of all. You came to redeem everyone under the curse, to cleanse all who are stained by sin, to free all those who are in bondage. Thank you that your mercy is freely offered to all people, tribes, tongues, and nations.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 111*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, with the psalmist and the congregation of your people through all time, I offer thanks to you with my whole heart. Your word confronts my individualism and my tendency toward self-focus. Help me remember that I'm part of the great company of God's people, stretching back through time. Lift my eyes above myself, and remind me of your generational faithfulness to your people. As I go about the work of this day, help me return again to your grace, your mercy, and your generous provision. As I interact with the people and situations you've ordained, help me cultivate a restful heart, because I'm grounded in your covenant love. Give me the fear of the Lord, that I might grow in the wisdom this psalm describes. And give me an expansive vision for the community of believers to which I belong.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 24

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Micah 6:1-8*
NT READING: *2 John 1:4-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord my God, I adore you for your promise to protect your church. Out of love you called a people, out of love you saved them, and out of love you keep them. Many deceivers have gone into the world; but through your Word and your Spirit, you help your people abide in the teaching of Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 145*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, with the psalmist I affirm that you're worthy of praise forever. Day in, day out, moment to moment, I want my life to continually express a worshipful awareness of you. Give me the grace to commend you to the next generation, so that the younger people in my life would see how thoroughly you satisfy. Remind me of your kindness to the generation behind me, so that I might walk with you more confidently. Fill my mind, my emotions, and my speech with fresh appreciation and love for you. And then let that love be displayed in words that declare your greatness; attitudes that reflect your beauty; and actions that seek your glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 25**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 6*

NT READING: *Matthew 5:13-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you as the one who fulfills the Law and the Prophets. Rather than abolish God's holy law, you achieve and embody the fullness of God's commandments. Thank you that in you I am made righteous.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 53*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm reminds me that you look down from heaven and see both the fools who spurn you and the godly who seek after you. You understand the complexity of each human heart, and you draw near to those who are looking for you. I humbly pray that you would give me the grace to continually search after you and walk closely with you today and throughout my life. Keep me from being like the fool, who says there is no God. Remind me that in Jesus, you have restored the fortunes of your people salvation HAS come out of Zion! So let me rejoice and be glad. Ground my soul in your steadfast love and strengthen me in the hope of your salvation.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 26

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 24*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 1:1-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: adore you for your faithfulness to your people. Thank you that you promise to sustain me until the end, and present me guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. I delight in your sustaining grace.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 65*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, I thank you that from your own abundance, you make the desert places overflow. The rain falls, the crops grow, the earth rejoices. In the same way, this psalm reminds me that when my soul feels dry and empty like the wilderness, I must not give up hope. In due season, I'll know your abundance again. So I ask today for an outpouring of your refreshing grace in my own soul, and in the souls of those I love. Satisfy us with the abundance, beauty, and goodness of your house, O God. Awaken our worship, engage our affections, and bring renewal to our hearts. Let the springtime of your grace blossom in dry and weary souls. And now, go with me into the work of this day, and enlarge my capacity to see and rejoice in your blessing. Keep me from all evil, and let me walk faithfully in your ways. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 27**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord: I rejoice today in the folly and scandal of the cross. Thank you that your foolishness is wiser than men, and your weakness is stronger than men. By your doing, I am in Christ Jesus; He is my wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. I rest and rejoice in him alone.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 112*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As I meditate on this psalm, I long to be like the righteous man it describes. I want to delight in your commands and deal generously with everyone. I would love to be steady and unmoved in the face of difficult times, shining like a light. And yet I know my struggles and fears, my failures and shortcomings. So thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you perfectly embodied this ideal on my behalf. You are the one whose righteousness endures forever. You are the one who is gracious and merciful, never moved, always steadfast, abundantly generous. And You are re- making me in your likeness. Because I am united with you, I am becoming more and more like the righteous person this psalm describes. So today, I surrender to your transforming work in my life. Make me a little more generous than yesterday; a little more steady-in-faith than yesterday; a little more righteous than yesterday. Help me today to fear you and walk in your commandments, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 28

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith would be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 25*

NT READING: *Mark 2:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, without you I am dead in sin, unable to make myself well. But you have the authority to forgive sins, and the power to heal my sick heart. I praise you as the healer, restorer, and Redeemer of all creation.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 136*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: thank you for the repetitive rhythm of this psalm. It's like the cadence of walking, or swinging on a swing, or swaying with a fussy baby. Everything happens, from the glorious to the mundane, because Your steadfast love endures forever. I'm made to move to have my being in this rhythm. I'm meant to internalize it, chew on it, meditate on it, and mutter it to myself, so that it's as native to me as my own heartbeat. Lord, silence whatever other songs are in my head, and teach me to move to the cadence of your steadfast love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 29**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 58*

NT READING: *Mark 2:13-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I praise you for the gift of your Son, the physician come to heal the world and the bridegroom come to redeem it. The earthly ministry of Jesus is but a foretaste of his coming rule and reign. I rejoice as I await his glorious return!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 138*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, help me today to focus my whole heart and mind on your extraordinary goodness. This psalm shows three pictures of your faithfulness: you answer me when I call; you see me and are near to me when I'm low; and you fulfill your purpose for me with enduring, everlasting love.

Make your love real to me today, Lord. Set me free from the old habits, addictions, and cheap sources of comfort that interrupt my communion with you and others. Help me, Lord, as I reject those counterfeit things and fix my heart on the true consolation of your love. Fill my mind with songs that remind me of your ways; your mercy, your glory, your attentive care, your strong protection. And give me the strength of resolve and purpose to faithfully obey you today. I love you, for your steadfast love endures forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 30

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 26*

NT READING: *Luke 5:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for the faithfulness of your words and for the abundance of your blessings. I trust you to meet my needs and to fulfill my deepest longings and desires. All glory and honor to you, my king!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 147*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As I pray this psalm, I remember, Lord, that you are the mighty sovereign who commands nature. You send out ice and snow, you provide food for your creation, you cover the heavens with clouds. I see your grandeur and glory and wonder if you might be too lofty to see the details of my life. But no; you're also the loving father who gathers the outcasts, who lifts up the humble, who takes pleasure in those who fear you. You count the stars, and give each one a name; yet you also heal the broken-hearted and cast down the proud. As I ponder your might and your mercy, let me love and admire you more and more.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 31**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 30*

NT READING: *Matthew 5:13-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, I exalt you, because your obedience is my obedience. As the light of the world, you shine through your people, driving out darkness and drawing sinners to yourself. I kneel before you as my God, my king, and my Teacher.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 1*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord: I long to obey you perfectly, avoiding the counsel of the wicked, the way of sinners, and the seat of scoffers. But I can't meet that standard on my own. So I thank you that Jesus is the righteous man of Psalm 1, whose delight is in the law of the Lord. Through faith in him, I can live a Psalm 1 kind of life. I ask you to form my inner being so that I become more and more like Jesus. Sharpen my appetite for your law; help me meditate on it throughout the day, and make it my delight. Let me be a tree planted by streams of water, satisfied and made strong by your presence. I don't know what this day will bring; but you know my way. Guard my steps and keep me in your truth today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 32

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of majesty and light, all of creation testifies to your glory. Though your law is perfect, I have disobeyed. Though your revelation is true, I have disbelieved. Though your commandments are pure, I have not trusted you. Forgive me, O Lord, for my willful sin and for my hidden faults. Preserve me with your mighty power this day, that I may not fall into temptation. Straighten my path, and give me wisdom to discern your will, that you might be glorified in everything. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 27*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit: I worship you for revealing to me the things of God. By your power and wisdom, I have come to understand and believe the gospel. Thank you for revealing what no eye has seen and no ear has heard: the glorious things that God has prepared for those who love him!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 5*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The psalm says, “through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will enter your house.” Thank you, Lord, that I have access to you and peace with you because of your steadfast love expressed in the work of Jesus. Someday, I will enter your house eternally; but now, I sojourn in this world, journeying toward your heavenly kingdom. So teach me to savor your steadfast love as I go through this day. I confess that in my inner world, I’ve lived as an orphan for a long time. I’ve taken care of myself by controlling others, using my power in unhealthy ways, or endlessly distracting myself. So drive a vision of your majestic temple and your steadfast love deep into my imagination. You are my protector and shield. In Jesus, I’m completely covered by your favor. Please help me take hold of your love in my inner person, and let it overflow from me into the world around me, for Jesus’ sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 33**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I confess today my worry and anxiety. Instead of resting in your sovereignty, I fear the unknown. Instead of bringing my requests before you in prayer, I worry and fret. Instead of letting you be God, I fight for control. Forgive me, O Lord. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Set me free from all anxious thoughts today. Give me contentment and peace, for you have assured me that if I seek your kingdom, I will not lack any good thing. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 5:1-14*

NT READING: *Mark 2:23-3:6*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, Jesus, for showing us the true meaning of the Sabbath. Thank you that you came to do good, and to open the way to God's eternal rest. I rest in you as I await your coming Shalom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 30*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, make me a good student of your word. This psalm has something to teach me; give me ears to hear it. Parts of it are worshipful and celebratory, but there are also hints that the Psalmist has suffered after presumptuously assuming himself to be prosperous and secure. O Lord, if I worship prosperity, security, and comfort, I humbly invite your correction. You know that complete prosperity isn't good for my soul. Even the joys of hope need to be mixed with the pains of experience, that I might trust in you more deeply. So let me follow the pattern of the psalm: let me turn from my sin; let my repentance be met with grace and restoration; and let Your mercy be glorified. Take my shame, and dress me in the true gladness that comes from walking with you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 34

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good, Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 28*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 3*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you as the giver of life and the object of your church's worship. Jesus Christ, I worship you as the firm foundation upon which your church is built. Holy Spirit, I rejoice that you dwell in God's people and make them holy.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:97-112*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm reminds me that your word is given as a guide for my life: a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I'm constantly occupied with planning the future or re-playing the past, but you know every inch of my path, and you illuminate it one step at a time with your word.

Help me to walk with you patiently in this moment, alive to your presence. There are many ways in which the wicked have laid a trap for me, many kinds of temptation, but I invite you to shape my will and form my inner person so deeply that I will not stray from your commandments. You are my hiding place and my shield. Through the complications and challenges ahead of me today, keep my heart steady with love for you and my ears filled with your word. Help me walk in obedience and companionship with you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 35**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshipping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 30:18-33*

NT READING: *Luke 6:17-26*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I stand in awe of you as the master teacher. You are God's true wisdom and true revelation. May I revere you not only as my Savior, but as my teacher and guide. Your ways are the ways of life; your words are the words of truth.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:121-136*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear Father, the unfolding of your word gives light. So I humbly ask you to open my eyes, so I might understand more and more of it today. I want eyes to see and ears to hear, as Jesus said. Show me that your ways are wonderful, wise, and deep. Align my soul to respond to them with delight. If I'm blind to the beauty of your statutes, if your laws seem restrictive or limiting, I ask you: please help me see them in all their redemptive fullness, and through them, draw me into communion with you. Let me know you so intimately that as your word unfolds, I comprehend its beauty. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 36

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 17:5-13*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you that I am not my own but belong to you in body and soul. My whole being is yours, in life and in death, for your purposes and for your glory. Thank you that you are faithful to keep, protect, and guide me.

Pray personally praising God for his

attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 149*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, you invite your people to extravagantly praise you with dancing and loud music. Maybe I love to worship with this kind of joy, or maybe I've never worshiped this way in my whole life. Thank you that you invite us to know you so intimately and enjoy you so deeply that our inner lives flow with praise. Cultivate a joyful and wholehearted response in me and set me free from passive worship. In that spirit, help me wage war against evil using the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Before I look at the faults of others, help me to reckon humbly and truthfully with the sin in myself. Then, freed by the righteousness of Christ given to me, help me fight sin and worship you with all my heart today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 37**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 45:3-15*

NT READING: *Matthew 5:38-48*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I adore you for the love you have shown to your enemies. You are perfect as your Father is perfect, returning good for evil and mercy for persecution. Thank you for your grace which forgives me and empowers me to forgive as you have forgiven.

Pray personally praising God for his

attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 17*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: like David, I wish to keep my words free from deceit, my way free from violence, and my feet on a steady path. But I know that even on my best day, my integrity falls short of your perfection as David's did also. Only one person can truly say, "You have tested me and you will find nothing." Only Jesus lived with perfect honesty, peace, and integrity. Lord, I thank you that in Jesus, you answered David's cry for steadfast love, his desire to be the apple of your eye. I desire these things too. Let me pause and meditate on the reality that because of Jesus' work, I AM your treasured child. Some day, I will behold your face in righteousness, because I'm clothed completely in his righteousness. Satisfy my soul with the beauty of this assurance. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 38

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 29*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Triune God, I bow in worship and adoration before you. Father: from you and for you all things exist. Jesus: you are Lord of all creation, through whom everything has

been made. Spirit: with the Father and the Son you are worshiped and glorified. Thank you for your love, which binds your people together in unity.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 34*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this prayer invites me to meditate on your goodness, so I ask for the grace to set distractions aside and fix my inner gaze on you. As I remember your work in my life, I'm filled with gratitude because you've shown your goodness again and again. When I've called out to you in need, you've provided for me. I know my deep tendency to forget your faithfulness and go through the day driven by fear or stubborn self-sufficiency. Orient my heart to the truth of your goodness. When I'm crushed in spirit, remind me that you are near to the broken. I long for the kind of life described in this psalm, one that sees many good days, so I pray that you would keep me from evil today and help me pursue peace. Redeem the broken places in my life according to your word, Lord, and teach me to find my refuge in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 39**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18*

NT READING: *Mark 4:1-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, for in you the mystery of God's salvation has been made known. You have revealed your kingdom to the simple, the lowly, and the humble, and have given your people ears to hear and understand. Thank you for making yourself known to me!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 37:1-22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, your word is a powerful corrective for my anxious, worried mind. In this psalm, you wisely and gently doctor my soul. When I look at the world on my own, I can't understand why people who do evil seem to flourish, achieving success and the affirmation of the world even as they dishonor you. It seems like the godly should prosper, but often they're the ones with the most struggle. Why? This psalm prompts me to look beyond the surface to deeper realities, reminding me that your kingdom operates on a different economy. Justice and righteousness are coming as surely as the new day will break. In the meantime, help me stop fretting over the situations of others, and look carefully to my own soul. Help me trust in you today, and do good, as your word says. Help me to dwell faithfully in my own place, knowing that you establish my steps and hold my hand as I wait patiently for you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 40

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 30*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I worship you for calling me into a life full of purpose. The life I live in Christ is not in vain. As your representative, I have been entrusted to preach the gospel and share in its blessings. Thank you for this calling, and for the imperishable inheritance that is mine in Jesus!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 37:23-40*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Salvation is from the Lord. Not just the salvation that brings us to glory, but also in the form of many minor rescues along the way. I see your hand at work in my life, Lord, and I thank you for your constant supply of mercy, of resources, of comfort. When I look back, I see that you have indeed kept my way, even when it was invisible to me. I'm continuously trying to save myself with many old habits, deeply ingrained in my soul. But thank you that the very core of the gospel of grace is here: salvation is from the Lord. None of my own actions, good or bad, will save me. Salvation belongs only to you. Help me reckon truthfully with the things I do in an effort to save myself, to feel important, to feel safe, to be loved. Help me when I want to give them one more try. Remind me that my refuge, my stronghold, my salvation is in you. Put your law in my heart and draw me ever nearer to yourself.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 41**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus’ name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 43:8-15*

NT READING: *Luke 6:27-38*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Father: I worship you for your mercy. You are kind and benevolent not only to those who love you, but to your enemies as well. You cause the rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous, and you sent the Lord Jesus into the world to save sinners. Thank you for your great mercy may I be changed by it!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 127*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that you’ve given me a vocation and a purpose in your good world. You’ve invited me to collaborate with you in the advancement of your kingdom. Today, as I give my energy and attention to the day’s work, let me understand my tiny efforts in the bigger picture of your glorious movement of redemption. My skills, resources, and influence are given to me by you, for your glory. They’re meant to create human flourishing and return honor to you. So whether I’m building houses, or bringing up children, or serving, teaching, and creating in any number of ways, I ask you: please Lord, build with me. Help me build with you. Remind me that my labor is not in vain, as I labor with you. Saturate my imagination with this truth, for Jesus’ sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 42

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 31*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Heavenly Father, I rejoice that in your Spirit I have been baptized into one body. Across centuries and cultures, there is one Lord and one Spirit. Thank you for the beautiful mystery of the church's diversity, grounded in your eternal and unchanging unity. *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 137*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that your word includes this song of exile, connecting us with the displaced people of Israel, captives in Babylon. We see them sitting by the streams of a foreign land, lamenting their lost home and country. Your word invites our expressions of deepest loss, our yearning for home, and our longing for justice. Even today the world is full of exiled people of various kinds, and I pray for your mercy to be with them. I also recognize the longing for home in myself, that I too am spiritually exiled from my proper place. Lord, lift up the exiled today, those who are displaced from their physical homes, and those feel the spiritual weariness of their sojourning. Remind us that, just as your people Israel eventually returned home, so we will someday come back to our rightful place with you. Restore to us the songs of Zion, and fill us with hope. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 43**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 24*

NT READING: *Matthew 6:19-34*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I worship you for your providential care for me. My anxiety cannot add a single hour to my life; and it is unnecessary, for you promise to provide for my needs. Thank you for the assurance that you will care for me in body and soul.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 20*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm is a prayer for protection; and I pray it today for myself and for Your people around the world. This day may bring trouble or suffering; Lord, answer and protect your people. This day may bring disappointed desire and unfulfilled plans; Lord, remember us and regard us with favor. This day may reveal our neediness in body and mind; Lord, answer your anointed. Give us the resilience to pray in stubborn hope, not because of our own deserving, but based firmly on your goodness and mercy. Some trust in human strength, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. Oh Lord, answer us when we call.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 44

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I honor you as the head of the body, the church. In you, many have become one, enemies have become family, and your people are united in love under your Lordship. Thank you for the beauty of unity and diversity, through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 45*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Give me the grace, Lord, to set aside my distractions and join the psalmist in meditating on your perfection. Work in my imagination, so that I can see and admire you. Work on my ability to focus, so I can sustain attention on you. Work in my soul, so that I can tolerate the stillness it takes to pray deeply. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear you, because left to myself, I overstimulate my senses to numbness. Give me a refreshed heart, one that overflows with a song of love to you. This psalm reminds me that you are everything desirable: powerful, compassionate, and just, with military might and courtly splendor. Your beauty has the power to change your people. So help me meditate on your character, and be changed into your likeness. Draw me to yourself today. *Amen*.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 45**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 49:8-16*

NT READING: *Mark 4:21-41*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for the glory of your kingdom. Though it often appears small, hidden, and scattered, one day your power and glory will be fully revealed. Thank you for the hope of your coming kingdom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 67*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, for the invitation to rejoice in your goodness. With the psalmist I pray: let your face shine on your people today! Be gracious to us. Bless us. Let your deep wisdom, abundant provision, and steadfast love be known among the nations. When you come to judge with equity, you will crush oppression and injustice. You will do away with evil uses of power. You will guide the nations. Until that day, help me use my own resources to reflect your goodness in my corner of the world. Keep me from all sin, and from any compromise that would dull my influence for you. Help me enjoy your blessing on me, and extend that blessing to others.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 46

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 55*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you for Your love: the love you possess in and of yourself, and the love you've poured out on me in your Son. Your love for me in Christ is eternal and transforming. Thank you for the hope of seeing clearly what I now see only dimly, and knowing fully even as I am fully known.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 92*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Make me like one of the righteous in this psalm, Lord, planted and flourishing in your house. I love the picture of a life rooted in you: always green and alive, always fruitful, always pouring out praise to you. The psalm lays out a pattern for me as I seek deeper knowledge of you: I will declare your love in the morning, and meditate on your faithfulness at night. Help me live with this rhythm, with my inner person continually oriented toward you. This grounds me in your character and breaks old patterns of anxious thought. I don't want my soul to atrophy under a burden of fear, stress, and self-reliance. I want instead to fill my mind with you. So make your word my delight, and let me be like a thriving tree planted in your courts. *Amen*.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 47**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist, I bow before you in humility. Truly I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 62*

NT READING: *Luke 6:39-49*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, O God, as the secure foundation of my life. Thank you, O Father, for creating me for your glory. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving me your words to guide and ground me. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for transforming my inmost being, so that I bear the good fruit of righteousness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 103*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

“Bless the Lord, O my soul.” This Psalm is an invitation to preach to my *SELF*; to pause today’s rush of activity and meditate on your faithfulness, O Lord. So let me remember what you’ve done for me: you’ve forgiven my sin; you’ve healed my diseases of mind and body; you’ve redeemed my life from the pit; you’ve crowned me with steadfast love. Today’s labor may involve small, ordinary tasks, or great influence and responsibility. Either way, as I work, I’ll fix my soul on your steadfast love which stretches from everlasting to everlasting. I know my days are like the grass, and my frame is made from dust. But Your steadfast love endures forever. With all creation, I will bless you, Lord, and live for Your kingdom and glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 48

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake, and help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Hosea 2:14-23*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 3*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit: where you are, there is freedom! I adore you for your work of liberation. You are setting me free from the shackles of sin, transforming me from one degree of glory to another, by helping me behold the glory of Christ. Thank you for the mystery and majesty of your invisible work.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 131*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord God: let this gentle image of mother and child rebuke my drive for power, status, and visibility. I live in a world driven by image and influence. This world insists that I play along, but when I do, it traps me in a false version of myself. So let me respond to the invitation of this Psalm. Let me say with the Psalmist: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high. Let this prayer orient and simplify my inner life today. I’m endlessly tempted to occupy myself with things to great and marvelous for me, but in your wisdom you’ve limited my capacity so that I might understand my place as a created thing. Give me the inner disposition of the contented child resting with his mother. Let me love the simplicity of dependence and invisibility, because I’m known and enjoyed by you. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 49**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, by my irritation, and by my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in Your Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 5*

NT READING: *Matthew 7:7-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you for your promise that those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find. You are willing to be found by all who seek you; and if I ask you for bread, you won't give me a stone. Thank you for your gracious invitation to seek you and build my life upon you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 47*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Some days I can feel the joyful spirit of this psalm; and Lord, you know that some days I can't. But regardless of my inner state, I honor you as the Most High, the great king over all the earth, the one who rightly deserves my wholehearted worship. Your word invites me to sing your praise, so bring hymns and worship songs to my mind throughout this day. Let me remember that, regardless of how things may appear, you're on your throne ruling in glorious power. Capture my imagination with this vision of you high and lifted up. Awaken my soul to deeper and more fervent worship, so that my communion with you might be a source of healing for me and blessing for others. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 50

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 11:18-28*

NT READING: *Romans 3:21-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God: I adore you for your mercy in putting forward Christ Jesus as a propitiation for sins. In doing so you vindicate your righteousness, showing yourself to be just AND the justifier of those who have faith in Jesus. Thank you for your righteousness, and that by faith, I am counted righteous in Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 57*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, this Psalm is a cry for mercy. “My soul is in the midst of lions,” says the Psalmist and then he makes clear that those “lions” are actually “the children of man... whose tongues are sharp swords.” I know what it’s like to be in the midst of conflict; to experience the sharp words and harsh responses of others. Thank you that your word speaks to this reality. Help me take refuge in you rather than returning evil for evil or insult for insult. Let me be like Jesus, loving my enemies and praying for those who persecute me. And let me do this not merely as a Christian duty, but because your Spirit is transforming my inner being and actually CAUSING me to love my enemies. Give me grace today to respond to whatever conflict or tension I experience with charity, mercy, and kindness. Ground me in your steadfast love, and grant me grace in my relationships with others, for Jesus’ sake. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 51**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods, and looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43*

NT READING: *Mark 5:1-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I stand in awe of your authority over all things: seen and unseen, temporal and eternal. And I worship you for your merciful concern for human dignity. Thank you for freeing those in bondage to evil, and for standing in opposition to everything that dishonors the humanity of others.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 75*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, with the Psalmist I long for the day when you will judge the earth with equity. You hold the pillars of the earth steady. You will surely hold me steady as well. My safety is not found in human strength, in powerful leaders, in stable circumstances. My safety is found in the steadfast love of the Lord. With all my heart, I look for the day when you return, bringing justice and restoration. Your judgment is such good news, because it means that everything evil will be toppled. You will bring an unshakable stability to this fragile and fragmented world. As I go about my work today, I will look forward to the day of your judgment and I will live my life in anticipation of that day. By your grace, help me turn from all evil and selfishness today. Remind me that you love humility and goodness; you bring low the proud and the wicked. Search my heart, steady me when I face temptation, and remind me of your love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 52

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 26:16-21*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 4*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: thank you for shining in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. That light changes everything. Glory to you, O God!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 81*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, I see that I am like the Israelites in this psalm. Though I belong to you and enjoy your favor and blessing, I don't always listen to your word. I have hard, stubborn places in my heart; places where I resist your law because I'm a rebel. Deep down I prefer to solve my own problems and keep my own judgments, holding parts of myself back from full obedience. I confess and repent. Please change me. Help me remember that you have demonstrated your trustworthy character and unwavering love with proof after proof. Soften my heart, Lord. I want to obey you. Satisfy me with your love. Let me listen to your voice and walk in your ways. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 53**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus’ miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 43:16-25*

NT READING: *Luke 7:1-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for blotting out my transgressions for your own sake, and not remembering my sins. I worship you for your ability both to forgive and to heal.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 96*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this prayer is a wholehearted cry of celebration, and I pray that you would stir this same response in my heart today. Whatever pressure I feel, whatever anxious weight pulls my soul downward, whatever circumstance brings me to the end of myself, whatever failure haunts me, I will suspend those concerns and answer the invitation of this psalm. With your people through the centuries, I affirm that glory is due to your name. I celebrate your strength, majesty, and beauty, and I eagerly look for the day of your return, when you will set this world to rights. When I feel hindered in worship, I recall that praising you is my good. In fact, communing with you, adoring you, and enjoying your presence is the very medicine my soul needs. Give me a new song today, for Jesus’ sake. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 54

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 60:10-22*

NT READING: *Jude 17-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore and worship you because you are the only God, our Savior. You are the One who is able to keep me from stumbling and present me blameless before you on the last day. To you be glory, now and forever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 31*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father in heaven: as your son Jesus drew His last breath, He prayed this very Psalm: "into your hands, I commit my spirit." His prayer in suffering teaches me to do the same. I confess that I expect my circumstances to be easy and my life to go well. My culture speaks endlessly of prosperity, health, and success, as though these are the norm. These things are good gifts from you, to be received with gratitude when they come; but to always expect them distorts the reality that the world is broken. Our lives are subject to all kinds of trouble. So help me not to find myself surprised and resentful when life brings difficulty. Help me reckon honestly with suffering, without giving way to *ENTITLEMENT*. You have redeemed me and brought me near to yourself, through the suffering of your son. Give me the will and capacity to trust you all the more deeply even when I suffer. In your name, *Amen*.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.



THE DAILY LITURGY

LENT

Lent is the season of fasting and repentance of sin leading up to Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, lasting 40 days until Holy Week (a remembrance of Jesus' last days) which begins with Palm Sunday, one week before Easter.



DAY 1**ASH WEDNESDAY****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, today I enter the season mindful of my sin, my weakness, and my mortality. I confess that I often avoid introspection, reflection, and mindfulness. I do not number my days or consider the brevity of life. So today, I invite You to humble me; to chasten me; to convict me. Bring me low in deep awareness of my fragile and faltering condition. May dust and ashes point the way to joy and gladness through union with your eternal Son. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 5:16-6:10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I magnify you, O God, because in Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself, and given your people the ministry of reconciliation. For our sake you made him who knew no sin, to be sin. In Christ, the old has passed away; the new has come!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 51*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm is a cry of sorrow over sin and a plea for forgiveness. As I join my prayer to it, guide me into right repentance. Sharpen my conviction over my sin. Heal and restore the sensitivity of my conscience. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and give me renewed passion for total integrity before you. You are delighted by truth in my inward being; you want me to learn wisdom in my secret heart, so that I can know true authenticity and freedom. Wherever repentance is needed in my life, I welcome the searching eye of your all-knowing Spirit. It may be costly and painful, like bones breaking. But the psalm says, “let the bones that you have broken rejoice.” You’re not interested in showy acts of sacrifice; you love a broken and contrite heart. And you have promised to forgive all my sin through the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. So restore to me the joy of your salvation today, for Jesus’ sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 2

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good, Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7*

NT READING: *Luke 4:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I praise you, Lord Jesus, for your obedience to the Father; for your strength in temptation; and for your resistance to the devil. Because of your humility, I follow you as my example. Because of your faithfulness, I love you as my King. Because of your triumph, I worship you as my God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 6*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, for giving me prayers and psalms that teach me to express repentance. I live in a culture that dreads even the idea of guilt, and goes to great lengths to self-justify. But there's a deeper wisdom in repentance that allows me to speak the truth about myself to you. Knowing that you've already seen and made provision for my sin, I can lay my burden down. Even in my troubled state, I can follow the path of David, who didn't hide from you, but knew you well enough to appeal for your mercy. Thank you that just as you heard his weeping, you also hear mine. As you accepted his prayer, so you accept mine, through the mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Where I need to make amends to others, help me do so. Where I need to change my actions, help me do so. Fill my inner person with the sense of your loving presence to an ever-increasing degree, so that my most familiar sins become alien to me. Make them bitter, and yourself sweet, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 3

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshiping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 58:1-12*

NT READING: *Matthew 17:1-8, 22-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I adore you in the beauty of your holiness and the power of your majesty. As the radiance of God's glory, you have brought light to a dark world and life to people dead in sin. You are God's beloved son; I will listen to you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 25*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, prayer is the ascent of the soul toward you; and I join with this psalm to lift my mind, my heart, and my soul upward. My natural instinct is to focus on the things of this world. I constantly give my attention to lesser things. I obsessively look for opportunities to escape from reality. I know deep in my bones that these things are cheap. Insubstantial. They really can't bear the weight of my desires. Make me like the psalmist, whose desire and longing is aimed toward you. Use the events of this day the good things, as well as the loneliness and trouble to change my sense of what is worthy of longing, so that I lose my taste for lesser things. Sharpen my hunger for the substance, beauty and weight the glory of you. I know you are good in my intellect; teach me these things at the deepest level of my experience. Guard my soul, O Lord. With the psalmist I say, may integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait for you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 4**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 1*

NT READING: *1 Peter 3:8-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I praise you, O God, for your providential care for your people. Who can harm those whom you have declared righteous? Who can condemn those whom you have given a good conscience? Thank you for the grace which saves, protects, and keeps, until the end of time.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 32*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm rejoices in the relief of a conscience that's completely clear before you. I've felt the freedom of dealing honestly with my sin and knowing that it is covered! Yet I confess that I seldom engage repentance with that kind of whole-heartedness. I'm prone to keep silent about my sin. My heart is stubborn and foolish. Lord, I long to live a different way, not isolated by sin, but enjoying the free-flowing communion of a clear conscience and intimate friendship with you. Help me to confess my sins to you more readily. Give me a humble and teachable spirit. Counsel me, and keep your eye upon me. Teach me the blessing and freedom of repentance. Help me to really comprehend the steadfast love of the Lord, which surrounds the one who trusts in you. With your help, I will cultivate repentance, humility, gladness, and joy in my heart today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 5

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 9:1-17*

NT READING: *Mark 8:27-9:1*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I bow before you as God's anointed King. Your claim on me is total, and as your disciple I submit my whole life to you. Thank you for the a salvation that is worth more than the whole world.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 10*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, thank you that your word offers a spacious invitation to human confusion and complaint. As I pray along, I find myself learning to be more honest with you about my troubles, doubts, and frustrations. At the same time, the psalm grounds itself resolutely in your goodness and care, teaching me to persist in hope. These two streams flow together. My world isn't very different from the one described in this psalm. I, too, see injustice and exploitation all around, seemingly unchecked. But before I deplore the sins of others, Lord, give me insight into my own soul, that I might deplore sin in myself first. I pray with the psalmist: "Arise, O Lord, and lift up your hand." Let justice roll down for the oppressed and the fatherless. Purify my interior being, so that I might live and work as a citizen of your kingdom, with your ways alive and vibrant in my soul.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 6**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 1:1-16*

NT READING: *Romans 5:12-19*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I praise you for being better than Adam; better than Moses. Where sin brings death, your free gift brings life. Where sin brings condemnation, you

bring justification. Thank you for your grace which abounds for many.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 27*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: as David wrote this psalm, he was under military threat, with every reason to fear for his life. Yet he responded by preaching to himself that the Lord was his stronghold. He describes his enemies gathered around him, prepared for war; but instead of fearing, he sets his mind on the temple. He asks to see the face of the Lord. As I read this psalm, I invite this psalm likewise to read me, to act as my teacher and guide. O Lord, give me the grace to seek your face even when my heart is pounding and my thoughts are scattered. When I ground myself in your light and beauty, I find the strength to wait patiently for you. Strengthen my confidence that I'll see your goodness in the land of the living. Teach me what it means to abide in you, so that union with you becomes my daily habit. Fashion my inner life according to the example of this psalm and help me practice honest, confident prayer when I'm afraid today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 7

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 1:17-22*

NT READING: *Romans 9:30-10:21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ: I praise you that everyone who believes in you will not be put to shame. Through your creation and through your Word, your voice has gone out into all the earth, so that all who call on your name may be saved. Thank you for your abundant generosity to those you fear you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 73*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this Psalm reminds me that the prosperity of the wicked is short-lived. And I need to be reminded of that, because often the world doesn't seem fair. The righteous struggle, and the wicked seem to prosper. But stepping back to view things from an eternal perspective, I see things with greater wisdom. Momentary flourishing is different from true happiness. Your justice will prevail; you set the wicked in slippery places and make them fall to ruin. And so I say with the Psalmist today: "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you." I say this in faith, because actually there *ARE* things on earth that I desire; but in my heart of hearts, I rest in your goodness. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." In my weakness, you are strong; though my heart is pulled in many directions, you anchor me. Those who are far from you may appear to flourish, but real life is found in being near to you. So today, I remind myself of that truth, and I reach out in faith to embrace your nearness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 8**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 20:1-21*

NT READING: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, all things pale in comparison with the surpassing worth of knowing you. Through faith your righteousness is my righteousness; your power is my power; your resurrection is my resurrection. Because you have made me your own, I adore you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 102*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, I praise you for your everlasting consistency. The heavens and earth will wear out like a garment, but you will remain. Your years have no end. Help me remember that most of what I give myself to in this life is temporary, transient, passing away. It's inevitable that some of my energy must be given to things that are fleeting. But I want to give the best of my time and energy to things that are eternal: your Word, your people, and your kingdom. So help me today to prioritize your Word and your work. Help me attend to the children and young people around me, looking for opportunities to declare your name to a coming generation. Help me be mindful of the brevity of life, and live with eternity in mind. Arise and have pity on your people; build up your church, and use me however you will to further your purposes in the world.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 9

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 2*

NT READING: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I praise you for your transforming power. I rejoice that because I am united with you, my citizenship is in heaven. By grace, I stand firm in you, and I await the day when you will transform my lowly body to be like your glorious body.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 121*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, today I lift up my eyes and ask: from where does my help come? My help comes from you, the one who keeps me. Thank you that today, no matter what I face, I can count on your sustaining grace to hold me steady, to give me strength, and to keep me grounded in your promises. You never slumber or sleep; you are always vigilant. In Jesus, you *WILL* keep me from all evil. Though momentary evils may be my lot, my future is incredibly bright. Though trouble, sickness, pain, and even death may come my way, none of them has the final say; for in Jesus Christ you have swallowed up death and given me life eternal. My life is in your hands. So today, whatever I face, let me rest confidently in your sovereignty and trust in your good providence. Do not let my foot be moved from the narrow path of faith and obedience.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 10**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE # 33**

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 3*

NT READING: *Luke 13:1-9*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Sovereign God: I worship you for the justice of your judgment. You will not let the guilty go unpunished; yet you are patient, desiring that all should come to repentance. Thank you that your wrath is not arbitrary or random but is rooted in your eternal, unchanging goodness.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 132*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm celebrates your covenant promises to David. You told him, "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne." And I know that Jesus, the Son of David, inherits this promise and fulfills this Psalm. So today, I renew my submission to King Jesus, the one who has been crowned Lord of all. I confess that sometimes my obedience can be slothful, weak, and half-hearted. But as I hear this Psalm, I am inspired by David's zeal for your house. He promised not to give rest to his eyes until he established Zion as your dwelling place. Likewise, let me be resolute in my devotion to you today. Help me diligently offer You my full and complete obedience, rejoicing in your rule and reign and purposing to serve you wholeheartedly in whatever comes my way.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 11**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 15:1-18*

NT READING: *Luke 13:22-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I praise you for your resolute faithfulness to your mission. No amount of human cunning or political scheming could deter you from setting your face toward Jerusalem and the cross that awaited you there. Thank you that because of your faithfulness, I have been redeemed.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 3*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: thank you for the way this psalm instructs me in times of uncertainty and fear. The psalmist's enemies gather on every side, rising relentlessly against him. Yet he responds, not with fear, but with a radical confidence in the protective care of God. Salvation, he says, belongs to the Lord. And he lays down to sleep. As I confront my own stresses and anxieties, I thank you that you are a shield about me. I lift my cares and concerns to you. Be my glory. Lift my head.

Let me sleep deeply, knowing that you sustain me and surround me with your salvation. Remind me that because I belong to Jesus, I can be at peace in the midst of my enemies, resting in your loving care. Finally, God: please break the teeth of the wicked. Deliver the vulnerable from those who would harm them, and look after all who are in need today. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 12**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 4*

NT READING: *Romans 4:13-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, I adore you for your faithfulness to your promises. You give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist. Thank you that you counted Abraham's faith as righteousness; and thank you that you count me righteous by faith as well.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 19*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, when it comes to understanding you, this psalm reminds me that the natural world is my first teacher. The sky above, the world around me even my own backyard reveals your beauty, goodness, and power. The psalm shows me that my next teacher is your law, which offers a blazing vision of your people living well in balanced, right relationship with you. It guides me, refines me, and calls me to wholeness. It reminds me that your wisdom aligns the distorted places in my soul and makes me truly human. I'm not good at discerning my own errors, so I add my prayer to the psalmist's: keep me from presumptuous sins today. Watch over the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart; make them acceptable in your sight. You see all, and nothing in my life is hidden from you. So search out and refine every hidden part of me, that I may wholly please you in all I do.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 13

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 34:29-35*

NT READING: *John 2:13-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as God's true prophet, filled with zeal for righteousness, and as God's true sacrifice, sent to cleanse his people from their sin. Nothing is hidden from you; all of the desires and motives of men are made plain to you. Thank you that because you know what is in man, you know what is in *ME* and you

are able to transform the deepest recesses of my heart.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 44*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, thank you for the refreshing honesty of this Psalm. The Psalmist cries: "Awake! Why are you sleeping, Lord?" Yet elsewhere, your word says you NEVER slumber or sleep. And so I'm reminded that the language of prayer is the language of honesty and lament. In my own life, it does sometimes seem as though you're asleep. I experience trouble. I encounter unexpected trials. I bear ongoing burdens in my mind and body. You, Lord Jesus, know this suffering because you experienced it too. My suffering connects me to your suffering. You faced your trial alone, so that I could face mine with the full comfort and care of God. So today, rise up and help me. Do not hide your face from me. Teach me to cling to you, even in difficulty. Redeem me and deliver me, for the sake of your steadfast love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 14**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 5*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 10:1-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, I worship you as my sustainer and keeper. Thank you for the mystery of participation in the body and blood of Christ. Thank you for your sustaining grace in temptation. And thank you for these warnings, that I may not fall into presumption or complacency.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 54*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, help me to be a careful student of David's example today. In this Psalm, he expresses anxiety and suffering to You; he recalls Your faithfulness; and he responds with gratitude. I know my own soul. I know its old habit of withdrawing from You when my life is messy, confusing, or painful. My instinct is to pull away and try to fix things myself, only coming to you when I feel more presentable. But your word reminds me that you invite my weakness. When the psalm says, "behold, God is my helper," that's because you know that I need help, that my frame is dust, and that I must be rescued. So today, will you graciously form my inner person away from self-reliance? Use the circumstances of this day to build in me an instinctive and ongoing return to your love, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 15

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist, I bow before you in humility. Truly I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 2*

NT READING: *1 Peter 4*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I rejoice in your providence and in your promise that all things work together for my good. Thank you that as I share in your sufferings, you are glorified. And thank you that I am united to a Savior who upholds me, defends me, and sustains me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 63*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, your word strengthens and comforts me. It speaks across the millennia to the deepest questions of the human heart. I understand what the psalmist means about the weariness of the waiting soul. I have questions that have never been answered. I have experiences that leave me uncertain. I have desires that have never found their expression, and capacities that have never been filled. Your word drops into my troubled waters like an anchor, grounding me as I wait for you. Teach me that my unmet desires are not tokens of defeat, but sacred invitations to cling fiercely to you. Take my thirsty soul into your care today, and satisfy me with your abundant loving-kindness. Be my help. Shelter me under your wings. Teach me to sing for joy. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 16**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake, and help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 6*

NT READING: *Ephesians 4:32-5:14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

JESUS: I adore you because you gave yourself up for us. You have given me an inheritance in your kingdom and have filled my life with light. As your beloved child, I long to imitate you and grow in your likeness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 123*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this brief psalm is a song of ascent, sung as the people went up to your house to worship. The road to worship is joyful, but it ends with a complaint and a cry for mercy. This is true for my life as well; sometimes I worship you through the dim lens of discouragement or uncertainty.

This is common to human beings, and I’m so grateful that you understand our frailty, inviting us to communicate openly with you about the whole range of our experience. You desire truth in my inner being, so I offer my prayers to you with the fullest expression of trust and honesty. I lift my eyes to you, depending on you for my care and nurture today. Have mercy on me, O Lord; have mercy on me. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 17

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, my irritation, and my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what You think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in your Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 3:1-24*

NT READING: *John 4:1-26*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, I adore you as the giver of living water. Thirsty I come to you, and you satisfy. Thank you for the gift of eternal, abundant life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 13*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I'm grateful, O Lord, that your word expresses the whole scope of human feeling. In this season of reflection and repentance, I come to this psalm as a humble student, open to its instruction. My soul cries out with the psalmist, "How long?" I ask you to speak to the parts of my life where I feel isolation, sorrow, or brokenness. When I'm struggling to hear your voice, to feel your presence, or to understand your ways... help me bring all my confusion to you. How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? With the psalmist, I will recall your steadfast love. As I lift up my soul in prayer, meet me with your consoling presence. Teach me to rejoice in your salvation. Deal bountifully with me today, O Lord, and fill my inner being with songs of praise to you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 18**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 3:25-48*

NT READING: *John 4:27-42*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you as God's anointed messenger, ruler, and Savior. The time of waiting is over; the time of harvest is here! Thank you for bringing me into the joy of sowing and reaping in your kingdom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 23*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

You, Lord, are my shepherd. These words remind me of my humble state, because sheep depend on their shepherd completely. While I meditate on this truth, help me lay aside visions of my own importance and capability. Help me see my proper place in relation to you. Quiet my tendency to crave the things of the world today, for when you provide for me, my needs are truly met. Quiet my busy heart, and help me look for your green pastures and still waters. If I go through the valley of the shadow of death today suffering in body, mind, or circumstance help me not to fear. Comfort me with your rod and staff. You are so powerful and good that you prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 19

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods, and looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 3:49-66*

NT READING: *Romans 8:6-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HOLY SPIRIT: I adore you. Thank you for dwelling in me, and for confirming in me my adoption as a child of God. Thank you for the way you give life to my mortal body through your indwelling presence and transforming power.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 64*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: This psalm expresses the fears of David as he is hounded by his enemies. But it also points forward to the suffering of Jesus in the days before his death. Help me set aside my haste and my distractions to be present to the suffering of my savior. He was surrounded by the hidden plots of the wicked and the throng of evildoers. They held fast their secret purpose to attack him without warning. They aimed their arrows at him, and he endured it all for the sake of reconciling us to himself. If I experience injustice or suffering today, help me remember that Jesus himself suffers with me and for me. Make me more mindful of Jesus today; let me ponder what he has done, and deepen my gratitude for his obedience. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 20**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 17:1-16*

NT READING: *Hebrews 5:5-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I adore you for your humility. Because of your obedience, you were exalted and made perfect; by faith, your obedience becomes my obedience, and I am made perfect! Thank you for being my high priest and the source of eternal salvation.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 86*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, I humbly ask you to incline your ear and listen to my prayer today. Because you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, I boldly ask you to turn to me and be gracious to me. Your word teaches me to pray this way. Lord, I need your abundant grace for the day ahead. Teach me to cry out to you all day long, both to express my need and to experience your companionship. With the Psalmist, I say: Teach me your way, that I may walk in your truth. My heart is drawn in many conflicting directions. Unite my inmost being to revere and honor your name. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord: nor are there any works like yours. Make me fully yours today, and help me walk in ways that bring glory and honor to you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 21

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus’ miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

NT READING: *John 11:1-45*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the resurrection and the life. No one who believes in you will be put to shame; everyone who believes in you, though they die, will live. I rejoice that in you, death has been defeated once for all.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22, 39-43*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear Lord, give me ears to hear the gentle admonition of this psalm. Direct my intention and train my will to pay close attention to your word today. This means setting aside distractions. It means cultivating my skills of spiritual observation, so that I might see and be taught by your word, your ways, and your priorities. I want to be wise, and your word says, “whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let him consider the steadfast love of the Lord.” This psalm begins and ends on the same note: the steadfast love of the Lord. And in between, it speaks of the delight of the Lord in his diverse people from all four corners of the earth. It reminds me that no matter how foolish I am, my humble repentance is met with a flood of mercy. It teaches me that because the Lord loves the poor and the oppressed, I must invite that same love to grow in my soul. Dear God, I consent to being shaped by your word today. As I pay attention to your steadfast love, may I be renewed and changed until I am a truer reflection of your goodness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 22**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 7*

NT READING: *John 11:45-57*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, I praise you that you did not spare your own Son but gave him up for us all. Through his death, the nations are welcomed into your family. Through his sacrifice, the scattered children of God

are gathered into one. Thank you for the life and the death of Jesus.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 143*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: today I come to you for strength in spiritual conflict. I may not have physical adversaries like David did when he wrote this Psalm, but I know very well what Paul means when he writes, "we wrestle against spiritual forces of evil." Whether I confront true spiritual oppression, or the more mundane and ordinary attacks of sin and temptation, your word teaches me to cry out in prayer. The enemy may pursue my soul, but your word reminds me that I'm never left alone. Lord, please help me today, when my spirit grows faint, to remember the days of old, to meditate on your faithfulness, and to lift up my soul to you. Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground. In your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble today, and teach me to walk in ever closer, ever sweeter dependence on you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 23

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good, Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 4:1-11*

NT READING: *Matthew 21:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the triumphant, glorious, and reigning King. You are Israel's true messiah and creation's true ruler. I bow before you today in humble worship.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 12*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: I live in a time when "vileness is exalted among the children of men." I need today the moral courage to call sin sin, and to name wickedness for what it is. And I need the grace to start with myself. This Psalm speaks of flattering lips and a double heart and I am not free from guilt in these areas. I sin with my lips, and my heart is prone to turn from you. So today, guard the gate of my mouth, that I may speak words of truth and blessing. And strengthen the resolve of my heart, that I may stay close to you and not turn to idols and false comforts. Bring your grace and mercy to bear in the world through your people. Where there is evil to be confronted, give us the courage to confront it. Where there is good to be done, give us the grace to act. Help my eyes be open and my soul aware of the opportunities around me today to act for your glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 24

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & 19

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshiping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 4:12-22*

NT READING: *Matthew 26:30-56*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your obedience and your sacrifice. For the sake of sinners, you were betrayed into the hands of sinners. For the sake of your enemies, you gave yourself up to be crucified. I honor you as my Lord and my Savior.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 109:1-20*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: as I pray this psalm, I acknowledge its strong language of curse and imprecation. And then I remember the strength and power of evil in the world. My heart burns with indignation when I hear of the abuse of women and children, of corrupt people profiting from the ruin of the innocent, of cruel oppression of the vulnerable, of gratuitous exploitation of the poor. Thank you for giving us language to express ferocious hatred for evil. I remember that both the blessings and curses of Scripture point us to Jesus, who bore the curse for us, that we might receive Your blessing. And I remember that a time of pardon has been declared through the gospel, so that forgiveness through Jesus might be proclaimed to the nations. Yet one day, at the end of time, the curses of Scripture will fall on those who harden themselves to the Savior and to his love. So today, keep me soft toward you, and give me grace to be a bearer of the good news to all those I encounter. Give me greater sensitivity to the sufferings of others. Give me deeper love for justice and mercy. Show me how I can use my influence today to bring healing and hope to others, in the name of Jesus.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 25

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 18:1-32*

NT READING: *Philippians 2:4-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus: I bow my knee today before the name that is above every other name. I worship you for your obedience, for your humility, for emptying yourself to the point of death. I confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 109:21-31*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, today I cry out to you on behalf of the poor and needy. There are so many who suffer from various kinds of violence and oppression. With the psalmist I cry out for justice. In prayer, I enter into the hardship of others. Because of your steadfast love, I can pour out my lament honestly before you. Even if I live a safe, secure life, help me remember that you stand at the right hand of the needy and oppressed. Someday all your people will be gathered into one great assembly, alive, healed, and filled with praise. Until that day, give me grace to return thanks and praise to you. And give me eyes to see how I can use the resources you've given me to bless and serve those in need. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 26**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Numbers 21:4-9*

NT READING: *John 3:1-15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I praise you as the giver of the new birth. Thank you that by the mysterious and unseen working of your Holy Spirit, I have been born again, and have entered the kingdom of God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:1-16*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: I praise you for the beauty of your law. I confess that sometimes I relate to your law merely as a set of rules or a “good way to live,” forgetting that it’s actually an invitation into relational communion with you. You give me your law because you want me to walk with You in holiness and joy and flourishing. Your laws reveal your character, and they reveal your good plans for the world. So give me the resolute conviction of the Psalmist. Help me purpose to follow your commandments. Help me fix my eyes on your ways. Help me delight in obeying you. Even today, let your word be on my lips and on my heart, that I may not sin against you. I affirm that you are good, and you do good. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 27

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name’s sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 8*

NT READING: *John 12:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, you are more precious than anything else. What can I offer you that is worthy of you? What can I give you that is not already yours? I worship you because you accept the humble sacrifices of your people and bless their praise.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 126*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that you are the God who restores your people. This psalm is a song of ascent sung by travelers on their way up to worship at your temple. As they reflect on their history with you, they remember the overwhelming joy of coming home from exile. Their captivity was great, and great was their deliverance, because it was executed by your great and mighty hand. Help me remember my own deliverance today. Let me look to the prisons from which I’ve been set free. At my first conversion what a release from captivity I experienced. I’ll never forget it. Since then, from many troubles, from depression of spirit, from miserable backsliding, from grievous doubt, I’ve have been emancipated; sometimes quickly and sometimes gradually. I remember the joy which followed each emancipation. As I do my work today, keep the joy of your great deliverance alive in my heart. *Amen*.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 28**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 9*

NT READING: *John 12:20-36*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I praise you as my guide who goes before me and my redeemer who saves me. Following you means following you into death, yet gaining eternal life. I bow before you as your humble servant, and I honor you as the conquering Son of God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 130*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, thank you for the reminder that waiting is part of worship. The Psalmist writes: "my soul waits for the Lord, and in his word I hope." So much of life with you is waiting. And though I wish your word gave answers for everything, the fact is that it doesn't. Rather, it gives me a reason to hope, and it reveals the character of the one in *WHOM* I hope. I don't know what challenges may come today, or what I may be called to suffer. But I do know that I'm not alone. Thank you for listening to my cry for mercy. Thank you that for all those who hope in Christ, you don't mark iniquities. I wait for you, O Lord, watching for your mercy like a scout watching for the sun to rise. My soul waits for you today, and in your word I hope.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 29

OPENING PRAYER

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 5*

NT READING: *John 13:1-30*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I adore you as the Suffering Servant. Thank you for your marvelous humility, even on the night of your betrayal. I humbly receive your cleansing, and ask for the grace to serve others as you have served me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 26*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm draws a sharp contrast between the righteous and the wicked. And I want to be righteous. I want to walk in integrity, and trust you without wavering. Yet I know that I fall short of this intention. So I thank you, Lord Jesus, that your absolute obedience, your perfect wholeness, and your complete righteousness have covered my shame and guilt like a royal garment. Because you have made me holy by grace, I can strive for holiness with my whole being. So today, when I'm tempted by falsehood or hypocrisy, help me remember your love and choose integrity. When I'm tempted toward ingratitude or selfishness, help me remember your mercy and choose thankfulness. Place my foot on level ground. Deepen my longing for your house and for your presence. Remind me that I stand with a great assembly of your people all around the world who honor you and bless your name.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 30**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 43*

NT READING: *John 14:1-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you as the way, the truth, and the life. You are the fulfillment of my longings and the end of my wanderings. Thank you that in knowing you, I have come to know the Father.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 39*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, I often forget that my days are short. My inner life is marked by a deep self-absorption, so that my pursuits, my goals, and my problems take over my thinking. This self-focus seems empowering, but in reality it's a heavy burden. Your word reminds me that I'm not the star of my own show; instead, I'm a sojourner on the road to meet you. My life is a breath and my time on earth is fleeting. So help me make every day count for your glory. Fill me with purpose and help me give myself to your cause and your kingdom. Draw me into deeper communion with you, so that as I number my days, I find greater satisfaction in you. Deliver me from fruitless, burdensome self-absorption today. Hear my prayer and transform me, day by day, into the likeness of your son. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 31

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 10*

NT READING: *John 15:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I adore you as the vine, in whom I have life and bear fruit. Apart from you I can do nothing. Thank you that as the Father has loved you, you have loved me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 43*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I thank you, Lord, for this prayer, which speaks hope the downcast. Perhaps my own soul is downcast today; and even if I am not, I know those who are. So I ask you today to send out your light and your truth. The truth is, you look at your children with love, regardless of whether we feel acceptable to you, because in Christ we're clean, whole, and welcome. Your loving-kindness is deeper than the turmoil within us. Even our discouragement can't separate us from your love. Even our mourning can't dim the light of your presence. So today, I say with the psalmist: "Why are you downcast, O my soul? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him." For myself and for all your people who are downcast: bring us to your altar, and remind us that *YOU* are our exceeding joy.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 32**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 11*

NT READING: *John 16:16-33*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you for the hope of what is to come. The day is coming when sorrow will be turned to gladness, when mourning will be turned to rejoicing, and when all that is hidden will be revealed. You have overcome the world; in just a little while, we will see you, and our joy will be full.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 79*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, I lament with the Psalmist over the destruction of Jerusalem. As it was in his day, so it is in ours. Your people are hard-pressed on every side. Enemies of the cross taunt and mock us, saying, "Where is their God?" Christians throughout the world experience oppression and persecution. In times like these, we need you to ground us deeply in your word, so that we might respond faithfully when hard times come. So today, "let your compassion come speedily to meet us." Help us remember Jesus, who endured great suffering on our behalf, and who has prepared great glory yet to be revealed. I know that someday you will make all things right, and I pray for patience and endurance until that day comes. Give me power, in my own small corner of the world, to see and relieve the suffering of others, and so reflect your loving-kindness. Be near to all your beloved ones who suffer today. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 33

OPENING PRAYER:

PSALM 27 & 86

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 12*

TRANSITION: *“And now we pray...”*

NT READING: *John 17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: thank you for drawing me into union with yourself. The Father is in you; and you are in the Father; and I am in you. In some mysterious way I have been drawn into the very delight and communion of the Trinity; and in this mystery I bow my knee in reverent worship.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 90*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord: teach me to number my days. With this Psalm ringing in my ears, I reflect on your power and permanence, contrasted with my small and temporary nature. You, Lord, are an everlasting dwelling place. I'm like the grass that springs up and then fades. So teach me to value each of the days that you've given me. Satisfy my restless soul with the deep knowledge that because you are from everlasting to everlasting, I have an eternal hope. Give me the grace to do today's work with a sense of meaning and purpose, AND with a sense of humility and self-forgetfulness. In one sense, what I do won't last; it's fleeting and temporary. And yet in another sense, all my work done in you will last forever, because it's an act of worship to You. So today, establish the work of my hands, O God. And satisfy me with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 34**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 31:31-40*

NT READING: *Luke 19:28-44*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus! I honor you as Israel's true ruler; I worship you as the sovereign King of all creation; and I submit to you as my Lord. May all glory, majesty, and honor be yours.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 118*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this is the day that you have made; I will rejoice and be glad in it! With the vast company of your people through all time, I rejoice in your steadfast love. Thank you that you are on my side, that you answer me and set me free. When I feel pressed by temptation today, I'll call on you for help. When I feel weary with my work today, I'll proclaim that You are my strength. When I must fight for joy today, I'll remember to sing the glad songs of salvation. I thank you Lord, for Jesus, the stone that the builders rejected. In his death, he became the cornerstone, so that I could be joined with him as a stone in the house of God. Fill me with awe and worship of Jesus today, that by His power I might speak with boldness, live with integrity, and stand firm in every temptation.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.



THE DAILY LITURGY

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week immediately preceding Easter. It is also the last week, in the West, – Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, (Spy Wednesday), Maundy Thursday, (Holy Thursday), Good Friday, (Holy Friday), and Holy Saturday, – are all included.



DAY 35**HOLY WEEK****OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE HOLY WEEK

Father: as I enter Holy Week, I confess the weakness of my love for the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the week of his death and resurrection; a week that changed the world forever; yet I confess that to me, it feels like just another Monday morning. Through your Word, your Spirit, and your people, awaken my cold heart and stir my affections for Christ. Let me enter this week with the eyes of my heart wide open to the beauty and glory of my Savior's love for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

NT READING: *Hebrews 9:11-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I praise you for offering yourself without blemish as a sacrifice for sin through the eternal Holy Spirit. I adore you for the eternal redemption you secured through your blood. Thank you for purifying my conscience from dead works, that I might serve the living God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 36*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord God: I praise you today for your steadfast love, displayed most fully in the gift of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This Psalm uses language of feasting to describe the joy of those who find fellowship with you. It also speaks plainly of the reality of evil of those whose hearts are given to wickedness and sin. I want to be instructed by both images: motivated to turn away from sin, and drawn toward the river of your delights. So today, make your steadfast love real to me. As I think on Jesus' death and resurrection, help me see the great wickedness of sin with fresh clarity, and help me turn from it decisively. Give me eyes to see also the greatness of your love for me in Christ, and let me be moved to worship and awe. "In your light, we see light" so let the darkness of Good Friday, and the bright light of Easter Sunday illumine my vision this week. Let me see all of reality through the lens of the cross and resurrection.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 36**HOLY WEEK****OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, as I enter Holy Week, I admit the depth of my distraction. Deep worship comes through deep reflection... but my soul is shallow. I am distracted and worried about many things. My soul lacks the peace and rest to meditate deeply on your cross. Thank you that you died for even this your sacrifice covers even my weakness in pondering your sacrifice! By Your Spirit, increase my capacity for wonder, rest, and worship, as I set aside these moments to reflect on your Word. Through Jesus Christ, my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

NT READING: *Hebrews 4:14-5:9*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I adore you today as one who deals gently with the weak. You sympathize with my weaknesses, and you welcome me to draw near to find mercy and grace in my time of need. With confident humility, I draw near to you as my merciful high priest!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 71 (prayer focused on 1-14)*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: as I hear the words of this Psalm, I imagine them on the lips of Jesus as he journeyed toward the cross. The sorrow and distress expressed in this psalm anticipates what he must have experienced in the days before his death. I confess my tendency to avoid suffering and pain; I'm prone to ignore sadness and lament. But this is not the way of Jesus. He was acquainted with sorrow and grief, and never more than when he approached his death. When I'm tempted to acknowledge his suffering intellectually, and not engage it with my soul, I invite you to slow me down, orient my heart, and help me feel. Increase my sensitivity to my own sin, and to the dullness of my affections. And in those times when I labor under an oversized burden of guilt, remind me that Jesus has lifted my burden and I am free. Today, O God, be not far from me; make haste to help me. Let your Spirit work deeply in me, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 37**HOLY WEEK****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE HOLY WEEK

O Lord: at the midpoint of this Holy Week, I admit my weariness. Like your disciples who fell asleep in the hour of prayer, I find myself lulled to sleep by the cares of life. Rather than being alert and ready for worship and prayer, I am slothful and slow of heart. Let my weakness remind me that it is you alone that I need. You were alone in the garden; you were alone on the cross; and it is in you alone that I find redemption. So let my weakness drive me to you for strength, and let my weariness remind me of your abundant grace for all the weak and weary. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 12:1-14*

NT READING: *Mark 14:1-42*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: you have given me your broken body that my hunger would be filled. You have poured out your blood that my sin would be forgiven. In your death, I am

made alive. Thank you for laying down your life so that I could have life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 70*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord Jesus: the Psalms were your prayer book, and you doubtless prayed these words as you suffered for me. Your own people delighted as you were brought low. The same crowds that cheered for you days before encouraged Pilate to crucify you. In my own life, I'm like those people. I've called myself a follower of yours, but I deny you with my sin. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for bearing the shame and rejection that I deserved. Give me new allegiance to you as I take up citizenship in your kingdom and identify myself with you. Give me greater confidence in being associated with you, and may your name be always on my lips and your praise always on my tongue. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 38

MAUNDY THURSDAY

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus: on this Maundy Thursday, I confess my abandonment of you. Like your disciples who fled in fear, I too have turned my back on you. I have been ashamed to associate with you and unwilling to bear your name courageously before others. I have failed to stand up for what's right, and I have gone along with the ways of the world. Forgive me, Lord Jesus. In the Last Supper, I see you inviting fearful disciples into fellowship with you, through the cup that represents your costly sacrifice. In this, I know you welcome even me to your Table. And so I come, confident of your forgiveness. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 50*

NT READING: *John 18:1-19-16*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I adore you for the agony you endured on my behalf. Who can understand the depth of your suffering?

I close my mouth in silence and bow my knee in worship.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 116*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord Jesus: as I read this psalm, I hear it as though coming from your lips, and takes on fuller and deeper meaning. The Father *DID* hear your pleas for mercy. He *DID* free your soul from the snares of death. And because the Father did these things for you, I *KNOW* he will do them for me. "What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD." Let me lift high your salvation today, and let me call on you for help for in so doing, I honor you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

DAY 39**GOOD FRIDAY****OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus: it is the day of your death. And on this day, I confess that I was complicit in your murder. It was my sin that nailed your hands to the cross; my wickedness that pressed the thorns into your brow; my pride that stabbed the spear into your side. I cried out for your crucifixion; I mocked and spit upon you.

Yet it was for me that you said, “Father, forgive them;” it was for me that you said, “It is finished.” With the thief on the cross I see your great love, and I plead, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” It is I, not you, who deserve condemnation. Forgive my great sin, and receive me through your mercy. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 52:13 Isaiah 53:12*

NT READING: *Mark 15:21-41*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: in the shame, scorn, and humiliation of the cross, I adore you. There you

hang, mocked, beaten, reviled, and abandoned; and yet beautiful. What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord Jesus: this Psalm, more than any other, foretells your death. All those who saw you mocked you, wagging their heads and saying, “he trusts in God; let God deliver him.” But Father: you DIDN’T deliver your son. He was poured out like water. His bones went out of joint. His heart melted like wax. His clothes were divided. His hands and feet were pierced. And all of this, so that the offspring of Israel might stand in awe of him, and all the ends of the earth might turn to him. I will gaze on Jesus’ suffering in my heart today, remembering that he suffered for me. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

DAY 40

HOLY SATURDAY

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139 & ISAIAH 55

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus: on this day, I confess my lack of joy. Your resurrection has changed the world! It is the most joyful news in all of history! Yet I remain Stoic or even despondent, not allowing the joy of the resurrection to permeate my disposition. Forgive me, Lord Jesus. Help me to rejoice! Especially today, as I prepare for worship on Easter Sunday, fill my heart with joy and life and my body with exuberant gladness. Let my joy be contagious, and my gratitude evident, through the grace of your Holy Spirit: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Job 14:1-14*

NT READING: *Matthew 27:57-66*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I praise you for the quiet anticipation of this day. Death could not hold you, sin could not defeat you, Sheol could not contain you. I adore you as the one who tasted death for me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 31 (prayer focused on verses 1-4, 15-16)*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord Jesus: how unsurprising that the words you spoke from the cross were the words of Scripture. The Scriptures were your life; let them be mine as well. This Psalm concludes, “Be strong, and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD!” As I wait for Easter Sunday tomorrow, let my heart take courage. And remind me that in one way, all of life is Holy Saturday. We are always looking back and looking forward. So let me anticipate the new heavens and the new earth in the same way I anticipate the morning. Let the joy of Easter Sunday remind me of the eternal joy that awaits all who hope in you. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.


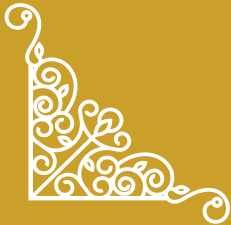
We wish you a wonderful Lord’s day tomorrow, and we’ll see you again on Monday, for another week of the Daily Liturgy Podcast.



THE DAILY LITURGY

EASTERTIDE

Eastertide celebrates the resurrection of Christ and is a season of celebration and hope. It lasts for seven weeks.



WEEK 1: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE EASTER

Lord Jesus Christ: with great hope in the power of your resurrection, I acknowledge my sin before you. I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive my sin, O merciful Savior. Cleanse my heart with your renewing grace, that my love may be perfected and my obedience made complete, for your glory and my good: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 1:1-2:7*

NT READING: *Mark 16:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal, triumphant, risen Lord Jesus: the tomb is empty! I adore you for your vindication from your enemies, your power over sin, and your victory over the grave. You are great, and glorious!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 35*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, in this psalm, David prays for you defend him, contending with those who contend against him. He feels the disorienting pain of betrayal; though he has sought the good of others, they have turned on him in malice and deceit. I, too, have experienced the betrayal of friends; I, too, cry out to you for vindication. But more importantly, I allow this psalm to point me to the Lord Jesus Christ. He was betrayed by his friends; he was accused by false witnesses. I thank you, Lord Jesus, for your humble obedience. And I ask you, as the King of Kings, to contend with the enemies of your kingdom. When your people are unjustly accused, defend them. When they are pursued, protect them. When they are in danger of harm, deliver them. Rise to our help, reminding us that you are our salvation. Then we will rejoice in your salvation and thank you for your steadfast love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 1: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 7:1-18*

NT READING: *Matthew 28:1-15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, thank you for the glory of your resurrection. Salvation is at hand; the curse is broken; and the renewal of all things is near. I worship you for your victory over sin and death and Hell!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 58*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Heavenly Father: I long for you to establish your righteousness on the earth. This psalm acknowledges the reality of structural sin. Sometimes, the human leaders who are supposed to ensure justice on earth devise wrongs and deal out violence instead. I ask that you not let me be disheartened by this. Keep me from growing cynical toward all human leaders, or skeptical of every institution. Instead, move me to prayer. With the psalmist, I ask that you would hinder and disrupt the plans of the wicked. Fill my imagination with visions of how I can live righteously in my little corner of the world, trusting that my obedience is not unnoticed by you. Give me wisdom and creativity as I look for ways to enact justice. Help me see and care for the poor and needy; help me encourage the weak and faint-hearted; and help me walk in personal integrity today. May your kingdom come in my world and in my life.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 1: WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, cold of heart and impure, in your Kingdom. Deliver me from every ignorance and heedlessness, from pettiness of the soul and stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me from temptation; receive me in repentance; grant me pure thoughts; that I may love You with all my heart and soul and that I may obey your will in all things to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 8:6-18*

NT READING: *Luke 24:1-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I worship you for your self-revelation. Without your Spirit, I am spiritually blind, but by your power and grace, my eyes have been opened. Thank you for revealing yourself that I may know you, follow you, and love you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 105:1-22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear God, your word perpetually calls me to remember your faithfulness. Give me the clarity and capacity to think about my past in light of your loving presence. Help me meditate on all the wonderful things you have done for me. As the psalm describes your faithfulness to Israel, I remember your presence and care for me as well. You never forget your people, but you remember your covenant with us continually. As I turn my attention to the work of this day, help me to seek your presence continually. Help me not to forget the ways you've drawn me to yourself, the times you've provided for my needs, the constant generosity with which you've protected me and shown me your goodness. Let my heart and the hearts of all who seek you today rejoice.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 1: THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. Help me to rest in my adoption as your child. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 9:1-17*

NT READING: *Colossians 3:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I adore you, for you have united me to your Son. I share in his death, resurrection and life. I share in his kindness, humility, love, and peace. Thank you that my life is hidden with Christ and I will one day appear with him in glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 105:23-45*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this psalm and many others resound with the call to remember. With the psalmist we look back at your extraordinary work to liberate your people, bringing them out of slavery and into abundance so that they could walk freely according to your ways. You were the fire to protect them at night and the cloud to shield them during the day. You sent them daily bread and provided streams of water in unlikely places. Yet your people couldn't fulfill the purpose of their freedom: to walk with you. I'm one of these people. I look at my history and see that even the hard times were marked by your presence and mitigated by your care. Long stretches of ordinary life show signs of your mercy. And yet, I wander. I need the faithful obedience of Jesus to cover my indifference, my rebellion, my faithlessness. Thank you that as you provided for the needs of your people in the desert, you have provided for every one of my failures with the perfect obedience of your son. Give me grace today to celebrate your beautiful provision and walk in the freedom of your ways. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 1: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 15*

NT READING: *Romans 6:3-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for your mercy as I remember my baptism. Thank you for uniting me to Jesus in his death and resurrection; and thank you for sealing your promise to me with the waters of baptism. I praise you that I am no longer a slave to sin!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 114*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this psalm reminds me that you are my protector and leader. You took your people out of a strange land where they were oppressed, and gave them a sanctuary and a home. But even that home was temporary! Today, your people throughout the world remain a people in exile, awaiting our final home. So when I feel out of place, help me remember that this is normal. This world is not my home. Help me live here with purpose; but let me never be fully assimilated. May I follow the example of Daniel and his companions as I live out my exile here: working for the good of my temporary home, praying for its peace and seeking its flourishing

PRAYER OF ADORATION

but maintaining wise dissent in the face of its pressures to conform. Remind me that I'm a sojourner; awaken my longing for the new heavens and the new earth. Help me live today in ways that anticipate the arrival of your future kingdom.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 1: SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 22:1-18*

NT READING: *John 20:11-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, my Lord and my God: I adore you because you are the Christ, the Son of God. You are alive, you are vindicated, you are triumphant in your victory. Thank you that you have given me life in your name.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 140*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: your Word is so refreshing, because it speaks so plainly of good and evil, of righteousness and wickedness. In a world where everything seems relative, your Word is an anchor and a compass. Today I pray with the Psalmist: "Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked!" I know that all around me, whether I see them or not, there are evil people planning acts of deviance and disobedience. I know that many of these plans will hurt innocent people and contribute to the decay of civil society. And so I pray: "Let their mischief overwhelm them! Let evil hunt down the violent man speedily!" Bring back their plans on their own heads, and protect the innocent and vulnerable from their schemes. Let me be aware of any way my own life might further evil in the world and let me turn from it. May I be an agent of good and not evil; of righteousness and not wickedness for Your name's sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 2: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 3*

NT READING: *Acts 1*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I worship you for your sovereign control of history. You know when the kingdom will be restored; you have fixed the times and seasons and it is not mine to know. Thank you for the power you have given me through your Spirit to witness to Jesus.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 16*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, today I live as an exile in a world that offers me all kinds of counterfeit pleasures. Which is why I need to set you always before me. Your word reminds me that in *YOUR* presence is fullness of joy, and at your right hand are pleasures forever. So please give me grace today to chase after you, rather than after the enticements of the world. You're the portion my hungry soul needs. As I do today's work, help me set you always before me, so that I might walk in the path of life. Regardless of my circumstances, let me be filled with joy because of your loving-kindness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 2: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and my unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. I confess my sin, and I thank you that according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 4:1-17*

NT READING: *Acts 2:22-47*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you for piercing the hearts of men by the proclamation of your word. Your gospel the spoken message of salvation is powerful to stir souls and to call sinners from death to life. Thank you for the power and efficacy of your word.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 52*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that your steadfast love endures. It endures regardless of the destructive plots of the evil one. It endures amidst exploitation and greed. It endures in the face of violence and deceit. I see the darkness of the world around me and it is dark indeed but I will trust in the steadfast love of the Lord forever. Today, as I encounter evil and wickedness, give me the blessing of perspective. Help me remember that the righteous will have the last laugh! And help me remember that righteousness grows over time. This Psalm gives the image of a green olive tree in the house of the Lord, deep-rooted and strong. Make me like that tree, Oh Lord. Deepen my righteousness day by day as I walk in obedience to you. Shower me with the gracious influence of your Holy Spirit. I reach upward to you, grateful for the light of your love. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 2: WEDNESDAY,

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I confess that I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 4:18-31*

NT READING: *Acts 3:11-26*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: thank you for glorifying your servant Jesus by raising him from the dead. Thank you that all the prophets foretold the suffering of Jesus. And thank you that you will send Him again to restore all things.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 68:1-18*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, this psalm is an anthem to your power, your justice, and your omnipotent rule. I confess that I am nervous about power. I've seen it used so selfishly by human leaders that it's hard to imagine power being used only for righteousness and justice and goodness. But that's exactly how you use your divine power. You are the father of the fatherless; the protector of widows; the liberator of prisoners. This Psalm says that "you ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train" and the New Testament applies this to Jesus' victory over all the powers of darkness! So today, glorious God, I will rejoice in your power. Awaken my soul with the beauty of this psalm and its images. Remind me of your great victory, and the power you give to me through your Holy Spirit. Remind that I'm a worker in your kingdom, and you are a mighty and glorious king. Let me meditate on your character today, so that I might worship you with all my heart.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 2: THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 14*

NT READING: *Acts 4:5-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I worship you for the power of your name. "There is no other name under heaven... by which we may be saved." So today, I glory in your name; and I thank you, Holy Spirit, for filling your people and empowering them to speak the word of God with boldness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 68:19-35*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I praise you Lord because every day, you bear me up. Thank you for carrying me, guiding me, and walking beside me. Looking back on my life, I see your faithful care and redemptive power everywhere. Looking ahead, let me rest in the assurance that as you have borne me up, you will continue to sustain me. You are the God of my salvation, redeeming my soul, and daily transforming me into your likeness. I pray today for the Christians around me: make them fully alive to you, celebrating your goodness and singing your praise. Let all your people be filled with joy today. And as I work, let me rest in the knowledge that You bear me up, so that I might worship wholeheartedly with all Your people.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 2: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, I confess that in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I admit my self-reliance, and I turn from it. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 15:1-18*

NT READING: *Acts 5:27-42*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD: Thank you for raising Jesus from the dead and exalting him to your right hand. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit, given freely to those who obey you. And thank you for the witness of the apostles, who rejoiced in suffering for your name.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 97*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm instructs me to hate evil. Give me the grace to do so! I confess that I am often dull to the evil that lurks in my own heart; give me eyes to see it and hate it. Help me resolve to put sin to death relentlessly. Awaken in me holy longings and a deep passion for obedience. This Psalm uses the language of sowing and reaping; it says, “light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.” So help me sow seeds of righteousness and virtue, that I may reap their fruit in due season. Because you reign, and because you are exalted above every other God, you are worthy of my trust and obedience. Help me trust and obey you today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 2: SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Job 19*

NT READING: *Acts 6:8-7:34*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I praise you for the great story of your salvation. From generation to generation, you have been the rock and refuge of your people. Throughout time and history, you display your covenant faithfulness. Thank

you for including me in your great story of redemption.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 150*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord God: this final Psalm in the Bible sums everything up with a wholehearted burst of praise. Every nation, tribe, and tongue everything that has breath is called to praise the Lord for his exceeding goodness. I see you, Lord, fulfilling this Psalm as you gather a people from every nation on earth. I imagine the new heavens and the new earth, restored and at rest. Let me carry this picture with me into this day, knowing that in this broken world, I'm a citizen and ambassador of the world to come. Whatever my vocation requires of me today, let me do it with joy, joining in your work of bringing healing to the world. Let the tune of your praise be always in my ear, steadily reminding me that the king is coming, and all will be made well.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 3: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. I am content to appear righteous instead of truly being righteous. I repent of my sin and my self-love. Please search my heart, examine my motives, and forgive my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and send your Spirit to renew and change my heart. Help me to hear your voice today above the clamor of this world, and follow only you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 12*

NT READING: *Acts 7:35-60*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I adore you, for you see and know your people. Even in death, those who belong to you cannot be separated from you. Thank you for the witness of the martyrs, who spread the seed of your church as they give their lives for you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 4*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: *Reading the psalms teaches me to pray like David, with a holy insistence that you hear me and answer! When your transcendence makes you seem unapproachable, let me come to you with the bold insistence of a treasured child. Teach my soul to reason thus: my Father loves me, he wants my companionship, he invites my most honest prayers. I don't have to clean myself up or figure out the perfect words to say; "the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him." So make me bold to call upon you, O Lord. Though the world is filled with all kinds of trouble, I entrust myself to you completely. I will lie down and sleep tonight in peace, for you make me dwell in safety. Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 3: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 32:1-27*

NT READING: *Acts 8:26-40*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, thank you for the good news of Jesus, which fulfills the law and the prophets. By the proclamation of your word, you continue to bring sinners around the world to repentance and faith. I worship you as the Lord of every people, tribe, and nation.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 7*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord God: the world is full of hardship and sometimes even brutality. Many of your people face opposition and suffering. Arise and defend them, O Lord. With the Psalmist, I look for the day when you return to judge the earth once and for all, shielding your people from harm and driving oppression away. Even now, I know that you judge the peoples; no act of evil goes unaccounted for, and all will be brought to judgment on the last day. This Psalm says that you “feel indignation every day.” I thank you for that truth, and I worship you as the defender and protector of your people. This Psalm also says that you test minds and hearts. So help me to reckon seriously with your righteous judgment, and to keep a repentant heart toward you. Remove all wickedness from my life, and give me clean hands and a pure heart. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 3: WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 32:28-47*

NT READING: *Acts 9:1-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD, I praise you for the miracle of the new birth, which turns murderers into missionaries. Thank you for making sinners your chosen instruments. Thank you that your church continues even today to multiply and be built up, walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 55*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm reminds me that you are my refuge when people let me down. The Psalmist speaks of betrayal by a close friend and I, too, have experienced that sort of relational pain. It hurts, God! Thank you that when others are faithless, you are faithful. When there is injustice and violence around me, you will not let the guilty go unpunished. You see, you know, you take notice. And you will not permit the righteous to be moved. So by your Spirit, help me to take stock of my own heart, and confess any sin that is present there. Where I have betrayed others, let me seek forgiveness. Where my words have been like drawn swords, let me be the first to repent. And then, help me to cast my relational burdens on you. Thank you that through Jesus, you reconcile sinners to yourself and to one another. May I trust you as the judge of all things. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 3: THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 1:1-20*

NT READING: *Acts 9:32-43*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, O God, for your power over suffering, illness, and death. Your son Jesus performed signs and wonders in his earthly

ministry; so he continues to do through his disciples. I rejoice that you are not limited by human frailty, human doubt, and human sin, but continue to accomplish your purposes by your word and Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 60*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this Psalm reflects the paradox of life with you. On the one hand, “You have made your people see hard things.” My life has not been smooth, and even today I face situations that are confusing and challenging. On the other hand, “With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.” The final victory has already been won, and I am assured of eternal peace and joy in your presence. So today, keep me from both despair and naivete. Help me live in the paradox, bringing my challenges and hardships before you in prayer, and remembering the certainty of your final victory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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WEEK 3: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

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Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 2:1b-10*

NT READING: *Acts 10:34-48*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you because you show no partiality. Anyone and everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Thank you that you are pursuing people in every tribe, tongue, and nation, through the proclamation of the gospel and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 91*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, you are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. This Psalm promises that you will deliver me from evil. And yet, this is also the very Psalm that Satan used to tempt Jesus, urging him to throw himself down from the temple, because “angels will bear you up.” So today Lord, let me rest in this Psalm as Jesus did confident of my final vindication, but aware that in this world I will have trouble. Help me not to put you to the test by making demands of you. Instead, let me rest in the good of the gospel, confident in the promise of eternal life. Let me hold fast to you in love, as my Savior did. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

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Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 17:8-24*

NT READING: *Acts 11:1-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I glorify you, for you are capable of far more than I ask or imagine. In the fullness of time, you made known the mystery of salvation planned from long ago that not only Israel, but the Gentiles are fellow heirs

of your gracious promises! Thank you for granting to ALL your chosen people the repentance that leads to life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 108*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, this psalm reminds me that your steadfast love reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness is so expansive and all-encompassing that it reaches the clouds. Sometimes this statement brings me joy, but often it feels more abstract than real; something I know intellectually but don't easily experience. So give me the lively, wide-awake heart of David as I meditate on you. Give me the inner vitality to respond joyfully to your love and your promises. As I have opportunity today, let me lift my voice to sing to you. Worship restores the health of my soul, so give me grace to sing your praises as long as I live. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 4: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 36:22-38*

NT READING: *Acts 16:1-15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit, I praise you for your glorious work of opening hearts to the good news of Jesus. You convict, soften, and awaken, bringing new birth and new life. Thank you for applying redemption to the hearts of men and women.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 9*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: this Psalm reminds me that you “sit enthroned forever.” You are the rightful king over all creation and over my life. So in this quiet moment of prayer, I bow my knee before you and submit myself to you. In any places of my life where I am resisting your rule, please convict me and move me to repentance. And help me today, in all I do, to make your invisible kingdom visible. There are rival kings and rival kingdoms all around me; let me not give them my allegiance. My own heart is prone to wander from your love; keep me steady and steadfast. And help me embrace the tension of living in the “already” and the “not yet,” praying and working so that your kingdom might come, and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 4: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith would be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 2*

NT READING: *Acts 16:16-40*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for your marvelous providence. You have promised to work all things together for the good of those who love you. In every circumstance, you are at

work fulfilling your wise purposes. Thank you that I can trust you in everything.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 14*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm reminds me of the pervasiveness of sin. As you look down on the children of man, there is none who seeks you. There is none who does good and that includes me. There is none who understand and that includes me. My only hope OUR only hope is for you to come and deliver us from our foolishness, our blindness, and our corruption. And in Jesus, you have done just that. So help me delight in my helplessness and glory in your full deliverance. Forgive me for imagining that I contributed anything to my salvation. Left to myself, I would say with the fools: "There is no God." So thank you for not leaving me to myself!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 4: WEDNESDAY,

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 4:1-17*

NT READING: *Acts 17:16-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Living God, I adore you because you don't need anything. You made the world and everything in it. You give to all men life, and breath, and everything. You are not unknown, hidden, and vague; in Jesus, you have revealed your character and your salvation. Thank you for assuring us of your promises by raising Jesus from the dead.

Pray personally praising God for his

attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 56*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Be gracious to me, dear Lord, at the start of a new day. Your word reminds me that you are near to the suffering and the oppressed, that you are FOR your people when trouble is near. I don't know if I'll face this kind of danger today, but I pray these words in solidarity with my brothers and sisters around the world who will. I also pray this psalm to prepare my soul, so that when suffering comes, I may instinctively turn to you. Thank you that in Jesus, I can confidently say: "This I know, that God is for me." What a liberating thought! No matter what trial and trouble may come my way, in you I will trust, and not be afraid. Prepare me now for every challenge I will face today, and help me love you with every part of my being.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 4: THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 4:18-37*

NT READING: *Acts 28:11-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God: thank you for sending your salvation to the Gentiles. Thank you that the kingdom of God is going forward as your people proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ. Some will be convinced, and others will disbelieve; and you are sovereign in all of it!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 77*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: thank you for Psalms that help me reach out to you in days of trouble. Like the Psalmist, I have known what it's like to spend the night filled with anxiety about the future, or mulling over events from long past. And like the Psalmist, my deepest doubts often have to do with you: Has your steadfast love ceased? Have your promises come to an end? Am I beyond the reach of your grace? Your word comforts me, because it reminds me that these sorts of questions don't threaten you. Your love embraces me even in the midst of my doubt and turmoil. My questions don't change what is true; they don't pull you down from your throne or erase your history of faithfulness to your people. Thank you for your acts of deliverance in time and space and history – the Exodus from Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, the incarnation of Jesus Christ. You are not a concept or an idea you are the God of history, who acts to redeem your people. So today, ground me in the narrative of Scripture, that I might be strengthened as I remember both your acts and your promises. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever and for that, I give you praise.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 4: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 13:14-25*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 15:1-28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you for your resurrection. In your victory, the powers of death have been defeated. And now nothing is outside of your rule; everything has been put under your feet. As I await the consummation of your promises, I ground all of my hope, my security, and my joy on the sure foundation of your resurrection.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 93*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, this Psalm celebrates your kingly rule over everything. You are robed in majesty and strength; your throne is established from of old. It brings me great peace today to know that you reign and rule over everything because this means you reign and rule over my life, and over the events and responsibilities that concern me today. All of creation has been established by your powerful word, and all things hold together in you. So as I go about my day today, help me act and live as a citizen of your kingdom. Help me trust your reign in situations and circumstances I can't control; and help me extend your kingly rule in all areas which are under my dominion. I cannot do everything, because I am not you; but I can do something, because you are with me. By your Spirit, set me free from worry, stress, and fear; and help me be faithful to your kingdom purposes in my little corner of the world. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 4: SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139****& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of majesty and light, all of creation testifies to your glory. Though your law is perfect, I have disobeyed. Though your revelation is true, I have disbelieved. Though your commandments are pure, I have not trusted you. Forgive me, O Lord, for my willful sin and for my hidden faults. Preserve me with your mighty power this day, that I may not fall into temptation. Straighten my path, and give me wisdom to discern your will, that you might be glorified in everything. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 25*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 15:35-58*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, for because of your resurrection, my labor is not in vain. Death has been swallowed up in victory; and mortality has given way to immortality. As the Last Adam, you have inaugurated the new creation, removing the sting of death,

the rot of decay, and the power of the grave! Thanks be to God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 141*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, I am reminded by this Psalm that prayer is worship. My prayer is like incense, rising up to you with a fragrant aroma. You are pleased by my dependence upon you. So today, give ear to my voice. With the Psalmist, I ask you to “set a guard over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.” I know how often I am tempted to sin with my words. So today, let my speech be gracious. Even when others provoke me and speak evil of me, let me pray against their evil deeds rather than retaliating in sinful ways. “Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.” Give me the courage and faith to let *YOU* be God, trusting you as my vindicator and protector. Like my Savior, let me return blessing for cursing, and let me pray for my enemies who persecute me. In this way, may I please you and help your kingdom come “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 5: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I confess today my worry and anxiety. Instead of resting in your sovereignty, I fear the unknown. Instead of bringing my requests before you in prayer, I worry and fret. Instead of letting you be God, I fight for control. Forgive me, O Lord. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Set me free from all anxious thoughts today. Give me contentment and peace, for you have assured me that if I seek your kingdom, I will not lack any good thing. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

NT READING: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you because you are Light, and in you there is no darkness. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from all sin. And thank you that you are faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness when we confess our sin to you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 2*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, the nations rage today just as they did when this Psalm was written. Empires and kingdoms rise and fall. Rulers plot evil against your people, as they have always done. Thank you for the reminder that you laugh at the plans of the wicked. You have set King Jesus on Zion, your holy hill, and you have given the nations as his heritage. Nothing will hinder or thwart the spread of his rule and reign. I rest today in your strong sovereignty over all things. I do not know what trials may come my way, but I know who holds the future. You have established your kingdom forever, and someday you will judge the world in righteousness. So today, may I serve you with fear, and rejoice with trembling. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 5: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good, Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 37:15-28*

NT READING: *1 John 2:28-3:24*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, what kind of love is this, that we should be called children of God? Thank you that you abide in us, by the Spirit you have given us. Thank you for your great love for us, which flows out of us toward one another.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 11*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm speaks honestly about the reality of evil. There really are wicked people in the world and in my life who “bend the bow... to shoot at the upright in heart.” It’s easy to feel like no one sees; like no one cares about what is right or good. But your eyes see. You hate the wicked, and you love the righteous. You promise that the upright shall behold your face. So today, let me take refuge in you from the evil around me; and let me walk before you in integrity and righteousness. Let me not return evil for evil or insult for insult; but let me love my enemies and bless those who curse me. You see all things with perfect clarity. So let me live for your approval on the last day, with an eye toward pleasing you and bringing you glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 5: WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshipping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 35*

NT READING: *1 John 4:7-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father: thank you for sending your Son to be the Savior of the world. And thank you for giving us of your Spirit. I worship you for your great love, which you have made manifest by sending your only Son into the world to be the propitiation for our sins.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 22:19-31*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: do not be far off. Come quickly to my aid. As I read this psalm, awaken in me a deeper longing for communion with you. You see my anxieties; you understand my concerns; you invite me to pour out my heart before you. So I bring to you now the needs and concerns of this day. I place them before you and ask you to intervene in each situation and to fill me with wisdom in each interaction. When I reflect on my life, I see your hand continually preserving me and providing for me. But it's not enough to remember these things in private. I'll praise you in the great congregation, joining with your people to tell stories of your faithfulness. And I'll pray for the day when "all the ends of the earth turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations worship before you." Hasten that day, O God, through the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 5: THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 31:1-14*

NT READING: *1 John 5*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD: thank you that you have given us eternal life in your Son. I adore you as the one who is True indeed, as Truth itself. There is no truth outside of you, no life apart from you, and no other way of salvation. I worship you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 30*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this Psalm is a great reminder that all sorrow is temporary. “Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” This world is full of sorrow and pain; yet joy is guaranteed for your people, and it is coming as surely as the sun rises! So fill me with anticipation for the new heavens and the new earth. And in the midst of my current sorrows and hardships, remind me that you already *HAVE* turned my mourning into dancing. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and called me to himself. Therefore, I am clothed with the gladness of salvation even in the midst of the sadness and trials of this earthly life. So today, whatever my circumstances, fill me with the joy of the Lord. Let me not be numb to the sadness and sorrow of life on earth; but let the joy of the Holy Spirit outweigh the burdens and concerns I carry. Fill me with gladness today, and let me be a source of gladness to others.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 5: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Daniel 12*

NT READING: *1 Peter 1:3-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Father, thank you for the mercy you've poured out in your Son. By your living and abiding word, I have been born again to a living hope. In Jesus, I now rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 113*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, teach me to praise you with the same joyful exuberance expressed in this psalm. Enlarge my capacity to see you, admire you, enjoy you, and celebrate you. I praise you that you are seated on high, looking down on the heavens and the earth; this image reminds me of your glory and majesty. And yet at the same time, you raise the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap; this image reminds me of your closeness and your personal care for each one of your people. You are both transcendent and immanent; exalted and humble; majestic and merciful. I don't have to choose between a God who is high and exalted, or a God who is present and active; you are both, and you always have been. Today, I walk into the world confident of both your loving care for me and your majestic sovereignty over everything. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may your name be praised and may my life bring glory to you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 5: SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139****& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Hosea 11*

NT READING: *1 Peter 2:13-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you because you suffered for me, leaving me an example, that I might follow in your steps. Thank you for the beauty of your obedience. When reviled, you did not

revile in return; when you suffered, you did not threaten. I adore you for bearing our sins in your body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 148*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, the Psalmist calls everything around him to praise you. And indeed, you are worthy of extravagant praise! As I ponder this Psalm, I am convicted of my tepid praise; of my half-hearted worship; of my timidity to call the world to praise you. So today, awaken a hunger in me to praise you more deeply. And awaken courage in me, that I might unashamedly call others to join in praising you. The fact is, the world around me is *FULL* of praise; it's just that people are praising the wrong things. They are exalting the creation over the Creator, and delighting in the gift rather than enjoying the Giver. Everyone praises something. So let me praise *YOU* today, with all of my being; let me lead your people to praise you, through my enthusiastic worship on the Lord's Day; and let me invite the world to praise you as I boldly proclaim the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 6: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 55*

NT READING: *1 Peter 3:8-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you in your humiliation and your exaltation. You suffered for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that you might bring us to God. Now, you are at the right hand of the Father, with angels, authorities, and powers being subjected to you. I adore you for your humility and for your victory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 66*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: This psalm reminds me that the day is coming when all the earth will worship you. So today, make my life an offering of worship to you. Let me not cherish sin in my heart. If I am harboring sin or protecting idolatry, show me, and bring me to my knees in repentance. Let me perform my vows to you and be faithful to the promises I've made. Thank you that in spite of my weakness and fickleness, you have not rejected my prayer or removed your steadfast love from me. When I am faithless, you remain faithful. My hope today is not in my own strength, but in the power of your steadfast love. So fill me with your Holy Spirit today, and give me the grace to walk with you faithfully and worship you wholeheartedly. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 6: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 9*

NT READING: *1 Peter 5:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of all grace: I worship you because you have called me to your eternal glory in Christ. I long for the day when you will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish your people. To you be dominion forever and ever!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 74*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this Psalm captures the tension of living in the now and the not yet. On the one hand, it seems that your enemies have the upper hand; your people are opposed and oppressed, and your foes scoff at your name. On the other hand, I know that you have fixed the boundaries of the earth; yours is the day, and yours is the night; you are sovereign over all. So as I attend to what's before me today, help me learn to live in this tension. Give me strength to live in a broken world, standing for what's right, working for good, fighting against temptation, and pushing back darkness. And give me hope in your coming kingdom, that I might rejoice in your victory and not lose heart. Have regard for your covenant, and remember your people today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 6: WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88**

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jonah 1:17-2:10*

NT READING: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father of glory, I adore you for the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe. Lord Jesus, I worship you as

the name above every name the one who has all rule and authority. Holy Spirit, I honor you as the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, who reveals the glory of Christ and seals those who belong to him. Thank you, holy Trinity, for your overflowing grace and glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 98*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As I walk with you, Lord, into this very ordinary day, I look ahead to the glorious day of your kingdom. This psalm is a window into the new heavens and the new earth, when all of creation is restored and all of humanity healed. Your people will celebrate your glory forever, because in your justice, you'll reveal, judge, and restore. Nothing has been lost that will not be found in you. Nothing has been broken that will not be healed in you. You'll mend us completely. You'll renew the earth. You'll judge with righteousness and equity. So today, let me live in anticipation of your coming kingdom. Fill me with hope, ground me in grace, and let me overflow with love. Help me be fully obedient to you, that my life might display to others the beauty and goodness of your rule and reign.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 6: THURSDAY,**ASCENSION DAY****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Micah 7*

NT READING: *Luke 24:36-53*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: on this Ascension Day, I adore you as the One who not only rose from death, but ascended to heaven, and now sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty. Your ascension is proof of your victory and a prelude of your glory. Thank you that you live to make intercession for me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 115*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Psalm 115 prayer: Oh Lord, it does me good to meditate on your glory. The world offers me many idols to worship: possessions, money, safety, power, entertainment, pleasure, and platform. But as this psalm says, those gods can't do anything for me. They prove useless to meet the deeper needs of my soul. Worshiping them diminishes me and enslaves me. Rather than giving my heart to them, I will trust in the Lord today. The Lord blesses those who fear him, both the small and the great. Help me smash my idols and give glory to you, Lord, for your name's sake. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 6: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

NT READING: *Revelation 1:1-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, who was and is and is to come, I fall down in adoration before you. You are God's faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. I bow low before your majesty and glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 118*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I thank you, Lord, that your steadfast love endures forever. Thank you that you're on my side, that you answer me and set me free. When I feel pressed by temptation today, let me call on you for help. When I feel weary with my work today, let me proclaim that the Lord is my strength. When I must fight for joy today, let me remember the glad songs of salvation. This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it. Thank you Lord, that you are good and your steadfast love endures forever. All of this glorious abundance is mine because of Jesus, the stone that the builders rejected. In his death, he became the cornerstone, so that I could be a living stone built up in the house of God. Expand my capacity for awe, delight, and celebration, so that I can say from the heart: this is the Lord's doing, and it's marvelous!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 6: SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139****& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Obadiah*

NT READING: *Revelation 5*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I join my voice with the heavenly beings to proclaim your worth. Worthy are you, for by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests

to our God. All glory, honor, and dominion belongs to you!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 136*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, fill my mind with the rhythm of this psalm today, so that it sinks deeply into my soul. Your steadfast love endures forever. I can't diminish your love; I can't escape your love; I can't cause your love to cease. Because I'm united with Christ, there's nothing that can ever separate me from your love. Fill my heart with this truth. Saturate my mind with this truth. Ground my being in this truth. Let me internalize it, chew on it, meditate on it, and sing it to myself, so that it's as native to me as my own heartbeat. Let me be so deeply moved and affected by your steadfast love for me that my heart is filled with love for you in return. Your steadfast love endures forever; therefore I have hope and peace.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 7: MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zechariah 12:1-13:1*

NT READING: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I worship you, for you are our peace. You have united the separated and reconciled the alienated. You have welcomed us into your household and made us citizens of your kingdom. Thank you for the deep unity that you bring to your people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 23*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, you are my shepherd. I am a sheep in your flock, in constant need of your care, direction, and guidance. In the midst of this day, I will trust you to lead me to green pastures and still waters. I will follow you in the paths of righteousness. If I find myself in the valley of the shadow of death today suffering in body, mind, or circumstance help me to fear no evil. Remind me that even there, you are with me. If I face enemies today, remind me that you are so powerful and good that you prepare a table for me in their presence. I need not fear, because your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 7: TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zechariah 14*

NT READING: *Colossians 1:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the exalted, preeminent, ruler of everything. All things were created through you and for you; in you everything holds together. I worship you as the head of the church, the firstborn of

all creation, the image of the invisible God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 47*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: you are King over all the earth, and I rejoice in you. In you, evil is subdued, sin is defeated, and death itself has died. The true king is on the throne and because of that, Lord, I know I have nothing to fear! So today, I ask that you would help me to live fully in light of this reality. Allow my emotions, thoughts, attitudes, and actions to align with the truth of your sovereign rule. May I be fully submitted to King Jesus, and may my life be saturated with His peace and joy and happiness. *Amen*.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 7: WEDNESDAY,

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 60*

NT READING: *Revelation 7:9-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I bow in reverence, for my deepest desire is to worship you. I long for the day when your saints, cleansed, vindicated, and triumphant, will stand before your throne and praise you. In anticipation of that day, I cry out: blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and

honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 53*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm serves as both a comfort and a warning. It is a comfort because it reminds me that you look down from heaven and see the complexity of each human heart. You know who seeks you, and who hates you. It is a warning because it reminds me of the danger of foolishness. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God" and his stubbornness leads him into sin and rebellion. In light of this warning, I humbly ask that you would give me the grace to continually seek after you and walk closely with you. Keep me from foolishness. Ground my soul in your steadfast love and strengthen me in the hope of salvation. Thank you that salvation for Israel HAS come out of Zion: his name is Jesus Christ, and in Him God has restored the fortunes of his people. Let Jacob rejoice, and let Israel be glad!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 7: THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joel 1*

NT READING: *Revelation 21:1-22:5*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, this portrait of a new heaven and a new earth fills me with joy and hope. I long for the New Jerusalem. One day death and grief and pain will be no more; one day your church will be perfected and adorned as Jesus' bride. Thank you for the glorious future that awaits your people!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 67*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this Psalm unfolds the RIGHT way to ask for blessing. Would you bless us and make your face shine upon us, SO THAT your name will be known on earth, and your saving power among all nations! Forgive me, Father, for the selfish way I sometimes ask for blessings that are really about me and not about you. Would you prosper and strengthen your church; would you give blessing to your people, so that YOU are seen to be beautiful and good. And give me, Father, the same passion the Psalmist has for your name to be praised and feared. Help me long for every one of my neighbors and friends to know and worship Jesus. Bring specific people to mind now, that I might lift them up before you and pray for their salvation.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 7: FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joel 2*

NT READING: *Revelation 22:6-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. I rejoice in your imminent return, when I will finally see clearly what I now only glimpse by faith. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 94*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, thank you for the good news that you are a God of vengeance. I live in a world full of disorder and injustice, where evildoers boast in their wickedness and take advantage of the widow, the sojourner, and the fatherless. At times it feels as though you are silent, absent, unmoved by the evil in the world. But the truth is that nothing escapes your notice. You see and hear every injustice. You will rise up; you will bring every act to justice and every soul to account. Our great hope, when faced with evildoers, is that “the Lord our God will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness.” Let this promise serve as a warning to me; make me quick to repent and resolute to turn from all evil. Thank you that in your vengeance, there is hope of mercy through the Lord Jesus Christ. May I hide myself in Him, and be spared in the day of your recompense. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 7: SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139
& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joel 3*

NT READING: *John 21:1-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, as one of your humble disciples, I worship you as my Lord and teacher. I love because you first loved me. I serve because you served me. As I follow you into suffering and death, you are with me, and when I rise with you on the last day, I will dwell with you forever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 127 & 128*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, unless you build the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless you watch over the city, the watchmen stay awake in vain. This Psalm reminds me of my utter dependence on you for everything. I toil and strive as though it's all up to me; yet you're the one who generously gives success and abundance. So let me sleep easy tonight, resting in your divine goodness. This Psalm also reminds me that marriage and family are to be celebrated among your people. So help me seek the flourishing of the families around me, whatever my own circumstance may be. Let me treasure children as a blessing, and let me seek their good always. Forgive me for regarding my own life with fear of scarcity. Forgive me for not expecting your rich blessings upon those who fear you. Open my hands wider to receive your gifts. Expand my capacity for celebrating all the good things you give to your people. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.



THE DAILY LITURGY

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the season for reflecting on the ascension of Christ, the sending of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of the church. It kicks off what is known as ordinary time, a season lasting all the way until Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.



WEEK 1 MONDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 11:1-9*

NT READING: *John 7:25-39*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious Father: I have thirsted and found living water, and my heart overflows with the abundance of your grace. I adore you for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” O God, it’s impossible to read this Psalm without thinking of Jesus on the cross, crying out to you in his great moment of need. Like him, I know that you invite *ME* to cry out to you. You see my anxieties and understand my concerns. When I reflect on my life, I see that you continually preserve me, provide for me, and work out your healing power in me. But it’s not enough to remember these things in private. This Psalm says you are “enthroned on the praises of Israel.” It’s through publicly praising you that I lift you up and show your greatness to the world. So I’ll praise you in the great congregation, joining with your people to celebrate your faithfulness. From the patriarchs and matriarchs of Scripture to the believers I know personally, there is so much evidence of your grace. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 1 TUESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

NT READING: *John 14:8-27*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit, I adore you for being my Helper the one who teaches me and brings to remembrance all that Jesus said and did. You give me peace in the midst of trouble; you dwell with me and are in me. What a marvelous mystery!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 67*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm reminds me of the *RIGHT* way to ask for your blessings. With the psalmist I pray: let your face shine on your people today. Be gracious to us and bless us *SO THAT* your way may be known on earth! As you bless your people, let your deep wisdom, abundant provision, and steadfast love be known among the nations. When you come to judge with equity, you will crush oppression and injustice. You will do away with evil uses of power. You will guide the nations and rule in righteousness. Until that day, help me use whatever resources I have to reflect your goodness in my corner of the world. Help me enjoy your blessings to me, and extend those blessings to others.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 1 WEDNESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Numbers 11:24-30*

NT READING: *John 15:26-16:15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, in awe and wonder I consider the gift of your Spirit, the Helper, who comforts me and guides me into all truth. Thank you for this most wonderful gift. *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 104:1-23*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

It does me good to meditate on your beauty, O Lord. It steadies me when I feel insecure. It clears my head when I feel chaotic and distracted. The psalm reminds me that you are an extraordinary being: clothed with splendor, dressed in light. The clouds and the wind carry messages of your greatness. The mountains and oceans move at your pleasure, and the earth is satisfied by the fruit of your work. And yet, along with your immensity comes your eye for detail and your loving awareness of very small things. The psalm shows us your sky and mountains, and then reminds us that birds build nests in your trees, and you see your people going home after a long day's work. I love you for being the God of the big and the little.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 1 THURSDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

NT READING: *Acts 2:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, like your servant Peter, I rejoice in the inauguration of your long-awaited kingdom. In your church you have united a scattered people, filling them with the new wine of your Holy Spirit. Like your disciples, Lord, renew my awe in your salvation that I may tell in my own tongue the mighty works of God!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 104:24-35*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

This psalm reminds me of your wisdom and power, O Lord. I will sing to you while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet and pleasing in your sight. My imagination is filled with images of the sea: the ships going back and forth, and creatures teeming in the water. In ancient times the ocean was a symbol of chaos and darkness, but this psalm shows it as a joyful expression of your creativity. Holy Spirit, you not only fill the people of God and guide us into truth; you also sustain the entire created order. You bring life and renewal; you open your hand and fill your creatures with good things. As I go about my day, fill me with good things and help me to rejoice in you more and more.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 1 FRIDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist, I bow before you in humility. Truly I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joel 2*

NT READING: *Romans 8:18-27*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Merciful God, with all creation I long to be set free from the bondage of corruption. I adore you today because I am not alone in my waiting; the Spirit helps me, interceding for me with groaning too deep for words.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 139:1-12*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear Father, at the outset of this day I invite you to search me and know me. Examine my thoughts. Know my words. Search out my path. You're already intimately acquainted with everything that will happen today. When I am tempted to pursue satisfaction in things other than You, do not let me wander. Hem me in, behind and before, and let your right hand hold me fast. I may take the wings of the morning, or I might struggle in darkness, and either way you are there. Today my work may call me to travel great distances or to remain in one place, and either way, you are there. Lead me in the way everlasting. In Jesus name, *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 1 SATURDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake, and help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 36:22-32*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 12:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Heavenly Father, I rejoice that in your Spirit I have been baptized into one body. Across centuries and cultures, there is one Lord and one Spirit. Thank you Father, for the mystery of the church’s diversity, grounded in your eternal and unchanging unity. *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 139:13-24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, I thank you that your word reminds me of my great dignity as your image-bearer. All day long, the world tells me that I fall short in one way or another. This psalm reflects your deep love for me as it firmly refutes those messages. It reminds me that I am intimately known and intentionally formed by you. You reassure me that I am wonderfully made. The days that may feel empty or pointless have in fact been seen and counted by you before the earth was made. Remind me today that this is true not just of me, but of every human being on earth. So let me treat others today with the dignity and honor they deserve. Let me preserve and protect human life and flourishing in every way possible. Search me, Lord, discern my deepest thoughts and motivations, gently show me my futile ways, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 2 MONDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, by my irritation, and by my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what You think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 1:1-2:3*

NT READING: *Matthew 28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I worship you because all authority in heaven and on earth is yours. Your resurrection secures your victory and proves your authority. I bow my knee before you and willingly submit to your commands.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 8*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: as I see the majesty and glory of your creation the moon, the stars, the mountains, the oceans I marvel at how small I am. What is man, that you are mindful of him? And yet, this is the wonder of your love you *ARE* mindful of me! You have given human beings great dignity, crowning us with glory and honor and giving us dominion over the work of your hands. So today, help me go about my work as one who represents your majesty. As I work, help me see that I am extending your dominion over creation. As I encounter infants and children, let me hear their cries as expressions of praise to you. And as I fight temptation, help me to view sin as treason against your majesty and beauty. Help me live today in the glory and honor that you have bestowed upon me through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 2 TUESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 48*

NT READING: *John 3:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father: I adore you for sending your Son into the world, that the world might be saved through him. Thank you for the majesty and miracle of the new birth. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for bringing me from death to life and from darkness to light.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 29*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: I praise you for the power of your voice. You spoke the world into existence with words; your voice is powerful and majestic. MY words are often trivial and ineffective; but *YOUR* words do things. They break the cedars and shake the wilderness and cause the deer to give birth. And when I remember that the Scriptures are your Word, I am reminded of the power they have to give life and to effect change. Forgive me for treating your word lightly; help me desire it and delight in it and listen to it! Above all, thank you for sending Jesus, the Word made flesh. He is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life, because he is the voice of the Lord in human form. May I listen to Him always.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 2 WEDNESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods, and looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 6*

NT READING: *John 20:1-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you for sending your disciples as the Father sent you. You have given us meaningful and significant work to do! And you have given us the Spirit to help us do it. Thank you for the honor of being your called-and-sent people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 33*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: I take comfort today in the fact that “the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him.” I don’t find myself trusting in kings and war-horses; but I do trust in the modern version of those things

- political leaders, and strong economies, and self-sufficiency, and prosperity. These are false hopes; they are not you, and they don’t watch over me with the steadfast love and care that you do. So today, I will fear you and wait on you. Let your steadfast love be upon me today help me know it and sense it and feel it in ways that make my heart glad. May my soul wait for you today, and may I trust in your holy name.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

PENTECOST WEEK 2 THURSDAY,

PENTECOST

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 61*

NT READING: *Romans 5:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for showing your love by sending Christ to die for us while we were yet sinners. Thank you that I have peace with you through my Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 81:1-10*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: this Psalm reminds me of the covenantal dynamics of life with you. You have brought your people into covenant relationship, calling us out of slavery and into blessed union with you. You ask us to be faithful to that covenant by listening to your voice and walking in your ways.

Like the Israelites, we have not listened to your voice. So thank you for sending Jesus to bear the covenant curses we deserve for our unfaithfulness. Thank you that He is the mediator of a new covenant. Now, by His grace help me listen to your voice and walk in your ways! Help me see that your blessings *ARE* contingent upon my obedience! When I walk with you, I experience life and joy and happiness; but when I do not walk in your ways, I experience the grievous consequences of sin. So do not give me over to my stubborn heart; instead, empower me today for wholehearted obedience to you, that I might reap the blessings of covenant faithfulness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 2 FRIDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 54*

NT READING: *Romans 8:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you because you are my Father and I am your child. You have adopted me into your family and given me all the privileges of sonship. Thank you for welcoming me into the wide embrace of your fatherly love.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 97*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, it's good to be reminded of your throne and your reign. You are the Lord of all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. My rightful posture before you is one of humble submission and grateful reverence. You are not my buddy, my peer, or my servant; you are my Lord and my God, before whom I bow my knee and offer my worship. Yet in your great power and glory, you delight in doing good to your people. You give light and joy to all who find their hope in you. So today, let me rejoice in your reign! Let me give thanks to your holy name. Let me delight in the King of all the earth, who has also become my Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. May your name be highly exalted!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 2 SATURDAY,

PENTECOST

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 8*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I adore you for your Trinitarian being. I delight today in "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Thank you for being Three-in- One.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 99*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this Psalm exalts your holiness. The Psalmist reminds me that you show no partiality: to the saints of old, "you were a forgiving God... but an avenger of their wrongdoings." That phrase reminds me how the whole Bible points to Jesus; in him, you both forgive and avenge. Because Jesus bore my guilt, I can be forgiven. Which gives me even more reason than the Psalmist had to tremble, and to praise your holy and awesome name! Because "the Lord our God is holy," I know that one day every wrong will be made right, and every sin brought to justice. Today, let your holiness move me to reverent worship and humble obedience. May I be holy, even as you are holy.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 3 MONDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

OT READING: *Genesis 18:1-15*

NT READING: *Matthew 9:35-10:23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I adore you for entrusting your ministry to the Twelve disciples. Because you are the Lord of Glory, you can use ordinary, unimpressive people to accomplish your will. And that means you can use even me! I worship you, and I offer myself to you as a willing servant.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 42*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this Psalm is written by one who is cast down and dejected. And my own soul, too, is often cast down within me. This Psalm gives me language to speak to myself: "Why are you cast down, o my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Hope in God!" I confess, Father, that often I wallow in my discouragement rather than preaching the good news to myself. Help me to follow the example of the Psalmist, calling my soul to rejoice in you. And thank you for sending Jesus, the gentle Savior who does not break the bruised reed or extinguish the smoldering wick. Thank you that when I do not feel strong, courageous, or happy, I can lean on the strength, courage, and joy of my Savior. Today, I will hope in you, my salvation and my God.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 3 TUESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, cold of heart and impure, in your Kingdom. Deliver me from every ignorance and heedlessness, from pettiness of the soul and stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me from temptation; receive me in repentance; grant me pure thoughts; that I may love You with all my heart and soul and that I may obey your will in all things to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 19:1-20*

NT READING: *Mark 2:23-3:6*

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Jesus: I adore you as the Lord of the Sabbath, and I worship you for the power of your mercy. Thank you that your anger and your grief move you to merciful action! May my own anger and grief be more like yours.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 43*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, today I call to you: "Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!" Jesus spoke of himself as both Light and Truth; he is the one who brings me into your holy dwelling, and he is the one to whom this Psalm points. So today, I dwell thankfully on his salvation; and I ask you to continue to send your light and truth into my life through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Today I will face the need for wisdom. At work, at home, and in my relationships, I need your light and your truth to guide me. So Spirit: fill me today. Guide me today. Send out your light and your truth into all the dark and shadowy places of my life, and fill me with your wisdom and joy.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 3 WEDNESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. Help me to rest in my adoption as your child. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 5*

NT READING: *Luke 1:39-57*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for the miracle of the virgin birth, and for the obedience and humility of your servant Mary. Thank you that you exalt those of humble estate, and fill the hungry with good things.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 100*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: I live in a world of self-sufficiency and self-determination. I live in a world that tells me that I am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul. So it is good to be reminded today of these simple truths: "It is He who made us, and we are His; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." I am reminded of both my greatness and my smallness. On the one hand, it is you who made me; I bear your image, and therefore I am full of dignity and glory. On the other hand, I am a sheep of your pasture; I am finite and limited, and I need a Shepherd to guide me. So today, as I dwell on these truths, let me make a joyful noise, and let me serve you with gladness. May I be humbly confident and gently bold, resting in your steadfast love and faithfulness to me.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 3 THURSDAY,

PENTECOST

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 2:1-10*

NT READING: *Romans 12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for the body of Christ the church, in all her glory and beauty. Thank you, Jesus, that you died to redeem this people, and that you have graced each member with gifts that differ according to your design. Increase my love for your church and for each person within it.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 113*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, as I move into this day, I recognize that I am a worshiper. I can't NOT be. My life is always proclaiming the value and the worth and the glory of something. And how often I proclaim the glory of lesser gods! This Psalm reminds me that *YOUR* name is to be praised. And so I will receive this both as a rebuke and an invitation. I confess not praising you as I should; and I renew my commitment to live today as a vibrant, joyful, unapologetic worshiper of you. "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!" So let me be conscious of you throughout this day, and let me worship you in everything: in the quiet moments and the chaotic ones, in my work and in my rest, in the glorious and the mundane. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and forevermore.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 3 FRIDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 3:1-10*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 4:5-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for the great wonder of illumination. You have shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. And that light changes everything. Glory to you, O God!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 116*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

This Psalm begins with four simple words: “I love the Lord.” I meditate on those four words this morning, Father. On the one hand, this is a declaration of truth: I DO love the Lord. In another way, this is a plea for grace: I love the Lord... (and I want to love him more!). And in yet another sense, this is a reminder in times of doubt: I love the Lord (even though at times I feel distant and discouraged). I love you, Lord! And what do people do who love you? They “lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.” So that is what I will do today. I will rejoice in your salvation, and I will continue to call out to you and express my needs. Let the people around me see me worshiping you. May my love for you be public, so that others can be encouraged to love you more.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 3 SATURDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 19*

NT READING: *Galatians 3*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I adore you because you redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. In you, the blessing of Abraham has come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Thank you for bearing the curse, that we might inherit the blessing.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 139*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: this Psalm reminds me of how intimately you know me. You know when I sit down and when I rise. You discern my thoughts from afar. You formed my innermost parts while I was in my mother's womb. There is no place I can go to flee from your presence; nowhere in all of creation where I can escape you. Your vast knowledge is both comforting and challenging. It's comforting because I don't have to pretend; but it's challenging because I can't hide. I confess that I don't really WANT to be known this intimately. There are parts of me I'd rather keep hidden from you and others. So show me today what parts of my life I'm trying to hide. Reveal to me where I'm trying to flee from your presence. And then, in your grace, chase me down and take hold of me. Search out my path, and bring me out of hiding. *KNOW* me, even where I resist being known, that I might be changed by your all-consuming presence.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 4 MONDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and my unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. Yet according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 3*

NT READING: *Matthew 10:24-42*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: you know me so deeply that even the hairs of my head are numbered. I am not insignificant or unimportant; I am “of more value than many sparrows.” I adore you for the way you know and care for me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 77:1-10*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: this Psalm acknowledges the reality of deep distress the kind of trouble that causes me to lose sleep and that makes my spirit faint. Your people are always experiencing seasons like this. I have known these seasons; and if I’m not in one right now, then someone else is. Father, I ask you to make me especially mindful of the troubles of those around me today. Make me particularly sensitive to facial cues and body language. Help me discern when souls are downcast and discouraged. Allow my prayers today to flow toward those in your body who are troubled. And make me an instrument of your peace. Thank you, Jesus, that you are a Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief. Thank you, Holy Spirit, that you intercede for the saints with groanings too deep for words.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 4 TUESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 21:8-21*

NT READING: *Mark 3:20-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I praise you that you are the strong man, who has bound Satan and plundered his house. Your kingdom puts darkness to flight; your power destroys demonic influence and brings healing and life to those who are troubled.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 77:11-20*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this Psalm looks back to the Exodus as the foundational redemptive act in history. You triumphed over Egypt; you redeemed your people; you parted the sea. Thank you that your redemption is historical you accomplish real acts in actual time and space that change history! And thank you that the Exodus from Egypt foreshadowed a greater Exodus to come the work of the Lord Jesus Christ to lead sinners out of bondage and into freedom. Today, help me expect you to show up in the actual history of my life. Open my eyes right now to the hints of your providence; the reality of your presence; and the possibility of your direct intervention in my life. Forgive me for seeing your great redemptive acts as things that happened “back then;” give me the grace to expect your activity right now, today, in MY life, and in our church. “You are the God who works wonders;” open my eyes to your wonders today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 4 WEDNESDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 8*

NT READING: *Luke 9:51-62*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I adore you for setting your face toward Jerusalem. Though you knew what would happen to you there, you moved toward the cross with resolute purpose. Thank you for your unflinching obedience to the Father's will.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 86:1-10*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: this Psalm encourages me to have confidence as I approach you. The Psalmist says: "Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you." Sometimes I am hesitant to say "I am godly" for I know all too well the sin that clings so closely to me. And I'm reluctant to say "I trust in you" because I know my trust is imperfect. But because I belong to you... because I am united with Christ, and your Spirit dwells in me... these things *ARE* true of me. I am your servant, who trusts in you! So today, give ear to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. Fill me with your Spirit, that I might face the trials and troubles of this day with hope. Give me a strong and godly demeanor, that I might say no to every wrong attitude. Let me love others as you love me, and let me act in ways that further your kingdom and show your glory to the world.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 4 THURSDAY,

PENTECOST

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I confess my self-reliance. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

NT READING: *Romans 6:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God: I reflect with joy on the day of my baptism. I adore you for calling me to yourself and uniting me with the Lord Jesus in his death and resurrection. Thank you that the one who has died has been set free from sin. Jesus will never die again and neither will I!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 86:11-17*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Today, O Lord, I meditate on this oft-repeated description of your character: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." This reminder gives me confidence as I move into this day. You are not a capricious god, whose love for me comes and goes based on my performance. Rather, you are committed to me, bound to me in covenant faithfulness because of Jesus. So today, let your never-ending love form the basis of my identity. Let it drive away all insecurity and all fear. Free me from using those around me as the basis of my identity, worth, and value. Instead, make me fully present and fully available to others, grounded in the stable identity that flows from your covenant love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 4 FRIDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 2:1-14*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:5*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for the tremendous glory of things unseen. Thank you that though my outer self is wasting away, my inner self is being renewed day by day. Thank you for all the momentary afflictions you send my way to prepare for me an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 130*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, I think of ancient watchmen on the city walls, waiting for morning, when the threat of a nighttime attack would be over. That's how I want to wait for you not with passive apathy, but with earnest intention, looking, watching, scanning the horizon for evidences of your grace. And that's how I want to hope in your word not letting your truth passively fall upon my ears, but taking it in, ruminating on it, letting it fill me with life and joy and courage. So as I begin this day, let me wait upon you. Even if that "waiting" is just a few precious minutes before the duties of the day press in on me let me cherish the chance to wait on you and to watch for your goodness in my life. Like the sun rising to meet the day, let me see your goodness rising to meet all the challenges in my life today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 4 SATURDAY,**PENTECOST****OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. I am content to appear righteous instead of truly being righteous. I repent of my sin and my self-love. Please search my heart, examine my motives, and forgive my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and send your Spirit to renew and change my heart. Help me to hear your voice today above the clamor of this world, and follow only you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

NT READING: *Galatians 5*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit: I adore you for your presence, your power, and your ministry in my life. Thank you that you have come to transform me from the inside out, filling me with your good fruit and crowding out the deeds and desires of the flesh. Thank you for the beauty you create in the lives of your people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 138*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Today, I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart. Like the Psalmist, I have called, and you have answered me. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, make me mindful today of the ways you preserve my life all the ways you keep me safe as I travel, guard me from harmful people, and sustain my life in a dangerous world. Many days I take all of this for granted. But I know it's your right hand that delivers me. I ask today for the grace to image you by preserving the life and flourishing of others. Where there is danger, let me bring safety. Where there is unrest, let me bring peace. Wherever I can further the well-being of another person, let me do so joyfully and diligently. May I preserve human life and dignity in ways that bring you honor and glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 5 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 22:1-18*

NT READING: *Mark 4:21-34*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, for in you the mystery of God's salvation has been made known. You have revealed your kingdom to the simple, the lowly, and the humble, and have given your people ears to hear and understand. Thank you for making yourself known to me!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 13*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this Psalm helps me express both the depth of despair and the courage of hope. Sometimes I feel that you have forgotten me; that you have hidden your face and given me over to sorrow. When I feel these things, I am in good company! You are big enough, strong enough, and loving enough to welcome my bold lament. At the same time, you remind me to embrace not only the present, but the past and the future. "I *HAVE* trusted in your steadfast love; my heart *SHALL* rejoice in your salvation." Today is not the whole story. So help me be honest with you about the state of my soul; but keep me from hopelessness. No matter how troubling my present circumstances are, set my eyes on your salvation and your steadfast love. May your goodness anchor me.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*



THE DAILY LITURGY

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time is the part of the liturgical calendar that falls outside the major seasons such as Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary time begins with the passing of the Day of Pentecost and continues until the First Sunday of Advent.



WEEK 5 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

NT READING: *Luke 10:1-24*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I rejoice that even the demons are subject to me in your name. No power on earth or in heaven is stronger than your mighty name. Despite this, I rejoice most of all that my name is written in heaven.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 20*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: I receive this blessing today over my life. And I pray this blessing over my church and over all who love you. May you send us help from your sanctuary. May you fulfill all our petitions. May you grant us our heart's desires. May you answer us when we call. Today, as I face the challenges and opportunities that come my way, I remember that because of my union with Jesus Christ, you are present, and you are FOR me. You are not a miser, rationing out your blessings half-heartedly; you are the God of all grace, who loves to bless your people. Pour out your goodness upon me today, for the sake of your son Jesus!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 5 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 5:1-14*

NT READING: *Romans 6:12-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you because you have set me free from sin. Although it still clings to me, I am no longer a slave to impurity, but instead I belong body and soul, in life and in death, to you, my faithful Savior.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 30*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: in Jesus Christ, you have turned my mourning into dancing. Weeping may tarry for the night; but joy comes with the morning! So this morning, fill me with your joy as I embrace this new day. Whatever sad and sorrowful things may surround me, help me to remember that I belong to you; that Jesus Christ has saved my soul; and that my future is incredibly bright! Nothing in this sad world can take away the certainty of my salvation. Whatever sorrows I've carried with me through the night, replace them with your joy, as certainly as the sun rises and chases away the darkness. Fill my soul today with the peace, joy, and hope of your Holy Spirit.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 5 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 66*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you because you have chosen the weak, the foolish, and the despised to shame the strong, the wise, and the noble. Your foolishness is wiser than men, and your weakness is stronger than men. I boast in the foolishness of the cross today!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 66*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, I say to you today: "How awesome are your deeds!" The Psalmist looks back to the Red Sea as proof of your power and might; how much MORE awesome is your saving power through the cross of Jesus Christ? If the Israelites had great reason to give you glorious praise, how much more reason do I have? I want to say to the people around me, "Come and see what God has done! Come and hear his word!" So give me boldness and courage to be your ambassador today. If I am cherishing any iniquity in my heart, convict me, and bring me to repentance. Whatever promises I've made to you, let me fulfill them. Fill my mind with remembrance of your awesome deeds, and my tongue with words of praise to you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 5 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 28*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 5:6-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you because in Jesus Christ you reconciled us to yourself and entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. What a great honor to be an ambassador for you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 89:1-18*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, with your faithfulness all around you? You are the only God, and you alone deserve my praise, worship, and reverence. This Psalm reminds me of the importance of intention. The Psalmist says: "I *WILL* sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I *WILL* make known your faithfulness to all generations." Some days I don't feel like singing of your love; but I will anyway. Some days I lack vision for making your faithfulness known; but I will anyway. Some days I lose sight of your goodness or feel overwhelmed by my circumstances; but I will praise you anyway. For it's in praising you that I find my own needs met. "Blessed are the people who exult in your name all the day... For you are the glory of their strength." Today, I exult in your name; let me do so all the day, for you are my glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 5 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 17*

NT READING: *Galatians 6:1-16*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you that through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. I have died and been raised with Christ as a new creation. Thank you that I can now sow to the Spirit and reap eternal life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 92*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

It IS good to give thanks to the Lord... to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. So thank you, Lord, for these moments that help me orient my heart toward you. This Psalm gives me a compelling vision for my life. When I reach old age, I want to be like a tree ever full of sap and green, still bearing fruit for you! So let me live today with that goal in mind. Help me make choices and decisions that build sound character and lay the foundation for a lifetime of godliness. Let me not find my identity in work, or in the hope of resting from work, but rather in bearing fruit for your kingdom. Thank you for the promise that one day your enemies will perish and all evildoers shall be scattered. Resting in that promise, let me work for justice and righteousness today, loving good and hating all forms of evil.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 6 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith would be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 24:1-28*

NT READING: *Matthew 11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you for the promise of rest. In your kingdom, the violence and upheaval of the world are ended: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life. Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light; in you my soul finds rest.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 9*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, O Lord, that you are “a stronghold in times of trouble; those who know your name put their trust in you, for you have not forsaken those who seek you.” And so today, I know you welcome my prayer; you will not forsake me as I seek you. I ask you to “see my affliction from those who hate me.” Like the Psalmist, I have enemies; there are even those who hate me and seek my downfall. So give me the grace to love my enemies and to pray for those who persecute me. Give me the strength to bear up under affliction and to stay engaged in difficult relationships. My hardship is small compared to many; so I pray today for the needy, the oppressed, and the poor throughout the world: “Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail!” Bring your justice speedily to the earth, that the wicked might perish, and that your rule of righteousness, peace, and justice might be established.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 6 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 24:29-67*

NT READING: *Mark 4:35-41*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I adore you, and I fear you. Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Thank you for the power of your voice and the comfort of your presence.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 25*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The words of this Psalm express the longing of my heart, O God. "Make me to know your ways; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me." I want to be your disciple. I want to learn from you. I want to know your paths and walk in your ways. I realize this takes time and practice; the more I walk in your ways, the more familiar they become. So today, help me put one foot in front of the other. Help me do the next right thing. Give me the courage, power, and grace to turn from evil and to walk in obedience to Jesus. Thank you that you instruct sinners in the way, and lead the humble in what is right. Make me humble. Whatever may come my way today, may the friendship of the Lord be my delight and strength.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 6 WEDNESDAY,

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 17:1-37*

NT READING: *Luke 10:25-42*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I adore you because you are my portion, the only thing I truly need. Why should I be anxious and troubled when you can never be taken away from me? Thank you for your loving patience, your nearness, and your steadfast presence.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 45*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Jesus: thank you that you are the Happy King. God has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions. Because you are sovereign and good, nothing causes you to fret or worry. Nothing gets under your skin or fills you with nervous anxiety. You are pleased in your own glory and in the loving fellowship of the Trinity. Because I am finite, I am not like you; I am worried and anxious about many things. So today, let your gladness ground me and steady me. Remind me that I belong to you, and you hold my life in your hands. By worrying I cannot add a single hour to my life. So free me from worry and anxiety, as I worship the Happy King who is full of joy and peace.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 6 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 17:38-58*

NT READING: *Romans 7*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I praise you for your good, holy and righteous law, which reveals my sin. Yet I praise you even more for the gospel, which proclaims my freedom from that sin. Thank you for this good news, which has brought me from death to life!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 82*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm contrasts the righteousness of your judgments with the injustice and partiality that are all too common on the earth. So I pray with the Psalmist: "Arise, O God! Judge the earth!" Let not the injustice of this world drive me to despair; rather, as I see injustice, let it cause me to long for your coming and look forward to your judgment. God, the poor and needy need an advocate; the oppressed need a deliverer; the forgotten need One who sees them. And you are that One. So let me praise you for your righteous judgments today, and let me be an instrument of your mercy and goodness in the world. As I see injustice, help me right it; as I see poverty, help me alleviate it; as I see brokenness, make me an agent of restoration. Most of all, help me pray and long for your return. Arise, O God! Judge the earth; for you shall inherit the nations.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 6 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of majesty and light, all of creation testifies to your glory. Though your law is perfect, I have disobeyed. Though your revelation is true, I have disbelieved. Though your commandments are pure, I have not trusted you. Forgive me, O Lord, for my willful sin and for my hidden faults. Preserve me with your mighty power this day, that I may not fall into temptation. Straighten my path, and give me wisdom to discern your will, that you might be glorified in everything. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 18:1-16*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I adore you for your abundant grace. Thank you that I don't have to find just the right time or just the right place to encounter you. Now is the favorable time. Now is the day of salvation. Your grace is at work in my life right now in this very moment. And for that I praise and thank you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 133*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: I meditate this day on the beauty of unity. It IS a good and pleasing thing when your people dwell in the deep unity that you intend. So today I ask for that unity in my own life, and in my church. Show me where I am contributing to disunity through bitterness, unforgiveness, or passivity. Help me be a peacemaker, moving toward others in reconciliation. Most importantly, bring to me and to my church the reviving and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit, who exists to make us one. Spirit, pour out your grace on us, that we might be marked by the relational beauty only you can bring.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 6 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I confess today my worry and anxiety. Instead of resting in your sovereignty, I fear the unknown. Instead of bringing my requests before you in prayer, I worry and fret. Instead of letting you be God, I fight for control. Forgive me, O Lord. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Set me free from all anxious thoughts today. Give me contentment and peace, for you have assured me that if I seek your kingdom, I will not lack any good thing. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zechariah 9*

NT READING: *Colossians 1:1-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I adore you for your word of truth, the gospel, which even today is bearing fruit and increasing in the whole world, and in me. Like your servant Paul, I thank you for the saints, your church, whom you have redeemed and who bear witness to your glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 145*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: "Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever." I confess how frequently I take you for granted, going days and even weeks without blessing you and praising your name. This Psalm is a rebuke to my hurried, busy, unattentive life. Like the Psalmist, I want to meditate on your wondrous works. I want to speak of your awesome deeds. I want to tell of your power and commend your works to the next generation. You are near to all who call on you

- which means you are near to *ME* as I spend these moments in prayer. Let me know and feel your nearness. My eyes look to you today; satisfy my desire, hear my cry, show me your kindness. Fill my mind and my mouth with your praises, that I may declare your glory throughout this day.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 7 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good, Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 18:1-15*

NT READING: *Matthew 13:1-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit, I adore you for planting the seed of the gospel in my heart. Thank you for opening my ears and eyes to the message of the kingdom and for nurturing my growth in holiness, that I may bear fruit for your glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 15*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this is the person I want to be. One who does what is right; speaks truth; does not slander or do evil to a neighbor; one who honors the godly, protects the innocent, and keeps his word. Thank you that this Psalm so perfectly describes the Lord Jesus Christ, who ascended your holy hill on my behalf. And thank you that because I belong to you, you send the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit of righteousness in my character. You are making me into this kind of person. The progress is inevitable! So today, help me choose what is right; help me speak words of blessing and life; help me love truth and despise falsehood and evil. Thank you for the promise that “he who does these things shall never be moved;” anchor me and steady me in a life of joyful obedience to you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 7 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshiping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *Genesis 25:19-34*

NT READING: *Mark 5:21-43*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your great compassion. To the sick, the poor, and the desperate you bring healing, mercy, and hope. You ask for nothing except trust. Thank you for your healing grace.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 30*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this is the great promise of redemption: weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning. There is much in this world and in my life to cause weeping. But everlasting joy is coming! One day tears and sorrow will be no more; and even now, joy is the currency of life in your kingdom. Whatever things make me mourn, let me remember that they are but momentary. And help me remember that you *HAVE* turned my mourning into dancing. You have removed all my sin and united me with the Lord Jesus. And so, despite all the troubles of this world, my joy can never be taken away. Help me go about my work today with relentless joy, resting secure in the happiness and peace that is mine in Christ.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 7 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 1*

NT READING: *John 6:22-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for you are the true bread from heaven; the true manna that gives eternal life. Like your disciples, I find myself asking what I must do in order to do the works of God. Thank you your work is already finished, the feast is already given, and all I need to do is trust in you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 52*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: as I cross the threshold of this day, I thank you for this Psalm which draws a stark contrast between good and evil. I live in a world that has lost its moral clarity; but your Word has not! In my life, I will encounter people who “love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right.” It gives me strength to remember that “You will break them down forever.” And it gives me hope to know that “the righteous will see and laugh.” Those who boast in evil are not to be feared; they are to be laughed at, because their rebellion is no match for your righteousness. Thank you for the picture of a green olive tree, thriving in the house of God: make me like that tree! Give me a firm trust in you, a resolute hatred of evil, and a joyful patience as I wait for the fulfillment of all your promises.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 7 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

“Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*”

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 55*

NT READING: *Romans 8:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious Father, I adore you because you have set me free in Jesus Christ from sin and death. And I adore you, Holy Spirit, because you live in me, enabling me to walk in holiness and gratitude. Thank you that instead of a law that condemns me, I have a God who dwells in me. *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 65*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion! I don't pray to you this morning only because I need it; I pray to you because praise and worship and adoration and glory are your rightful due. “Blessed is the one you choose and bring near” so thank you that in your sovereign grace, you have chosen me and brought me near through the work of Jesus Christ. “*YOU* are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.” But so many around me don't hope in you! Even though you're the only one they can find true hope in... they spend their energy and time and money on lesser things. So give me today a rightful jealousy for your glory. Break my heart for the ways my friends and neighbors are not giving you your rightful due. Let me be driven to prayer and mercy and evangelism by an earnest concern for the glory and beauty of your name.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 7 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 3:1-33*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 8*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, I adore you for the grace of our Lord Jesus, who, though he was rich, became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich. Grant me a generous spirit, Lord, that with joy I may earnestly give my time and resources to build your church.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:1-24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: in these moments, I seek to store up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. I want to love your word more than I do. I want to revere and respect your word more than I do. I want to meditate on your word and give attention to it, that it may shape how I see the world. So even today, let me see your word bearing fruit in my life. Bring the Scriptures to mind throughout the day; let your truth be on my heart and on my tongue. Make your word delightful to me, that I may desire it more than all riches.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 7 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Amos 8:1-12*

NT READING: *Colossians 1:15-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ: I adore you because by you all things were created, and in you all things hold together. You are the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything you might be preeminent.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 130*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, today I hear the Psalmist telling me, "O Israel, hope in the Lord!" And my soul says, "I will! I will wait for the Lord, and in his word I will hope." Lord, I realize that hope involves waiting. Like night-watchmen wait for the morning, life with you is full of waiting and hoping, trusting that you will make good on your promises. So help me wait on you. Let me not be in a hurry. Help me reject the lies of instant gratification and immediate fulfillment. Strengthen my hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, that I might embrace a long obedience in the same direction.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 8 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 18:16-33*

NT READING: *Matthew 13:24-43*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, your kingdom often appears weak, hidden, and ineffective, in this world. Yet I thank you that one day you will rule the whole world, purging evil, rewarding righteousness, and bring to creation to its full glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 48*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, with the Psalmist I will meditate on Zion, your holy city. It's a physical place, but it's also meant to depict you as our loving, powerful, and steadfast king. This psalm gives fire to my imagination and stirs my affections as I picture your city, beautiful in elevation, the joy of all the earth. Kings and rulers are humbled by its power, but your people are invited to walk freely among its towers, seeing them as symbols of your strength and steadfast love. Help me to direct my imagination to your city today, Father. I may find myself in pleasant surroundings, or I may face various kinds of darkness. Whatever my circumstance, help me remember your steadfast love by meditating on the beauty and strength of the City of God.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 8 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me
as your beloved child. But I confess that
deep inside my soul I doubt your love
for me. Instead of being satisfied in your
acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere.
Instead of resting in your love, I am restless
with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my
lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my
doubt of your great love. Let your perfect
love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify
and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *Genesis 28*

NT READING: *Mark 6:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, I adore you because you use
flawed, foolish disciples as the means of
making your kingdom known in this
world. Thank you for your power which
works mightily in me, and in all who bear
your name and live for your glory.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalms 85*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm looks back to your faith-
fulness in the past as our hope for revival in
the present. Because you have restored your
people, I know you can restore your people.
But we are fickle, O Lord. We are prone to
wander, to spurn your steadfast love, and
to turn back to folly. I see this in my own
life, and I see it in the lives of those I love.
Our hope is not in our faithfulness, but in
yours. So restore us again, O Lord! Renew
our love for you, our obedience to you, our
fear of you. Speak peace to your people, to
your saints. Revive us again, that we may
rejoice in you!

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship and communion of the Holy
Spirit abide and remain with us, now and
throughout our time on earth, until the day
of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 8 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 5*

NT READING: *Luke 11:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you because you are a good Father. You give good gifts to your children, and you answer those who call on you. You promise to give the Holy Spirit to all your children who ask; so today, I ask. Fill me with your Holy Spirit!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 123*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm reminds me how important my eyes are to worship. I'm going to look to something today for identity, for security, for meaning. As the eyes of servants look to their master, my eyes are meant to look to you. I realize how often my eyes look down to people, to experiences, to tangible realities in this world as my source of life and meaning. Today, help me lift my eyes to you, who are enthroned in the heavens! Get my eyes UP off of this world, with its many vanities, and onto you, in all of your glory. My soul has had more than enough of the contempt of the proud. Fill my soul with life and joy as I look to you, this day and every day.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 8 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 44:1-20*

NT READING: *Romans 8:12-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, Father, for giving me the Spirit of adoption, by whom I cry, "Abba, Father!" Thank you, Holy Spirit, for bearing witness with my spirit that I am a child of God. And thank you for the sweet inward groaning that I experience as I wait eagerly, with all creation, for your full and final redemption.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 128*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, today I take hold of this promise: "Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways." I know the word "blessed" means happy, content, satisfied. All around me today, I hear voices telling me where true happiness is to be found promising that I will be BLESSED by chasing after the gods of this world. So let this Psalm be an anchor for me, today and every day. Help me believe that fearing you and walking in your ways is the path to true fulfillment.

And then help me take the small, everyday steps of walking in your ways. Guide me today by your Spirit, and let my heart be soft to your leading. I pray this not just for myself, but for all your people. May we fear you, and walk in your ways.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 8 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 2*

NT READING: *2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you because your grace is sufficient for me. Thank you for my many weaknesses, which magnify your power and glory. Help me boast gladly in them, that your power may rest upon me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 138*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, help me today to focus my whole heart and mind on your extraordinary goodness. You care for me in many ways, but the psalm reminds me of three specific examples of your faithfulness: you answer me when I call; you see me and are near to me when I'm low; and you fulfill your purpose for me with enduring, everlasting love. Set me free from the old habits, addictions, and inferior sources of comfort that interrupt my connection with you and others.

Help me, Lord, as I reject those counterfeit things and fix my heart on the true consolation of your love. Fill my mind with songs that remind me of your ways; your mercy, your glory, your attentive care, your strong protection. I love you, for your steadfast love endures forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 8 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Hosea 1*

NT READING: *Colossians 2:6-19*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ: I adore you as the head of all rule and authority the one who has triumphed over all the powers of darkness through your death and resurrection. In you the whole fullness of deity dwells; and in you I am made complete.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 149*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, your word encourages your people to extravagantly praise you, with dancing and loud music. Thank you that you invite free, enthusiastic praise! Maybe this kind of expression is familiar to me, or maybe I've never worshiped you in this way. Set me free from passivity in worship, and cultivate in me a joyful and wholehearted response to your goodness. Part of praising you is loving your justice, so help me engage the part of the psalm that pivots from praise to judgment. When you invite your people wage war against evil, may that war be constrained and directed by the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Before I look at the faults of others, help me to reckon humbly and truthfully with the sin in myself. Then, freed by the righteousness of Christ given to me, help me fight sin with all my heart today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 9 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 29:1-28*

NT READING: *Matthew 13:44-58*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I adore you, because in you I have found a great treasure. Your kingdom is so valuable, so important, that it's worth sacrificing everything for. Thank you for blessing me with the riches of your glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: the earth is yours. You are the King of Glory who rules over everything. And that means you know everything that will come my way today

PRAYER OF ADORATION

and you are in control of it all. I don't need to doubt, worry, or be afraid, because I am yours, and you are mine. Today I want to be the person this Psalm speaks of: the one who has clean hands and a pure heart. Left to myself, this is NOT who I am. But Jesus ascended the hill of the Lord in my place; and through him, I am changed, forgiven, and transformed. He has sent the Holy Spirit to help me walk in truth and freedom. So today, blessed Spirit, I surrender myself to you. Fill me, heal me, use me, for the glory of your name.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

OT: WEEK 9 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist, I bow before you in humility. Truly I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 6:1-19*

NT READING: *Mark 6:14-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of wisdom, in you all things hold together. By your providence, even acts that seem senseless and unjust can glorify you and vindicate your truth. I thank you that as your disciple, I have the opportunity to suffer in your name, and to exalt my Savior and Lord.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 49:1-12*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: why should I fear in times of trouble? Why should I envy those who trust in their wealth and boast in the abundance of their riches? Both the wise and the fool will die and leave their wealth to others. So today, deliver me from the power of wealth. Free me from greed, from envy, and from anxiety over riches. I can't avoid living in a world where money is power; and I do thank you for giving me daily bread and entrusting me with resources. But I confess that all too often, money controls me. It determines what I think about, what I worry about, and what I fight about. So today, free me from the grip of wealth, and make me open-handed and generous with what you have given me. Give me opportunities today to sacrifice and to bless others. Let me live with eternity in mind, realizing that only the soul lasts forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 9 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake, and help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ecclesiastes 1*

NT READING: *Luke 11:14-36*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, you are light and in you is no darkness at all. I adore you for your power over evil and for the clear, bright truth of your revelation. Help me to walk in the light, that my words and actions may display your glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 49:13-30*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: when I die, I will take nothing away. So let me live today with that truth in mind. The world entices me to live for the moment, consumed with what I can get in this life. But the gospel frees me to live for your kingdom, joyfully giving myself away for the good of others. Open my eyes today to every opportunity you give me to serve others. Let me not be like “the beasts that perish,” living merely to satisfy my own cravings and desires. Instead, let me live as one who has understanding. Help me consider the glorious future you have promised me, and help me live today in light of that.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 9 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, by my irritation, and by my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: ; *Ecclesiastes 2*

NT READING: *Romans 8:26-39*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I adore you for the power and depth of the love of Christ. Because of your predestining, electing grace, I cannot be charged, I cannot be accused, and I cannot be condemned. Indeed, nothing in all creation can separate me from your love!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 71:1-16*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Refuge. That's the theme of this Psalm, Lord and that's what I need you to be for me today. Wicked and unjust people surround me. Sometimes I am in physical danger; but more often, the threats are social, psychological, and spiritual. I need someplace I can go; someone I can run to. Remind me today that you are my strong refuge; that you will never let me be put to shame; that you will not forsake me when my strength is spent. Even in these short moments now, incline your ear to me, and strengthen me through your Word and Spirit. May my mouth be filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 9 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Hosea 11:1-11*

NT READING: *Ephesians 1*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father of Glory: I marvel that you chose me in Christ before the foundation of the world. Blessed Jesus: thank you that in you, I have redemption through your blood. Holy Spirit: thank you for sealing me in Christ and guaranteeing my inheritance. *Amen.*

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 105:1-22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, as I meditate on your faithfulness to your people throughout history, I am reminded of your goodness. And I'm challenged by this one phrase in the Psalm: "let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." I'm reminded of how joyful the Lord Jesus was during his life on earth; how freely he enjoyed his relationship with you! And I'm reminded of how often my disposition is marked instead by fear, doubt, worry, anger, shame, discouragement, or despair. The bottom line is that I'm more consumed with my worries than with your glory. So today, would you fill me with joy? Would you let my heart rejoice as I remember the wondrous works you have done? Holy Spirit, I know that joy is a fruit of your presence; so fill me today, that I might overflow with joy through your abundant goodness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 9 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods, and looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Amos 7:7-15*

NT READING: *Colossians 3:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for the beauty of holiness. Thank you that you do not leave your people as they are, but you radically transform them, filling them with moral beauty as they participate in the very life of Christ. Thank you that in Jesus, I truly have a new self.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:25-48*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: with the Psalmist, I cling to your Word. I want to keep your law continually and observe it with my whole heart. And yet I know that I fail to do so. So thank you for my Savior, who fully kept your law and obeyed all your commandments. Through him, this Psalm becomes not a mirror to reveal my faults, but a lamp to guide my feet on the path of obedience. Deepen and strengthen my love for your word, O Lord. Let me cling to your testimonies and run in the way of your commandments. Let me never set your gospel and your law against one another, as though they are opposites. Rather, let me embrace your law in all its fullness, seeing how it drives me to Christ for salvation AND how it guides me in a life of obedience through your Spirit. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; so put false ways far from me, and lead me in the path of your commandments.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 10 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 15*

NT READING: *Matthew 14:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your great compassion. You are the good shepherd, who cares for his tired, lost, weary sheep. I come to you hungry, and you truly satisfy. Thank you for your abundant provision.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 17*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God. I confess that this Psalm doesn't resonate as deeply as others. I don't face "the wicked who do me violence" or "deadly enemies who surround me." At least... it doesn't seem like I do. And that's the problem! Your word tells me that I do in fact have a sworn enemy, the devil, who seeks to destroy me. And yet, in my rationalistic slumber, I have taken him for granted, blind to the great spiritual conflict that rages around me. So today, keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. Make me aware of the schemes of the enemy, and all the ways he seeks to devour and destroy. Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him, by the power of your cross and resurrection.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 10 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *Genesis 32:22-31*

NT READING: *Mark 6:30-52*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ: I adore you for your redemptive power which fills hunger, heals sickness, and subdues nature. Your miracles are not bare displays of divine power; they are signs which reveal you as the long-awaited Messiah. I bow my knee before you in reverent worship.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 23*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, what a joy to walk into this day with this beloved Psalm on my lips. You are my shepherd, and I am one of your sheep. I do not know whether this day will be full of green pastures and still waters, or whether I may walk through the valley of the shadow of death. But I DO know that whatever lies before me, you are with me, and you lead me. I can trust in your faithful care. Moreover, I am confident that because of Jesus Christ, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Strengthened by these promises, let me enter this day with unshakable confidence in your goodness and care.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 10 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 7:1-17*

NT READING: *Luke 11:37-53*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you for your righteous anger at hypocrisy and injustice. You will not tolerate religion that is shallow and self-centered. You are loving enough to name it, and merciful enough to heal it.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 33:13-22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, today I remember that you look down from heaven on all the inhabitants of the earth. You see all, you know all, you take notice of everything. Nothing escapes your watchful eye. And this awakens in me two longings. One, I want to turn from sin today. I want to please you and bring glory to you, rather than acting in shameful ways that dishonor your name. Second, I want to experience your closeness today. This Psalm reminds me that you are not a distant observer, but are intimately involved in the lives of your people. So today, let me know and sense your nearness. Make me glad in you. Let your steadfast love be upon me, even as I hope in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 10 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 7:18-29*

NT READING: *Romans 9*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, God, for the mystery of your sovereign grace. You have mercy on whom you have mercy, and you harden whomever you will. Because your purposes are beyond my capacity to understand, kindle in me reverence and awe, and grant me wholehearted confidence in you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 50*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, there's nothing I give you that is not already yours. Every beast and bird is yours; the world and all its fullness belong to you. So deliver me from the superstition that my obedience and worship gives you something you need, or fills up some lack in you. Rather, remind me that worship and obedience are my grateful response to your salvation and benevolence. You are fully satisfied in yourself, and you invite me into the joy of your eternal happiness. So help me today be faithful to your covenant. Help me not cast your words behind me. Rather, let me order my way rightly and be faithful to the covenant vows I've made to you. May the water of baptism drench my imagination, and may the taste of the bread and wine linger upon my tongue.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 10 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, cold of heart and impure, in your Kingdom. Deliver me from every ignorance and heedlessness, from pettiness of the soul and stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me from temptation; receive me in repentance; grant me pure thoughts; that I may love You with all my heart and soul and that I may obey your will in all things to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 1*

NT READING: *Ephesians 2:1-22*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of mercy, I am awed by the immeasurable riches of your grace and mercy to me in Christ! I who was once dead have been made alive by grace through faith. I, who deserve nothing, have been given everything! How awesome is your amazing grace.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 89:19-27*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: your faithfulness to David is a foretaste of your faithfulness to me and to all who are yours through Christ. This Psalm points forward to the great descendant of David, the Lord Jesus Christ, “the highest of the kings of the earth.” So today, please remind me that I am a subject of King Jesus. I belong to him. I am one of his people. And you have promised that Jesus’ reign will never end; his purposes will never fail; his kingdom will never be thwarted! So let me joyfully give all of myself to Him and to His cause. May I joyfully worship King Jesus, obey him, and live for his glory and fame, that all the ends of the earth may sing his praise.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 10 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. Help me to rest in my adoption as your child. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 23:1-8*

NT READING: *Hebrews 11:1-28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I adore you for the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before me. Thank you that I do not walk this path of faith alone, but am surrounded by the communion of saints past and present. I worship you for your faithfulness to your people throughout history, and I eagerly await the enjoyment of all your promises.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 145:1-13*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, as I approach the end of another week, I meditate on the glorious splendor of your kingdom. This week has come and gone; tomorrow marks the beginning of a new week that will have its own responsibilities and challenges. And through it all, in the midst of my everyday joys and trials, you are bringing your kingdom and moving all of history toward its appointed end.

One day every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. One day every deed will be brought to judgment, every wrong accounted for, and every injustice rectified. So let me live today as a faithful citizen of your kingdom. Help me speak of your glory and tell of your power. Help me even now to prepare for worship tomorrow, gathering with your people to sing aloud of your righteousness and rejoice in your steadfast love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 11 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 37:1-28*

NT READING: *Matthew 14:22-36*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, like your servant Peter, I am half-hearted, caught between faith and doubt. Yet you are patient and faithful. I adore you for your assuring presence and your patience with me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 14*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, there is no one who does good, and this includes me. Left to myself, I am a fool, corrupt of heart and committed to self. But you have sent the Lord Jesus Christ to live for me, to die for me, and to rise for me. You have called me from darkness to light, and given your Holy Spirit to transform me, changing my desires and bringing forth a whole new kind of obedience. I thank you for your grace in my life. And I pray that you would help me believe more deeply in the radical nature of grace. Drive home to me the futility of life without you. Remind me that there is none who seeks you not even one. No amount of religious striving can change the human heart we must be born again! And that is what you offer us in Jesus. Today, help me embrace the bad news of total depravity, that I might rejoice more fully in the gospel of grace.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 11 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 11:1-15*

NT READING: *John 6:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you, for in you I lack no good thing. You meet all of my needs and wholly care for me in body and soul. Thank you that all of my desires find their fulfillment in you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 80*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, I confess that I'm more prone to pray "restore me" than "restore US." I'm prone to a "me and Jesus" sort of faith that neglects the welfare of your people. So thank you for Psalms like this, which remind me of your purposes for your people. I pray today, Father: Restore us again! Let your face shine that we may be saved! Your church throughout the world is plagued by enemies who would threaten her, and by false teaching and sin which would weaken her. So restore us to a deep understanding of the gospel of grace. Restore us to a passionate love for God and for neighbor. Restore us to an earnest dependence on your Spirit. Restore us to the work of mercy and justice in the world. Give us life, and let your face shine upon us, now and forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 11 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Kings 4:38-44*

NT READING: *Luke 12:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: knowing you and being known by you is worth more than all riches and treasure. Thank you for changing me by your Spirit, so that I am able to love what truly matters. Help me to fear you only, that I may gain a heart of humility and obedience.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 82*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm is a cry for justice. How long must I live in a world where people judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? I long for the new heavens and the new earth, where all injustices will be righted, and all wickedness banished. And yet, I know that I am part of the problem; in my own affairs, I do not always judge justly or do rightly. So thank you for sending Jesus. His forgiveness pardons me, and his victory ensures that evil will not have the final say! Give me grace today to live between the already and the not-yet. Grant me the courage to work for justice and truth where I can, and the patience to trust you where I cannot. I pray today for all those who are afflicted and destitute; rescue them and deliver them from the hand of the wicked, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 11 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and my unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. Yet according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 5*

NT READING: *Romans 10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, although I did not seek you, you have found me. Though I did not ask for you, you have shown yourself to me. I adore you because you are Lord of all, bestowing your riches on all who call on you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 89:38-52*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: This Psalm acknowledges your faithfulness to your covenant. When your people rebelled against you, you gave them over to their enemies and made them feel the pain of your wrath and judgment. And this helps me see more clearly the beauty of Jesus. As the mediator of a new covenant, he stood in our place. He bore the wrath, the curse, the Exile on behalf of all his people. And so I don't have to ask, "Where is your steadfast love of old?" In Jesus, you have revealed the fullness of your love and faithfulness. And because I belong to Jesus, you will not turn your back on me. So today, fill me with fresh love and affection for my Savior. May my heart be alive with joy and thanksgiving for his abundant goodness and grace!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 11 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 65:1-16*

NT READING: *Ephesians 3:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father: I am full of wonder at the riches of your glory, shown in Christ's love for me. Thank you that his love is so broad and long and high and deep that it surpasses knowledge!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 105:23-45*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm looks back to the Exodus, remembering how you delivered your people from Egypt. And I know that in Jesus, you have accomplished an even greater Exodus, delivering your people from slavery to sin and death. So let me never go back to Egypt! When I am tempted to return to sin, remind me what a terrible master it is. Remind me of the bondage and despair it kept me in. And remind me of the joy and freedom of deliverance! I pray for those around me who are still in willing bondage to sin; make me a messenger of your grace to them, that they might be set free from their chains. Let me live today in joyful obedience to my Redeemer, rejoicing in the freedom he has won for me.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 11 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 23:23-40*

NT READING: *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

TRANSITION: "A Prayer of Adoration..."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your great faithfulness and endurance. You endured the cross and despised its shame. Because my faith originates in you and is perfected by you, I also can endure the long journey of obedience. Help me to cast off my sin, and to fix my eyes upon you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 145:14-21*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

What amazing promises to dwell on, Father, as I reach the end of another week. You uphold; you raise up; you satisfy; you fulfill; you preserve. When I call on you, you are near; and when I cry, you hear and save me. My perseverance in the faith does not rest on my strength and energy, but on your goodness and faithfulness. So today I rest my full weight in your fatherly care. I am weighed down by burdens and concerns and fears and uncertainties; but I need not worry, for I can trust in your nearness and your kindness. Lift my burdens today. Conquer my fears. Relieve my uncertainties. Let my eyes look to you in hope, faith, and trust.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 12 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I confess my self-reliance. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you. Then, use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 45:1-24*

TRANSITION: "And now we pray..."

NT READING: *Matthew 15:10-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I adore you because you change the deepest heart. My sin runs much deeper than I wish to admit; yet your grace penetrates to my inner being and changes my affections, desires and loves. Thank you for this good news!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 67*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, for the invitation to set aside my heavy heart and rejoice in your goodness. With the psalmist I pray, let your face shine on your people today. Be gracious to us. Bless us. Let your deep wisdom, abundant provision, and steadfast love be known among the nations. When you come to judge with equity, you will crush oppression and injustice. You will do away with evil uses of power. You will guide the nations, reconciling enemies and restoring broken relationships. Until that day, help me use whatever resources I have to reflect your goodness in my corner of the world. Help me enjoy your blessing on me, and extend that blessing to others.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 12 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 11:26-12:15a*

NT READING: *John 6:22-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you because you truly satisfy. All of my deepest longings and desires find their fulfillment in you. You are the true bread from heaven, who gives life to the world.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 71:17-24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I thank you, Lord, that you care for me in every season of my life. Whether I'm newly following you, or have walked with you my whole life, you prove to me over and over that I can trust in you. This doesn't mean I have to pretend that life is easy or perfect. The psalm speaks honestly of troubles and calamities, acknowledging that life is hard. Your people will face suffering, even tragedy, so help me to respond to hard times by clinging tightly to you. Remind me of your faithful care in years gone by, so that I can be strengthened when I feel afraid. Help me pass those stories on to others, speaking often of your righteous help. Fill my mind and heart with songs of gratitude, so that I can remember and celebrate your loving-kindness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 12 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. I am content to appear righteous instead of truly being righteous. I repent of my sin and my self-love. Please search my heart, examine my motives, and forgive my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and send your Spirit to renew and change my heart. Help me to hear your voice today above the clamor of this world, and follow only you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *2 Samuel 12:15b-25*

NT READING: *Luke 12:22-40*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Loving Father, I rest in your loving care for me. You are generous and kind, and you withhold no good thing from me. Help me to seek your kingdom and to rest securely in your provision.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 51*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm is a cry of sorrow over sin and a plea for forgiveness. As I engage it, may you guide me into right repentance today. If my heart is dull and self-justifying, sharpen my sensitivity to my sin. If my heart is obsessed with being perfect, bring me to the end of perfectionism. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, for you delight in truth in my inward being. Teach me your wisdom in my secret heart, so that I can know true authenticity and freedom. Repentance may be costly and painful, like bones breaking. But the psalm says, let the bones that you have broken rejoice. You're not interested in showy acts of sacrifice; you love a broken and contrite heart. You do not despise the humble. Restore to me the joy of your salvation today, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 12 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 56:1-8*

NT READING: *Romans 11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: how awed I am by the depth of the riches of your wisdom and knowledge! In contemplating you and your salvation, the proper response is reverence, wonder and worship. From you and through you and to you are all things. To you be glory forever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 101*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: This psalm is meant to shape my desires and capture my imagination. Help me envision this picture of a wise king ruling well. He's singing of love and justice. His heart, his royal court, and his people are characterized by integrity and truth. Worthless things, deception, and pride are kept out. The people dwell securely because his faithfulness. David wrote this psalm, but he couldn't fulfill its vision, and neither can I. Thank you, Lord that this picture points beyond David to Jesus, the truly wise king who rules with steadfast love and justice. Awaken my inner being and give me deeper understanding to grasp that Jesus embodies everything I long for. Human leaders may deceive and fail, dimming my hope for a good king. But when I think of the joy, wisdom, and power of Jesus, I find myself willing to follow him anywhere. Lord, transform me with this vision today!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 12 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 58*

NT READING: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God: I stand in awe of you, for you are a consuming fire. You are the holy judge of all the earth. Yet, because of Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, I come to you in joyful worship instead of in fear. Thank you for your kingdom which cannot be shaken.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 103*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, in this psalm, you invite me to pause in my rushed activity or my anxious planning for the future so that I can remember your faithfulness to me in years past. Help me not to forget the things that you've done for me. You've forgiven my sin. You've healed my ailments of mind and body. You've redeemed my life from the pit. You've crowned me with steadfast love. Lord, you satisfy me with your goodness, and my joy is renewed. My work today may involve small, ordinary things; or it may involve great influence and responsibility. Either way, as I work I will hold this in my heart: your steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting. I know my days are like the grass, and my frame is the dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. With all creation, I will bless you, Lord, and thank you for your presence in my life.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 12 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

through all. To you I bow my knee and offer my willing obedience.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 133*

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 1:4-19*

NT READING: *Ephesians 4:1-16*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, I adore you as the head of the church; the one in whom the whole body is joined together and built up. You have given many gifts and graces, but you are the one Lord who is over all and in all and

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, I thank you for this image of healthy, celebratory community enjoying your favor and blessing. Our culture conspires to isolate and divide us, and I confess that I feel the drift in my soul. I desire to dwell in unity, but I don't always know how. I long for meaningful connection, but I struggle with inertia and fear. Sometimes keeping my true self hidden feels safer. Draw me out of myself with this beautiful vision of a better life. Help me resist the pull toward individualism and detachment by showing me how precious it is to dwell in community. O Lord, bestow your blessing on me as I seek to live in unity with your people.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 13 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

NT READING: *Matthew 16:1-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God: I worship you because you are building your church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. You not only save sinners, but you gather them into your church and govern them by your word and Spirit. Thank you for your faithfulness to your church.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 34*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, as I meditate on your goodness, my heart is filled with gratitude. I've tasted and seen your goodness again and again in my life. When I called out to you, you answered me with protection and care. I know very well that I have the tendency to forget your faithfulness and go through the day with fear or self-sufficiency. When I'm tempted to focus on my afflictions, re-orient my heart to the truth of your goodness. When I'm crushed in spirit, remind me that you are near to the broken. I long for the kind of life described in this psalm, one that sees many good days, so keep me from evil and help me pursue peace. Redeem the broken places in my life according to your word, Lord, and teach me to find my refuge in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 13 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *2 Samuel 18:5-33*

NT READING: *Luke 12:49-56*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I adore you for your righteous indignation toward injustice and wickedness. You are not weak and ineffectual; you are intent on ridding your good creation of the stain of sin. Thank you for this strong, prophetic reminder that you will one day set things right.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 81*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, I am like the Israelites in this psalm. Though I belong to you and enjoy your favor and blessing, I don't always listen to your word. I have hard, stubborn places in my heart; places where I resist your law because I'm a rebel. Deep down I prefer to solve my own problems and keep my own judgments, holding parts of myself back from full obedience. Please change me. Help me remember that you have demonstrated your trustworthy character and unwavering love with proof after proof. Soften my heart, Lord. Take me back through my history, like you have done with Israel. I don't want to go back to the slavery and hunger of rebellion against you. I want to listen to you. Help me and satisfy me with your love.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 13 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 25*

NT READING: *Luke 13:10-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your miraculous works of healing. Even today, by your Spirit you straighten crooked bodies and crooked hearts. Thank you for the freedom you bring: from law, from Satan, from sin, and from death.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 112*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As I meditate on this psalm, I long to be like the righteous man it describes. I want to delight in your commands and deal generously with everyone. I would love to be steady and unmoved in the face of difficult times, shining like a light. But I know all too well my struggles and fears, my failures and shortcomings. Even as I'm filled with the desire to grow into this image, I stumble. Thank you, Lord, that Jesus perfectly embodied this ideal on my behalf. He is the one whose righteousness endures forever. He is the one who is gracious and merciful, never moved, always steadfast, abundantly generous, a light dawning in the darkness. As I go about my day, help me return to this picture of Jesus and by meditating on it, be transformed by it.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 13 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel, and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith may be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 51*

NT READING: *John 6:41-58*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus. It is only in Him that I have the right to call you Father. I adore you for the indescribable richness of your triune life, which I can partake in because of your Son.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 124*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm makes me so grateful that your word deals honestly with the human experience in all its messiness. This day will surely bring a myriad of distractions, pressures, and temptations. I know that my heart is easily led away from you and entrapped by various kinds of sin. Thank you Father that you have not left me alone. If you were not defending me, I would be overcome. In your goodness, you have kept me from becoming prey to the threatening darkness. This psalm foreshadows what your word says elsewhere, that with every temptation you provide a way of escape. Like the bird escaping the trapper's net, I will look for ways to get away from temptation and call out to you, knowing you set me free. My help is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 13 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 52:1-12*

NT READING: *Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: thank you for giving yourself up for us in love. Father: thank you for making us your beloved children. Holy Spirit: thank you for your convicting, comforting presence. Let me not grieve you today, but rather be an imitator of you, walking in love as you have loved me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 130*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: I know that I am either in the midst of suffering, or I am preparing for suffering at some point in the future. I'm so grateful that your word encompasses both the good and the bad, never hastening away from hard times but re-framing them as invitations to come close to you. This psalm teaches me to cry out to you, even from the depths. I don't know what difficulties may come today, or what I may be called to suffer. But I do know that I'm not alone. Thank you for listening to my cry for mercy. I don't have to suffer perfectly. If I sin, don't mark my iniquities, but forgive me in your loving-kindness. I wait for you, O Lord, watching for your mercy like a scout watching for the sun to rise. My soul waits for you; in your word I hope. I look for your steadfast love and plentiful redemption today. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 13 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 2:1-13*

NT READING: *Hebrews 13:1-16*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God: I adore you for the promise that you will never leave me or forsake me. Because of this, I can say: the Lord is my helper, I will not fear; what can man do to me? Thank you that you are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 138*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, help me today to focus my whole heart and mind on your extraordinary goodness. You care for me in many ways, but the psalm reminds me of three specific examples of your faithfulness: you answer me when I call; you see me and are near to me when I'm low, even though you are the highest being there is; and you fulfill your purpose for me with enduring, everlasting love. Set me free from the old habits, addictions, and inferior sources of comfort that disrupt my fellowship with you and others. Help me, Lord, as I reject those counterfeit things.

Empower me to fix my heart on the true consolation of your love. Fill my mind with songs that remind me of your ways: your mercy, your glory, your attentive care, your strong protection. I love you, for your steadfast love endures forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 14 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE # 22

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 3:1-15*

NT READING: *Matthew 16:21-28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I know that if I am to truly follow you, I must follow you in your death. Yet you promise that in daily dying to sin, I will find life. I praise you for the great promise that whoever loses his life for your sake will find it.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 1*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, you know my innermost being. I long to obey you perfectly. I want to avoid the counsel of the wicked, the way of sinners, and the seat of scoffers

PRAYER OF ADORATION

but I cannot meet that standard on my own. So thank you that Jesus IS the righteous man of Psalm 1, whose delight is in the law of the Lord. I ask you to form my inner being so that I become more and more like Jesus. Sharpen my appetite for your law, help me meditate on it throughout the day, and make it my delight. Let me be a tree planted by streams of water, satisfied and made strong by your presence. I do not know what this day will bring, but you know the way of the righteous. So guard my steps and keep me in your truth today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 14 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of majesty and light, all of creation testifies to your glory. Though your law is perfect, I have disobeyed. Though your revelation is true, I have disbelieved. Though your commandments are pure, I have not trusted you. Forgive me, O Lord, for my willful sin and for my hidden faults. Preserve me with your mighty power this day, that I may not fall into temptation. Straighten my path, and give me wisdom to discern your will, that you might be glorified in everything. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 30*

NT READING: *Luke 8:26-39*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your power over evil and over demonic forces. Although I have real spiritual enemies that threaten me, in you, nothing can harm me. I thank you for the Holy Spirit who comforts me and protects me against physical and spiritual danger.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 26*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

In this psalm, O Lord, the Psalmist asserts his innocence and asks You to vindicate him. I, too, want to say, "I have walked in my integrity, and trusted in the Lord without wavering." But I know too well my propensity toward sin and mistrust. Thank you, Jesus, that your absolute obedience, your perfect wholeness, and your complete righteousness have covered my shame like a royal garment. As I dwell on these ideas, they fire my affections for you and keep your steadfast love at the forefront of my mind. When I'm tempted by falsehood or hypocrisy, help me to choose integrity. Redeem me and be gracious to me. Deepen my love for your house, O Lord. I'm drawn to your glory and filled with gratitude for the things you've done for me. Keep my feet on level ground today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 14 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I confess today my worry and anxiety. Instead of resting in your sovereignty, I fear the unknown. Instead of bringing my requests before you in prayer, I worry and fret. Instead of letting you be God, I fight for control. Forgive me, O Lord. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Set me free from all anxious thoughts today. Give me contentment and peace, for you have assured me that if I seek your kingdom, I will not lack any good thing. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 2:10-12 and 3:1-15*

NT READING: *John 6:60-71*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I adore you because the words that you have spoken are spirit and life. To whom shall I go? You have words of eternal life. I have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 90*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm is an invitation to compare my transience to your permanence; my smallness to your vastness. Today I acknowledge that I am overly occupied by my work, my interests, and my ambitions. Your word reminds me that the span of my life is just a breath. You are an everlasting dwelling place; I am like grass that springs up and then fades. Teach me to number my days. Make me wise, living with eternity in mind. Satisfy me this morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice all my days. And establish the work of my hands, that what I do today may have lasting significance because it is done for your glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 14 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good. Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 9*

NT READING: *Romans 12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you for your goodness. I praise you for your Spirit, who renews my mind, and your Son, into whose likeness I am conformed. Thank you for transforming me, so that I am able to love genuinely instead of out of obligation or duty.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 111*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that your word challenges my individualism. I tend to forget that I'm joined to the great company of God's people, stretching back through time. This psalm lifts my eyes above myself, reminding me of your generational faithfulness. With the congregation of the upright, I will offer thanks to you with my whole heart. As I go about the work of this day, help me return again and again to your grace, your mercy, and your generous provision. As I interact with the people and situations you have ordained, help me cultivate a restful heart, because I'm grounded in your covenant love. Give me the fear of the Lord, that I might grow in wisdom, and an expansive vision for the community of saints to which I belong.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 14 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshipping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 4:11-31*

NT READING: *Ephesians 5:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, as your beloved child, I long to imitate you. Thank you for being such a good Father, who teaches me how to walk in light, instead of in foolishness, impurity and darkness. Thank you for awakening me from the slumber of sin and filling me with the light of Your presence.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:49-72*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm celebrates your righteous laws. I confess that your laws don't fill me with delight; I tend to fear that either they'll box me in, or they'll crush me with their standards. But then I remember that your laws are an expression of your profound concern for justice and goodness. In ancient times, your law was the first to require care for the poor, protection of the vulnerable, justice for outsiders and captives, and humane treatment of animals. So with the psalmist, I meditate on your wisdom. I affirm that you are good, and you do good. Your laws really are better than gold and silver, because they reflect your steadfast love. Thank you, Jesus, for perfectly fulfilling the law on my behalf. Filled and empowered by Your Spirit, may I love your law, and may I obey it wholeheartedly as I seek your glory in the world this day.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 14 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 8:18-9:11*

NT READING: *Philemon 1:1-21*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I adore you because in you a new family is formed. Old divisions of class and race are torn down: persecutors become apostles, enemies become saints, and slaves become brothers. I thank you for the ministry of reconciliation you have given your church, that she may display radical unity to a divided world.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 144*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm is an unapologetic request for you to bless your people. And so I ask you to do just that, on behalf of your people everywhere. I ask for the flourishing of our sons and daughters. I ask for the prospering of our businesses and endeavors. I ask for peace and safety within our families and streets. I ask that you would rescue your servants from the cruel sword, and from the hand of those who speak lies and embrace falsehood. A good king is known by the flourishing of the people under his rule; may your people flourish and thrive, so that the world may say: "Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord."

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 15 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 12:1-14*

NT READING: *Matthew 17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, in you the invisible God is made visible. Although you could overwhelm me with the power of your glory, instead, you call me to rise and have no fear. I adore you for your holiness, majesty, and might, and also for your gentle condescension to your finite creation.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 51*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, this psalm is the Bible's most famous expression of confession and repentance. As I reflect on it, I ask that you would make it true of me. Give me this same sort of brokenness over my sin, and guide me into right repentance today. I live in a world where repentance is seldom practiced, and where self-justification is the norm. Furthermore, I know my own heart is full of pride, shame, and fear, which lead me to minimize my sin. So today, Holy Spirit, sharpen my sensitivity to my sin. Help me see it in all its odious colors, that I may hate it. Wash me thoroughly, that I may be marked by truth in my inward being. Give me the courage to seek reconciliation or restore damaged relationships, even if such things may be costly and painful. Remind me that you're not interested in showy acts of sacrifice; you love a broken and contrite heart. Break my heart, and restore to me the joy of your salvation today, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 15 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joshua 24:1-2 and 14-28*

NT READING: *Matthew 18:1-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I adore you, for you do not value people the way the world does. Your concern is for the overlooked, the overwhelmed, the small, and the weak. I worship you for this, as I know I am but a little child in your Fatherly care.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 84*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord God, this Psalm expresses a longing for your presence. In the Old Testament, the Temple was the place where you dwelled in a special way. So the Psalmist longs for your courts, for your house, for the place where you dwell. And the glory of the New Covenant is that you now dwell IN your people, by your Spirit! I don't have to go to a physical place to experience your presence; you are in me and with me by your Spirit. And yet I confess that in my busy-ness and distraction, I don't always acknowledge and enjoy your presence. So today, I ask that you would deepen my longing for your presence. Let my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Pull me ever deeper into the experience of union with you. Let me know and feel the beauty of your presence, because your nearness is good for me in every way.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 15 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 8:1-21*

NT READING: *Luke 14:1-24*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, you compare your kingdom to a great feast which the prideful overlook, but to which the poor and the crippled are invited. I adore you for the open invitation to all who repent of their sin and weakness, and for your abundant grace.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 105:1-22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, as I meditate on your faithfulness to your people throughout history, I am reminded of your goodness. And I'm challenged by this one phrase in the Psalm: "let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." I'm reminded of how joyful the Lord Jesus was during his life on earth; how freely he enjoyed his relationship with you! And I'm reminded of how often my disposition is marked instead by fear, doubt, worry, anger, shame, discouragement, or despair. The bottom line is that I'm more consumed with my worries than with your glory. So today, would you fill me with joy? Would you let my heart rejoice as I remember the wondrous works you have done? Holy Spirit, I know that joy is a fruit of your presence; so fill me today, that I might overflow with joy through your abundant goodness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 15 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

“Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit’s presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 8:22-60*

NT READING: *Romans 13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you for your just rule over all creation. Because all authority ultimately belongs to you, I can submit to those you have put in authority over me. Help me to honor you by honoring others, that I may display the glory of your gospel to a cynical world.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 105:23-45*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh God, this Psalm looks back to the Exodus, remembering how you delivered your people from Egypt. You remembered your promise; you brought your people from bondage to freedom; you gave them a land; and you did all this that they might keep your laws and live as a distinct people. And I know that in Jesus, you have accomplished an even greater Exodus! You have fulfilled all your promises; you have released us from the bondage of sin; you have made us citizens of your kingdom; and you have done all of this so that we might live for your glory in the world. So today, remind me of the joy of deliverance! Whatever difficult circumstances I am facing, remind me that they pale in comparison to the joy of being united with Christ and set free from sin. Let me never return to Egypt! Instead, let me live today in joyful obedience to my Redeemer, rejoicing in the freedom he has won for me.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 15 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 11*

NT READING: *Ephesians 6:10-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, my spiritual enemies are real, they are powerful, and they rule over the present age. Yet, you are Lord of all, and in your Son and Spirit I cannot be harmed. I thank you for the strength I have in you, in which I can stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:73-96*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear Father, this psalm says, "in faithfulness you afflicted me." As I begin a new day, help me see affliction as your faithful means of getting my attention and cleansing my desires. Suffering comes to everyone, and I can choose how I respond to it. I can allow it to harden me; or I can allow it to shape me into your likeness. I know that my Redeemer was "a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief." Thank you that he knows the pain of suffering. And thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within me and keeps me in your love. May your Spirit strengthen me when I'm tempted to withdraw from you. Comfort me with your steadfast love; let your mercy come to me; guide me with your delightful law, for I long for your salvation. Anchor me and ground me in your truth today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 15 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, I enter this day full of thanksgiving, because you have redeemed my life by your mercy and grace. I worship you for such a great salvation even as I come to you in repentance. Hear my confession, Father. Forgive me for under-believing your gospel and over-believing my worries. Forgive me for being slow to listen and quick to judgment. Forgive me for failing to love you and your church. Have mercy on me, Lord, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 33:1-20*

NT READING: *1 Timothy 1:8-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I adore you for your gracious act of salvation to those who were once your enemies. By your mercy, your law exposes sinful hearts. And by your mercy, you came into the world to save those same sinners. Thank you, Lord.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 149*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, your word encourages your people to extravagantly praise you, and to rejoice in your name. Thank you that you invite free, enthusiastic praise. As another week draws to a close, I anticipate the Lord's day, when your people gather to do just what this Psalm says! In the meantime, cultivate a joyful heart in me, and set me free from passive worship. Help me to fully engage my mind, soul, and body in the worship of you. Furthermore, help me remember that worship is warfare. Praising you means longing for evil and sin to be destroyed. So give me grace to fight sin with all my heart, and to faithfully wage war against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 16 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 50:1-21*

NT READING: *Matthew 18:21-35*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I adore you for your forgiveness, so deep and powerful that it not only cancels my debt of sin, but transforms my heart. This parable reminds me that I have accepted your mercy only to the degree that I show mercy to others. Thank you that in Christ and by his power, I am able to truly forgive those who have sinned against me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 15*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, who is good enough, pure enough, right enough approach you on your holy hill? Today's psalm is a picture of the kind of life that pleases you, for you love justice, kindness, and truth. But I know myself. Even my efforts to do the right thing are mixed with pride and foolishness. I'm undone by your standard. Thank you that you sent Jesus down from your holy hill to walk blamelessly among us, to speak the truth, and to enact the obedience that we cannot. Thank you that his righteousness covers our sins and opens the way for us to be close to you. Please protect the vulnerable around the world from injustice today. And when I am tempted to treat others carelessly or speak deceptively, remind me of my Savior, who died and rose again to free me for a life of joyful obedience. By His grace, help me to walk blamelessly, speak truthfully, live justly, and do good to my neighbor.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 16 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

“Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*”

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 14:10-31*

NT READING: *Mark 7:1-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for sending your Holy Spirit to transform your people at the deepest level. You, Holy Spirit, change me from within, so that virtue and goodness flow from my inner being. I rejoice in the beauty of your holiness; and I thank you that you are making me holy.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 79*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm shows me how to keep childlike trust, even in the face of destruction and loss. If I’m not experiencing these things personally today, use this psalm to shape my soul for the hard times that will inevitably come. If I do confront suffering today, your word invites me to pray honestly, how long, O Lord? How long? Let your compassion come to meet me, for I’ve been brought low by circumstances in my own life, and in the world at large. In spite of these sorrows within and without, shape my inner life so that I can respond with thanks, knowing that you are my powerful and loving shepherd. I know that you will make all things right, and I pray for patience and endurance until that day comes. Be near to all your beloved ones who suffer today. Give me power, in my own small corner of the world, to reflect your goodness by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with you. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon me, as I have hoped in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 16 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 15:1-21*

NT READING: *Luke 14:25-34*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, because my salvation is by grace alone through faith in Christ, I owe everything to you. I cannot withhold from you even the good gifts you have given me, or give my allegiance to them above you and your kingdom. Yet I thank you for your promise that in seeking first your kingdom, I will lack no good thing.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 113*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, as I move into this day, I recognize that it's my nature to worship. I'm wired for it. My life is always proclaiming the value and the worth and the glory of something. And how often I proclaim the glory of lesser gods! Enlarge my capacity to see you, admire you, enjoy you, and worship you. This Psalm reminds me that *YOUR* name is to be praised. And so I will receive this both as a rebuke and an invitation. I confess not praising you as I should; and I renew my commitment to live today as a vibrant, joyful, unapologetic worshiper of you. The sun came up this morning, and it will set again this evening. Through the hours in between, let me be conscious of you in everything: in the quiet moments and the chaotic ones, in my work and in my rest, in the glorious and the mundane. When I'm tempted to love lesser things today, draw me back to yourself and re-awaken my worship.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 16 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 4:1-9*

NT READING: *Romans 14:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you that because I have been released from the bondage of sin, my conscience is free to honor you in all things. I don't have to judge others, because I am accountable only to you, my master. Thank you that because of the gospel I have freedom from pettiness, comparison, and judgmentalism.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 114*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this psalm uses pictures of exile and homecoming to teach us about yourself. You took your people out of a strange land where they were oppressed, and gave them a sanctuary and a place of their own. But even that place was temporary. Your people throughout the world remain a people in exile, awaiting our spiritual home. So today, when I feel vulnerable or out of place, help me remember that I'm not a citizen, but a sojourner, a pilgrim on the road to you. Help me live here with purpose; but let me never be fully at home. With your people around the world, I look for the new heavens and earth with longing. Help me do my part today to hasten their arrival through prayer and good works.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 16 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist, I bow before you in humility. Truly I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

NT READING: *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, your saving power is displayed both in mighty, dramatic acts of revelation, as well as in the peaceful, quiet, godly, and dignified lives of your saints. I adore you that your gospel is not only for the powerful- for kings and those in high positions- but that you desire all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:97-120*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm reminds me that your word is given as a guide for my life: a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I'm constantly occupied with planning the future or re-playing the past, but you know every inch of my path, and you illuminate it one step at a time with your word.

Help me to walk with you patiently in this moment, alive to your presence. There are many ways in which the wicked have laid a trap for me, many kinds of temptation, but I invite you to shape my will and form my inner person so deeply that I will not stray from your commandments. You are my hiding place and my shield. Through the complications and challenges ahead of me today, keep my heart steady with love for you and my ears filled with your word. Help me walk in obedience and companionship with you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 16 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake, and help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

NT READING: *James 1:17-27*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father of lights, every good gift is from you. I praise you for your purity, your unchangeable nature, and for your word of truth, that has brought me salvation. Thank you, Father, that this word of truth doesn’t merely change my mind, but transforms my entire soul. Help me to be a doer of your word, not merely a hearer.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 142*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear Lord, I cry aloud to you today. This psalm reminds me that I can confide every part of my inner life to you. When I’m tempted to withhold my true self from you in prayer, this psalm prompts me to pour out all my troubles. You love me; you listen to all of my complaints. I can take my time and tell you everything. When my spirit faints, I will assure my soul that you know my path. When I feel that no one cares for me, you are my refuge and my portion. Set me free from my prisons and I will give thanks to your name. Bring me out of myself and restore my capacity to rejoice and hope. Because of your goodness, I’ll sing your praise in the gathering of your people.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 17 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, by my irritation, and by my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 16:2-15*

NT READING: *Matthew 20:1-16*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, all things in heaven and earth belong to you. I adore you for the abundant mercy you've extended me, and for the open invitation of forgiveness you hold out to all people. Help me not to begrudge your generosity, but instead to glorify you with gratitude and thanksgiving.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 91*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, you are my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. This Psalm promises me that you will deliver me from evil. And yet, this is also the very Psalm that Satan used to tempt Jesus, urging him to throw himself down from the temple, because "angels will bear you up." So today Lord, let me rest in this Psalm as Jesus did confident of my final vindication, but aware that in this world I will have trouble. Help me not to put you to the test by making demands of you. Instead, let me rest in the good of the gospel, confident in the promise of eternal life. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 17 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 1:1-19*

NT READING: *Mark 7:24-37*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you for your dynamic interaction with the world. You are not rigid or hard hearted. Although you never change, you are moved by human suffering. Although you are sovereign, you respond to the requests of your people. Grant me, therefore, greater boldness and faith in bringing my requests to you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:121-144*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that the unfolding of your word gives light. I need your light today as I engage the people and things around me. Give me a deep understanding of your ways, increase my affection for your law, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Cause me to weep when I see people failing to revere and obey your law. Whatever this day brings, I receive it as a gift from you. Make your face shine upon your servant, for Jesus' sake, amen.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 17 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods, and looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 1:20-33*

NT READING: *Luke 15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, how amazing is your compassion for the lost. I adore you for your great mercy: that you not only forgive sins but delight in the repentance of sinners. I thank you that your grace extends both to those who are far from you and those who are near.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 125*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear God, I rejoice in these images of you as my protector. I may face difficulties or danger in the course of this day, but the Lord surrounds me as the mountains surround Jerusalem. I pray for your people both around the world and close to me who are suffering or enduring trouble. Do good to them, O Lord. Be their protector. Give me the power to relieve suffering and promote peace in the lives of those around me. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 17 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

NT READING: *Philippians 1:19-30*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus Christ, since I belong to you in body and soul, I rejoice! I am free from fear, anxiety, and worry, because you will be honored in me, whether by life or death. Thank you for the gift of meaningful work in life, and for the gift of eternal glory with you in death.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 135*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm invites me to worship You because you are so much better than idols and false gods. Idols have mouths, but cannot speak; eyes, but cannot see; ears, but cannot hear; nor is there breath in their lungs. But You are living, active, and sovereign, doing whatever pleases you, in the heavens and on earth. My idols may not be made of silver and gold; but I have them nonetheless. I am prone to worship created things rather than You, the Creator. So today, help me see afresh the impotence of my idols. Help me remember the greatness of your power and glory. And as I make this comparison, may it prompt me to joyful worship, humble adoration, and heartfelt obedience.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 17 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Amos 6:1-7*

NT READING: *1 Timothy 6:3-19*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I came into this world with nothing and will leave it with nothing. Therefore I adore you, because in your Son I have a treasure that can never be taken away. Grant me contentment instead of greed, generosity instead of anxiety, and humility instead of pride. Rather than the uncertainty of wealth or power,

help me to set my hope on your sure and certain promises.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 141*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm cries out to you for help to walk in holiness. When the Psalmist says, "Set a guard over my mouth, keep watch over the door of my lips," I realize how easily I can sin with my speech. I need your help to keep my words pleasing to you and edifying to others. When the Psalmist says, "Do not let my heart be drawn to what is evil," I acknowledge how easily my heart can be drawn into temptation and sin. I need you to deliver me from evil. Without your sustaining grace, walking in holiness would be hopeless. But you have given me the promised Holy Spirit, and because he lives in me, I can walk in new life. Guard my tongue today; keep my heart devoted to you; and sustain me by your grace as I walk the path of obedience.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 17 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jonah 3-4*

NT READING: *James 2:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, for in you there is no partiality. To the poor and the lowly, you bestow honor and favor. When I look at you, I see my own poverty, and I am humbled and moved by your great mercy to me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 146*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, what a helpful rebuke this Psalm offers: "Do not put your trust in human beings, who cannot save." I confess how prone I am to trust in human beings they often seem more tangible, more real, more present than you. But I shouldn't be surprised when human beings fail me: they are not eternal, unchanging, or benevolent like You. "When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing." Show me today the ways I have put my hope in people rather than you. And renew my trust in You, the Maker of heaven and earth, the one who is faithful forever. With your people, I gladly say: "Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob!"

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 18 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 17*

NT READING: *Matthew 21:23-32*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I praise you for the great mercy and patience you extend toward sinners. Instead of judging by the appearance of righteousness, you see the heart. Like the tax collectors and prostitutes who left everything to follow you, I too long to forsake my sin, to walk with you, and to obey you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 25*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Prayer is the ascent of the soul toward you, Lord, and I join with this psalm to lift my mind, my heart, and my soul upward. My natural instinct is to focus on the things of this world. I constantly give my attention to things like money, control, and reputation. I know deep in my bones that though these things seduce me, they're cheap. Insubstantial. They really can't bear the weight of my desires. Make me like the psalmist, whose desire and longing is aimed toward you. Use the events of this day the good things, as well as the loneliness and trouble to change my sense of what is worthy of longing, so that I lose my taste for lesser things. Sharpen my hunger for the substance, beauty and weight the glory of you. I know you are good in my intellect; teach me these things at the deepest level of my experience. Guard my soul, O Lord. With the psalmist I say, may integrity and uprightness keep me.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 18 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me,
cold of heart and impure, in your King-
dom. Deliver me from every ignorance and
heedlessness, from pettiness of the soul and
stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me
from temptation; receive me in repentance;
grant me pure thoughts; that I may love
You with all my heart and soul and that I
may obey your will in all things to the glory
of your name. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *Proverbs 2*

NT READING: *Mark 8:27-38*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I adore you because you call me to
take up my cross and follow you. You don't
mince words about the cost of discipleship;
you promise that it will cost me everything,
and that it's worth it. This kind of honesty
is refreshing and compelling. Help me
to count the cost and to wholeheartedly
follow you, even in my uncertainty.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 37:1-24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, your word is a powerful correc-
tive for my anxious, worried mind. In this
psalm, you wisely and gently doctor my
soul. When I look at the world on my
own, I can't understand why people who
do evil seem to flourish, achieving success
and the affirmation of the world even as
they dishonor you. It seems like the godly
should prosper, but often they're the ones
with the most struggle. Why? This psalm
prompts me to look beyond the surface to
deeper realities, reminding me that your
kingdom operates on a different economy.
Justice and righteousness are coming as
surely as the new day will break. In the
meantime, help me stop fretting over the
situations of others, and look carefully to
my own soul. Help me trust in you today,
and do good, as your word says. Help me to
dwell faithfully in my own place, knowing
that you establish my steps and hold my
hand as I wait patiently for you.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship and communion of the Holy
Spirit abide and remain with us, now and
throughout our time on earth, until the day
of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 18 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. Help me to rest in my adoption as your child. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 3*

NT READING: *Luke 16:1-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, I thank you that because I have your Son, I am truly wealthy. The false riches of this world are temporary, so I am free to use them wisely, shrewdly, and effectively for your kingdom. Help me to be faithful with what I have been given, that you may be glorified and your kingdom advanced.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 37:25-40*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

I see your hand at work in my life, Lord, and I thank you for your constant supply of mercy. When I look back, I see that you have indeed kept my way, even when it was invisible to me. I continuously try to save myself with many old habits, deeply engrained in my soul. But thank you that the very core of the gospel of grace is here: salvation is from the Lord. None of my own actions, good or bad, will save me. Salvation belongs only to you “not just the salvation that lands us in glory, but also many minor rescues along the way.” Help me reckon truthfully with the false things I do in effort to save myself, to feel important, to feel safe, to be loved. Help me when I’m tempted to give them one more try. Remind me that my refuge, my stronghold, my salvation is in you. Put your law in my heart and draw me ever nearer to yourself.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 18 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 50*

NT READING: *Philippians 2:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I adore you because you took the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men, and humbling yourself to the point of death, even death on a cross. I adore your glorious name, which is above every name, and I look forward to the day when every knee will bow, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 116*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you Lord that your word offers a pattern for calling on you in all kinds of situations. This psalm is the prayer of someone coming through a period of suffering. It expresses gratitude and worship, without glossing over the reality of affliction. This psalm is a great teacher. It shows me two things: how to be honest about my experience, and what I can expect from you, O Lord. It's true that I need help, yet you bend down low to hear me. It's true that my feet are prone to stumble and my eyes to shed tears, yet you lovingly preserve me. It's true that I will die someday, yet even my death is precious to you. With the psalmist, when I feel afflicted, I will lift up the cup of salvation. I will remember the ways that you deal bountifully with me. I will remind my soul to rest, because of your goodness.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 18 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26*

NT READING: *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: thank you that you have called me to a holy calling, not because of my works but because of your own purpose and grace. Thank you that Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. May I delight in this gospel and treasure it more deeply every day!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:145-160*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

This psalm takes direct aim at my apathy, cynicism, and numbness. It opens with the words, “with my whole heart, I cry!” The fervor of this psalm challenges my tendency to hold back. It pulls me toward an expressive, fiery love for you. Yet even here, I need the gospel, for I cannot love you as I want to. My affection flags, my mind wanders, I don’t feel like I can sustain that kind of passion. But then I look at your grace, O God. The whole psalm is shot through with it. Interspersed with expressions of love are cries for help, and repeated affirmations of your care and mercy. You provide for my weakness with your own perfect love, in the person and work of Christ. His steadfastness, his mercy, and his unflagging care are the wellspring of my life. Let me rest in this today and always.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 18 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

NT READING: *James 3:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I am reminded of the consequences and power of my speech. And so I praise you for the *YOUR* speech, which brought the world into existence, and which calls out to me from the pages of Scripture. I thank you that your Spirit unites my whole being -- words, thoughts, actions, and affections -- after the likeness of your Son.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 137*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, that your word includes this song of exile, connecting us with the displaced people of Israel, captives in Babylon. Your word creates space for expressing the deepest loss, yearning for home, and the longing for justice. Even now, I know the world is full of exiled people of various kinds, and I pray for your mercy to be with them. I also recognize that I too am spiritually exiled from my real home. Lord, give us strength in exile. Relieve the spiritual weariness of our sojourning. Remind us that, just as your people Israel eventually returned home, so we will someday come back to our rightful place with you. Restore to us the songs of Zion, and fill us with hope. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 19 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and my unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. I confess my sin, and I thank you that according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 20:1-21*

NT READING: *Matthew 21:33-46*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the true and final prophet who proclaims God's judgment, calls sinners to repentance, and is ultimately rejected by men. You are not only the greatest prophet; you are the firstborn of a new creation, the cornerstone of a new kingdom. I adore you for this new and better covenant, which depends not on human effort or will, but on your unshakable promises.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 19*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, you are so good for us that when we're in close relationship with you, we heal, we thrive, we find rest. This psalm begins by directing my attention to the natural world, which displays your goodness and power. It expresses your creative joy and energy, reminding me that everything on earth benefits from your common grace. Then the psalm turns to your law, which is not a collection of dead rules, but rather a blazing vision of your people living well, in balanced and just relationships with creation and with you. Finally this psalm looks at my inner person. Your ways are precious and desirable as they set my crooked soul to rights. I can't discern my own errors; please give me grace to see my hidden faults. Keep me from presumptuous sins today. And when I'm numbed by the mundane, or distressed by the darkness of the world, let your commands bring the light back to my eyes. Align my speech and my inner world to reflect your goodness, for Jesus sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 19 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I confess that I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things.

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *2 Kings 5:1-14*

NT READING: *Mark 9:14-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, Son of God, I marvel at your authority over evil and at your compassion for those oppressed by it. To those in bondage, you bring freedom. To those weak in faith, you are faithful. To the desperate, you bring deliverance. Aware of my own powerlessness in the midst of suffering, I worship you.

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 54*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm of David provides me with a pattern for my own prayers. I hear David express his anxiety and suffering to you; recall your faithfulness; and respond to your care with gratitude. Help me to be a student of David's example. I know my own soul with its old habit of withdrawing from God when life is messy, confusing, or painful. My instinct is to pull away and try to fix things myself, and come to you when I feel better. But your word shows me something different. It reminds me that you invite my weakness. When the psalm says, "behold, God is my helper," that's because you know that I need help, that my frame is dust, and that I must be rescued. I invite you to form my inner person away from self-reliance, and toward an instinctive and ongoing return to your love, for Jesus' sake.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 19 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 31:10-31*

NT READING: *Luke 16:19-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you that you have spoken decisively through Moses and the Prophets. It is in listening to them that my heart is prepared to respond to you, and to your glorious resurrection. Thank you for your eternal word, which points the way to you. Help me listen and obey.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 66*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

This psalm reminds us that the day is coming when all the earth will worship you, Lord. I rejoice that your enemies, who now seem so strong, will one day come cringing to you. This Psalm delights in your might and power, not just to boast, but to draw curious outsiders in. Even the sufferings of your people are redeemed and restored by Your loving power, and I can add my testimony to theirs. Like You did with Israel, You have kept my soul among the living; You have kept my foot from falling; you have brought me through fire and water to a place of abundance. When I lose heart, I'll remind myself of all that the Lord has done for my soul. And I'll rejoice that some day soon, all of creation will lie captive at the feet of Jesus Christ in glorious liberty.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 19 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, I confess that in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I admit my self-reliance, and I turn from it. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 35*

NT READING: *Philippians 3:1-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, with the Apostle, I count all things as loss compared to the surpassing value of knowing you. You are the most beautiful, most glorious, most worthy Being in all the universe; nothing I desire compares with you. Because you have made me your own, I press on toward the

goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 111*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, with the psalmist and the congregation of the upright, I offer thanks to you with my whole heart. Your word confronts my individualism and lifts my eyes to your glorious works. Help me remember that I'm part of the great company of God's people, stretching back through time. Lift my gaze beyond myself, and remind me of your generational faithfulness as you draw your people to yourself. As I go about the work of this day, help me return again to your grace, your mercy, and your generous provision. As I interact with the people and situations you've ordained, help me cultivate a restful heart, because I'm grounded in your covenant love. Give me the fear of the Lord, that I might grow in wisdom. And give me an expansive vision for the growth and flourishing of your church and your kingdom.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 19 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 29:1-14*

NT READING: *2 Timothy 2:1-15*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you that your word is not bound! Thank you that your elect *WILL* obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and with it eternal glory. Thank you that when I am faithless, you remain faithful.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 119:161-176*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

My heart stands in awe of your words, O God. And yet, though I love your word, I am not as alive to it as I should be! I know that my thought life is often a rush of distractions, anxieties, and stresses. I want this to change, and I invite you, Holy Spirit, to change me. As the psalmist speaks of being shaped and sustained by meditation on your word, give me that same capacity. As I face the distractions and challenges of this day, I will be tempted to wander like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, Lord; don't let me forget your commandments. Incline my soul to love your testimonies exceedingly, for all my ways are before you. Thank you that those who love your laws are filled with peace. Let me rejoice at your word and delight in your law today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 19 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. I am content to appear righteous instead of truly being righteous. I repent of my sin and my self-love. Please search my heart, examine my motives, and forgive my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and send your Spirit to renew and change my heart. Help me to hear your voice today above the clamor of this world, and follow only you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 31:31-40*

NT READING: *James 3:13-4:10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you for the invitation to draw near to you. Your nearness is my good, and my only hope for taming the passions that are at war within me. Thank you for your promise to give grace to the humble. I long for the wisdom, righteousness, and peace that come from above, through the gracious influence of your Holy Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 133 and 134*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, what joy it is to think of the unity of your people! I thank you for this image of a healthy, celebratory community enjoying your favor and blessing. And I realize that I live in a world that tends to isolate and divide people from one another. I desire to dwell in unity with your people, but I don't always know how. I long for meaningful connection, but my pride and fear keep me hidden. So today, draw me out of myself with this beautiful vision of a better life. Help me resist the pull toward individualism and detachment. Make me the kind of person who fights for unity and community among your people. And hasten the day when all divisions will cease, and your people will dwell together in the full and complete unity purchased for us by the Lord Jesus.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 20 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 32:1-14*

NT READING: *Matthew 22:1-14*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God: I praise you because you have invited me to the wedding feast of your son. Your banquet hall is open wide to all those who will trade the tattered rags of sin for the wedding garments of your grace. Thank you for Your extravagant generosity!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this psalm remembers the history of Israel's relationship with you. Grounded first in your steadfast love and mighty work, it unfolds to show Israel breaking her covenant with you to worship the golden calf in the desert. Without Moses' meditating presence, the people would have died for their sin. I see that this isn't just Israel's story, it's also my story. I too have been drawn in by your love, but find myself going back to other sources of help and security. Like Israel, I fear the unknown. I prefer a god I can manage and manipulate. But you are completely unlike any other god; you interact with your people on your own terms. When I was alienated from you because I was worshiping other things, you sent Jesus, the better Moses, to stand in the breach for me. Thank you that I belong to a new covenant with you. Help me see my idols for the useless things they are, and be drawn to you again by your love.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 20 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Numbers 11:1-29*

NT READING: *Mark 9:38-50*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you for the clarity and urgency of your call to discipleship. Thank you for warning me of the destructive effects of sin, and for driving me out of complacency, toward your open, loving arms.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 106:34-48*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy Spirit, I invite your work in me as I meditate on this psalm. Although it's a song about Israel's history, it invites me to consider my own history with you. You called your people to come out and be separate from the culture around them, but they didn't obey; instead they assimilated. The culture's idols became their idols. The culture demanded their allegiance, and they gave it, even to the point of sacrificing their own children to false gods. I know that I am capable of the same betrayal. The false gods of my culture are strong, and they demand my allegiance. So today as I go about my work, show me how I need to separate from the culture around me. Life with you is so much better than the narrow, suffocated life the world offers.

Satisfy me with your love today, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 20 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Esther 7 and 9:20-22*

NT READING: *Luke 17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I worship you for the unstoppable progress of your kingdom. Your kingdom has come, is coming, and will come,

and nothing can stop its progress or hinder its purposes. Whoever trusts in you cannot be put to shame.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 121*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

As I begin this day, I lift up my eyes to you, Lord. This psalm is a place of stability, rest, and calm; make it my base camp. Fill my imagination and capture my heart so deeply that I truly experience you as my helper. Even accounting for my own failures and missed opportunities, somehow in your sovereignty, nothing is lost, because you are the guard of my path. This is good news for my soul, because I can't see my path, I can only take it one step at a time. The hours ahead may bring trouble of various kinds, or they may be full of peace. Either way, you are my keeper, O Lord. I will lift up my eyes to you, for you are the source of my help. I will certainly face temptation to sin; when I do, hold me steady, don't let my foot be moved. I rejoice in you, O Lord, my keeper.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 20 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 4*

NT READING: *Philippians 4:1-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I adore you for your peace, which surpasses all understanding. Why should I worry, why should I be anxious, when you promise to supply my every need in Christ? To you be glory forever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 124*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this psalm deals honestly with the fact that sometimes, life threatens to “swallow us up.” The images of a flood sweeping your people away... a torrent overwhelming them... these are fitting images for troubles of various kinds. But our hope, in all of it, is that the Lord is on our side, and he will not give us up. Thank you, Father, for your faithfulness to your people. Thank you that you haven’t left me alone. Whatever I face today, I face with the sure promise that you are my help. You won’t let me be overcome. This psalm foreshadows what your word says elsewhere, that with every temptation you provide a way of escape. Like the bird escaping the fowler’s net, help me to flee temptation today and call out to you, knowing that you set me free. My help is in the name, character, and glory of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 20 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 25:1-9*

NT READING: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I praise you for the Holy Scriptures, which are your very words, breathed out from your own mouth. Thank you that your word is reliable, unbreakable, and powerful, able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ. May I always treasure your word and never take it for granted.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 140*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: today I pray with the Psalmist: “Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked!” There are ungodly people in this world who plot evil and devise violence. But you are a God of righteousness, who loves what is good. In your mercy, bring the plans of the wicked to ruin; do not let their schemes succeed. Make me mindful of any ways I might be furthering evil in the world especially in the words I speak. This Psalm mentions the lips and the tongue as the starting place of violence. So let not my tongue speak evil today; instead, may my words be full of praise, prayer, and honor. Let my mouth give thanks to your name throughout this day, and let my mind and heart be conscious of your presence.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 20 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 32:1-15*

NT READING: *James 5:7-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I adore you because your coming is at hand! "The Judge is standing at the door;" your return is imminent. I praise you that you *ARE* coming to make all things new. Let me await your return with patient perseverance and prayerful obedience.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 143*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, as I begin this day, "I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land." Meet with me now in these quiet moments, and give me the strength I need to live this day joyfully and courageously, for your glory. With the Psalmist, I pray: "Teach me to do your will... Let your good Spirit lead me." Holy Spirit, I want to be filled up with your presence today; I want to be led by your gentle influence and marked by your good fruit. To you I lift up my soul; make me know the way I should go. Guide me, comfort me, lead me today. I am your servant, and you are my God. Be glorified in my life today; and as the day ends, prepare my heart to rise to you in joyful worship on the Lord's Day.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 21 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith would be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 2:18-24*

TRANSITION: "And now we pray..."

NT READING: *Matthew 22:15-33*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you that you are not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. The resurrection of the dead is not only a future hope, but a present reality; Abraham, Isaac,

and Jacob are not dead, but alive! And I, too, will live, because you have conquered death.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 8*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, my Lord, along with the Psalmist, I marvel at your glory in the heavens, and at the honor you have given to humanity. I know that I am limited. I feel my weakness. Yet although I am dust, you have made me in your very own image. Indeed, according to this Psalm, every single human being displays your majesty and reflects your glory. Help me today to see every person I meet as they truly are: full of dignity, worthy of honor, made to exercise dominion. As I see your image in them, let it draw my mind and soul to worship you, acknowledging how majestic your name is in all the earth.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 21 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Exodus 33:7-23*

NT READING: *Mark 10:2-16*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, Son of God: I adore you because your kingdom transcends the law of Moses and restores an older, deeper, better vision of peace and flourishing. Those looking for a new law to follow are perplexed by your words; but those who come to you with childlike faith are welcome in your kingdom. Thank you for your upside-down kingdom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 26*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: in this Psalm I hear the longing to be vindicated, to be found righteous, and to commune with you in your Temple. Because you are faithful, the Psalmist trusts that you will honor what is right and do what is good. I know I am not innocent before you; I have not walked in complete integrity. But Jesus Christ my Lord, with whom I am completely united, is blameless, steadfast, and faithful. So let my identity in Christ transform my whole being. Conform me more and more to his image, that I might walk in integrity and confidence before you. Give me the strength of will to refuse sin; to turn away from wickedness; and to avoid consorting with evildoers. Make me holy, as you are holy.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 21 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 5*

NT READING: *Luke 18:1-8*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God: I worship and adore you because you hear the prayers of your people. Even when my prayers aren't answered in the way I expect, I know you hear the cries of your people and will one day come to set everything right. You give justice to your elect, who cry to you day and night and for this, I praise you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 96*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

This Psalm, O Lord, calls me to behold you, to worship you, and to tell of you. Your glory is so abundant that it overflows into the heart of the Psalmist, who cannot help but respond with adoration. I pray, O God, that worship would frame and motivate my thoughts, words, and actions today. Open my eyes to the beauty of your holiness and the transcendence which is evident all around me. Let me taste of your abundant goodness. Increase my sense of awe and wonder today, that I might ascribe to you the glory that you deserve.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 21 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 45:1-13*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit, I adore you for your powerful work to open minds and convict hearts as the gospel is preached. Moreover, I rejoice that even after conversion, you continue to mold, form, and sanctify your people as they become imitators of Christ Jesus. I adore you, Spirit, for your

presence within me and for the works you do through me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 99*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, how do justice and mercy both find their source in you? How do vengeance and forgiveness both belong to you? This Psalm looks back to Moses, Aaron, and Samuel as priests and representatives of your people. Your righteousness is displayed both in your forgiveness of their sins and in your vengeance for their wrongdoings. So help me today to remember both your forgiveness and your justice. May I live today with great confidence and trust, knowing that you have forgiven my sin in Christ; but may I also live with great fear and reverence, knowing that you desire holiness from your people. Let me make no excuses for sin today; rather, let me pursue holiness with my whole being.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 21 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of majesty and light, all of creation testifies to your glory. Though your law is perfect, I have disobeyed. Though your revelation is true, I have disbelieved. Though your commandments are pure, I have not trusted you. Forgive me, O Lord, for my willful sin and for my hidden faults. Preserve me with your mighty power this day, that I may not fall into temptation. Straighten my path, and give me wisdom to discern your will, that you might be glorified in everything. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 14*

NT READING: *2 Timothy 4:6-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I praise you, for even when others desert me, you are near. When my enemies oppose me and reject me, you are faithful. You see injustice and defend your servants, vindicating their good works for your sake. Like the Apostle, I am confident that You will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into your heavenly kingdom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 107:1-16*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord: this Psalm gives various pictures of what redemption looks like. Some are wanderers, looking for a city; others are prisoners, enslaved in their rebellion. And in your goodness, you redeem them all. In your Son and by your Spirit, you gather scattered people, and you liberate enslaved people. So today, I ask for eyes to see the wanderers and the prisoners around me. I remember your grace in my own life; you satisfied my longing and filled my hungry soul with good things. Help me today to tell the story of your redemption to those around me. Let me not keep the good news to mySELF; instead, "let the redeemed of the Lord say so!"

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 21 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, I confess today my worry and anxiety. Instead of resting in your sovereignty, I fear the unknown. Instead of bringing my requests before you in prayer, I worry and fret. Instead of letting you be God, I fight for control. Forgive me, O Lord. Help me to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Set me free from all anxious thoughts today. Give me contentment and peace, for you have assured me that if I seek your kingdom, I will not lack any good thing.

Amen.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Malachi 4*

NT READING: *Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Son of God: I adore you for the radiance of your glory. All things were created through you, for you, and hold together in you. You are not a remote, impersonal, or vague presence; you are God's word spoken, God's image made visible, and God's nature made manifest. I honor you as Lord: exalted, reigning, and triumphant!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 136*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, the refrain of this Psalm is no mystery: your steadfast love endures forever. Hearing that phrase over and over again awakens me to what a glorious reality your steadfast love is. It's your never-stopping, never-giving-up, eternal and relentless jealousy toward all who are your covenant people. And in light of that, the signs of your covenant take on new meaning. Baptism is not merely a symbol; it's a covenant sign that marks me as yours. And when I come to the Lord's Table, I am declaring that I belong to you. Like a husband with his wife, you are jealous for my affections and serious about your commitment to me. So tomorrow, as I gather with your people, may the words on my lips and the bread on my tongue have the weight and significance that they deserve. Your steadfast love endures forever may I never take it for granted!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 22 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, you promise to work all things for my good. Yet I confess that instead of delighting in your grace, I find reasons to be unhappy. I have filled my life with busyness and scheduled myself into exhaustion. I have been quick to judge others and slow to forgive them. Open my eyes to Your glory which is all around me, and to Your love which is smiling through all things. Renew in me a sense of wonder in You and your good creation. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18*

NT READING: *Matthew 22:34-46*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, I worship you as Lord and king. You are both the eternal Son of God and the incarnate son of David; the king of heaven and Lord of all the earth. In your nearness, I delight; by your holiness, I am humbled.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 1*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: as I begin this day, I want to let this Psalm sink down into the fabric of my being. I don't want to walk in the counsel of the wicked; rather, I want to be a person who meditates on your law day and night. I long to be a fruitful tree planted by streams of water, not chaff driven away by the wind. And so I turn my mind to Jesus, who IS the perfect fulfillment of this Psalm. Jesus delights in the law of the Lord. In all that Jesus does, he prospers. And by grace, Jesus is conforming *ME* into his image! Through union with him, I am becoming more and more like the person Psalm 1 envisions. So today, Holy Spirit, let that work continue. Fill me and further your gracious influence in my life, for my good and Christ's glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 22 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come into your presence with deep gratitude, for I am no longer under the law but under grace. Resting in that truth, I freely confess my brokenness and my weakness before you. Instead of worshiping you, I have put myself at the center of my life. Instead of honoring others, I have withheld words of blessing and spoken words of harm. Have mercy on me, for Jesus' sake. By your Holy Spirit, awaken in me today passionate worship, joyful obedience, and wholehearted love for others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 34*

NT READING: *Mark 10:17-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, the cost of being your disciple is steep. Your call is to full obedience, not merely knowledge; a life of holiness, not occasional good behavior. Yet by grace, you have fully paid for all of my sins, and have opened the way to the kingdom of God! How can I repay you? Instead of laboring in toil or languishing in despair, I will rejoice in my freedom as your beloved child.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 16*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Today, Lord Jesus, I choose to “set the Lord always before me.” I choose to believe that your ways are the path of life; that in your presence there is fullness of joy; that at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. This world offers me many temporary pleasures. But none of them satisfy; they cannot bring me fullness of joy. So today, as I battle sin and temptation, let me not merely avoid the wrong; make me zealous for true happiness. Let my whole being rejoice in your satisfying goodness. Give me not just a distaste for sin, but a taste of the fullness of joy, that I may never again be satisfied by anything less.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 22 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy God: Dust I am, and to dust I shall return. I am like a flower of the field, that appears for a little while and then vanishes. But I confess my tendency to live days, weeks, even months at a time with little thought for my mortality, and little consideration for eternity. Forgive my presumption and self-reliance. Humble me to the dust, that I might be ever-mindful of my frailty, and freshly awed by your eternal, infinite beauty. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 6*

NT READING: *Luke 19:1-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I praise you for coming to seek and save the lost. In taking on our nature, in being the guest of sinners, you bring your salvation near, and show your kindness and mercy.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 32*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, how amazing that you count no iniquity against me! In Jesus Christ, you have canceled the debt of my sin. Furthermore, you have credited to me the righteousness of Christ by faith, as though I had never sinned nor been a sinner. May I never take such forgiveness for granted! Instead, may I be moved to acknowledge my sin to you, and to confess my iniquity. Today, let me not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding. Instead, let me willingly submit to the Holy Spirit, who teaches and instructs me in the way I should go. Surround me today with your steadfast love, and let me rejoice in your salvation!

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 22 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, I confess to you the shallowness of my repentance. I am content to deal with surface sins, rather than exploring the dark contours of my inner being. I am content to offer words of repentance, rather than bringing forth the fruit of repentance. Humble me greatly today. Reveal to me the depth of my depravity and the strength of my idolatry, that I may drink more deeply of your mercy and delight more fully in the beauty of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 1:10-18*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians. 2:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I praise you for the ministry of the apostles, who were first approved by you to be entrusted with the gospel. Thank you that by their obedience, the gospel has been passed on to us, through an unbroken chain of Christians throughout history. By your grace, may you see fit to pass this treasure to another generation through my words and witness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 90*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: I come to you today as the One who has been our dwelling place throughout all generations. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God; I am not the first to cry out to you, nor will I be the last. I ask your grace today to live with eternity in mind. If I am blessed, I have 70 or 80 years on this earth; then I disappear like a vapor. In 100 years, few people will remember who I was or what I did. So let me not give my days to meaningless triviality. Instead, let me live for what matters. Help me invest in the people around me, pointing them toward Your kingdom and Your glory. Help me make the most of my time, using every opportunity to further your purposes. Help me number my days, living with the end in mind and making a difference in my generation. Let your favor be upon me, and establish the work of my hands.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 22 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I cannot keep silent about my sin; when I do, my bones waste away and your hand is heavy upon me. So I will acknowledge my sin to you, and I will not cover my iniquity. Today, I acknowledge the sin of *ENTITLEMENT*. I confess that I live with a demanding spirit that grabs, clutches, and expects, rather than with a generous spirit that thanks you and blesses others. Forgive me, O Lord, by the mercy of Jesus, who did not regard equality with you as something to be grasped, but emptied himself that I might be filled. Fill me up today with the freedom and joy of grace, for Your name's sake: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Amos 5:1-15*

NT READING: *2 Thessalonians 1*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God: I thank you for your righteous judgment. I worship you for the promise that you will one day right every wrong and bring every deed to justice. With your church, I patiently await your return; and in the meantime, I praise you for the

presence and comfort of your Spirit.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, this Psalm urges me to “let the redeemed of the Lord say so!” And so I begin this day by saying so! I am one of your redeemed. And I worship you today, for as I look back on my life, I see that I have been a fool at times. Because of my iniquities, I have suffered affliction. But when I cried out to you in my distress, you delivered me! And now I ask that you would keep me from further foolishness. Maturing in you means growing in wisdom; and I wish to be wise today, not foolish. So grant me discernment; guard me with your grace; let your Spirit lead me in the good and right path. Cause me to grow in grace, for my good and your glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 22 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 130 & 131*

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: you have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust. Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me. My love is shallow and self-serving. Forgive me, O God. Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible. May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Amos 5:18-24*

NT READING: *Hebrews 4:12-16*

TRANSITION: "A Prayer of Adoration..."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: these psalms picture a quiet soul; a trusting soul; a waiting soul. How I want that! Yet I confess that my soul is often hurried and harried and busy and scattered. Today, I want to ask for your grace to change that. I hear the language of will and decision in the psalm: "I have calmed and quieted my soul." This takes intention. It takes purpose. It won't "just happen." So even now, in these quiet moments of reflection, I choose to quiet my soul. I choose to wait for the Lord. I choose to slow down to notice my lungs breathing in and out... my ears hearing and taking in these words... my body filling the space I now occupy. Right now, I choose to let go of things too lofty for me all the events that are beyond my power and agency. And instead, like a child with its mother, I rest my soul in the presence of the Lord.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, I worship you today for your Word, before which I am completely exposed. Nothing is hidden from you, for you know even my secret thoughts and intentions. And despite your intimate knowledge of me, you invite me to draw near, because Jesus the Son of God is my high priest. Thank you for the mercy and grace that is mine in him!

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 23 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit: because of my union with Christ, you dwell within me. Yet I confess that I still live according to the flesh. I do not live in conscious dependence upon you. I do not walk in vital communion with you. I am self-reliant and self-trusting, more defined by this age than by the age to come. Forgive me, Gracious Father, for neglecting the gift of your Spirit. Today, fill me afresh with the Spirit's presence. Revive my soul. Renew my zeal. Release your power in me, for the glory of Your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joshua 3:7-17*

NT READING: *Matthew 23:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, because in you there is no dishonesty, no inconsistency, and no hypocrisy. In my own heart I recognize a wide gulf between my words and my actions. But instead of condemnation, you offer me yourself, both as my model to teach me, and as my savior to transform me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 17*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: today I am surrounded by "men of the world whose portion is in this life." They do not think of the world to come, or ponder the realities of your eternal kingdom. And I confess that I am prone to embrace their perspective. I find myself doubting the reality of the world to come and wondering whether righteousness and obedience really matter. Like the Psalmist, I call upon you. Give ear to my prayer. Hear my words. Keep me as the apple of your eye. Let your faithfulness to me, as promised in your word, anchor and animate my faithfulness to you. Give me vital, vibrant, active trust in you today. May I take hold of the promise that Jesus Christ has pledged himself to me, and he will not let me go.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 23 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, in Christ you have adopted me as your beloved child. But I confess that deep inside my soul I doubt your love for me. Instead of being satisfied in your acceptance, I look for acceptance elsewhere. Instead of resting in your love, I am restless with fear, control, and worry. Forgive my lack of trust in your promises. Forgive my doubt of your great love. Let your perfect love cast out all fear, and free me to glorify and enjoy you fully. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 7*

NT READING: *Mark 10:35-45*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, because you did not come to be served, but to serve. Thank you for your humility. Thank you for your condescension. Thank you for your example. You ask nothing of me that you have not modeled your *SELF*; as you have served others, you ask me to serve others. Thank you that you gave your life as a ransom for me so that I can follow you in joyful obedience.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 43*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: if MY OWN soul is not cast down and in turmoil today, then someone I know is facing this reality. Life in this world is fraught with difficulties, and sometimes hope and joy seem to vanish. So I pray today for myself, and for all who are downtrodden and discouraged. I ask you to "send forth your light and your truth." Let the goodness and truth of your Word comfort your people in their despair, O Lord. Rather than pulling away from You, give us the power to seek You, to cry out to You, to praise You. And by your Spirit, help us to preach to ourselves rather than listening to ourselves. Give us the courage to say: "Why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in God!" Let us not give in to discouragement today, but fight against it with the power of your Word.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 23 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, beckons me with the wide embrace of his love: I confess that I have been a wayward child. I have disobeyed your commands; I have been deaf to your call; I have been cold to your love. In thought, word, and deed, I have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive me again as your beloved child, not because I am worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 49:8-26*

NT READING: *Luke 20:1-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus, I worship you as the cornerstone. You are the one whom the builders rejected, but upon whom the household of God is built. Remind me that your Gospel is a message of judgment as well as mercy, as I cast myself on You as my only hope.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 98*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, today I rejoice and sing before you, because you are coming to judge the earth! Your judgment is good news for the whole world. No longer will there be partial justice; no longer will wickedness thrive. You will judge with perfect righteousness and equity, delighting in what is good and destroying all that is evil. Today, let my own life anticipate that final day. Help me to make war on sin. Judge the evil in me, and cast it out, replacing it with righteousness and holiness by the power of your Holy Spirit. Reform my entire being according to your truth, and let me sing to you a joyful song as I await your glorious return.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 23 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Holy Spirit of God: I confess today my neglect of you. I am not yielded to your influence as I ought to be. I walk in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, and as a result I bear the fruit of the flesh rather than the fruit of the Spirit. Gracious Holy Spirit, forgive my sin and overcome my weakness. Subdue my restless heart and overwhelm me with your presence, that I might hear your voice clearly, yield to your control eagerly, and bear your fruit consistently. Through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 53:4-12*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians. 2:13-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I adore you for the power of your word. Your word is still going out, still doing its work, and still bearing fruit, as it was in the days of the apostles. As people are converted and churches are planted, you are glorified. Thank you for the life-giving power of your word.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 104:24-35*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, today I step forth into a disenchanted world. The wonder the Psalmist has as he looks at the sea and the earth seems distant to me sometimes. I don't naturally see the oceangoing ships or the change of seasons as evidence of your wisdom and creativity. In fact, I can sometimes look at the world without thinking of you at all! Forgive me, Lord, for missing the evidence of your glory and beauty all around me. Open my eyes to see the God-bathed world in which I live a world full of your creatures, sustained by your providence, renewed and preserved by your Spirit. Fill my heart with a song of your glory today, and let me long for day when the wicked will be no more and your righteousness will shine like the sun.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 23 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, I come before you today not in penitent fear but in repentant faith. Because you have raised me up with Christ, I now humble myself before you. I confess that I have been proud, attempting to live an autonomous life and believing the lie of self-sufficiency. I have avoided Jesus by treasuring other things more than you and your kingdom. Have mercy on me today, O Lord my God, and empower me for greater trust, submission, and obedience, through Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Micah 3:5-12*

NT READING: *2 Thessalonians 2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Before I loved you, O God my Father, you loved me, and by grace you have given me comfort and hope. I adore you that my hope is not subject to change, but is securely anchored in your eternal word. What a firm foundation I have in Christ! Thank you for calling me to salvation through the gospel.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 107:1-3, 23-43*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father: this Psalm is thick with images of reversal. You are the God who turns rivers into deserts, and parched lands into springs of water. The evil who seem to prosper, you bring low in judgment; while the needy and afflicted, you raise up and establish. Today, I take great hope in this! There are places in my life where I need reversal. In the dry and thirsty corners of my soul, I need you to bring life. In the places where I've stopped praying and trusting you because it seems fruitless, I need you to bring fresh hope. In the world around me where evil people seem to prosper, I long for you to bring them low and shut the mouth of wickedness. Help me remember that rivers don't dry up in a moment, and new vineyards don't become fruitful overnight. Let me attend to these things and be wise; let me consider your steadfast love and rest my hope in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 23 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the working of your Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love you, joyfully obey you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord: *Amen*.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Haggai 2:1-9*

NT READING: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I draw near to you as my representative, my priest, and my savior. You understand my weakness because you assumed my weakness. In your humanity, you learned obedience through suffering, attaining eternal salvation for all who obey you. I thank you that, even now, you are interceding for me.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 132*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God, I praise you today that you have chosen Zion. During the days of David's reign, you chose Jerusalem as the city of your dwelling. When the Son of David came, he entered Jerusalem and was crucified and buried there. And in his resurrection, he becomes the new Zion! He is the one in whom your glory dwells. And he has sent the Holy Spirit to inhabit every one of your people. No longer does your presence dwell in one place; Zion has spread throughout the whole earth! So today, let me live as a citizen of Zion. Let the values of your heavenly kingdom define my life. Help me live in joyful obedience to King Jesus. And let my life, in some small way, anticipate and foreshadow the New Jerusalem which is to come your heavenly city where sin will be no more, and justice and righteousness will flourish forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen*.

WEEK 24 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, by whom all things were created and for whom all things exist, I bow before you in humility. Truly I have more than sufficient reasons to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Yet how easily I default to complaining, whining, and grumbling. I acknowledge and grieve the entitlement and selfishness in my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Free me for joyful gratitude and humble thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ my Savior: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Joshua 24:1-25*

NT READING: *Matthew 25:1-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I praise you because your return is imminent. You are coming again to judge the world and bring your kingdom of righteousness and holiness. As I anticipate your return, help me to wait with joy, anticipation, and wisdom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 34*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this psalm prompts me to ask myself: is my inner disposition like David's? Do I bless the Lord at all times, with his praise always in my mouth? Oh Lord, work in me so deeply that selfish obsessions give way to instinctual, continuous worship. I've tasted and seen your goodness often in my life. I know very well that I have the tendency to forget your faithfulness and go through the day with fear or self-sufficiency. Free me from these things. I long for the kind of life described in this psalm one that sees many good days so keep me from evil and help me pursue peace. Redeem the broken places in my life according to your word, Lord, and teach me to find my refuge in you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 24 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Word of God Incarnate: you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace, you call me to repent, to be crucified with you, and to be raised as a new creation. But I confess that often I do not live as a renewed person! I “go with the flow” instead of stemming the tide of sin. I allow the fruit of the Spirit to be choked out by the weeds of evil. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake, and help me show evidence every day of your kingdom’s reign in my heart. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 10*

NT READING: *Mark 10:46-52*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, Son of David, I adore you for your mercy, and for the gift of sight. Through faith in you, my spiritual vision is restored. By faith, I receive all the blessings of salvation. I adore you for your kindness and your eternal faithfulness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 78:1-16*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, this psalm reminds me that you are longsuffering and patient with your people. This is true in your relationship with me, and it stretches thousands of years back to your relationship with Israel. You tended them and provided for them, and they responded with doubt and disobedience again and again. When they were slaves, you heard their cry and defeated their enemies in a show of extraordinary power. They saw it all first-hand, and they still forgot your faithfulness. I know this is inclination of my heart as well to forget your goodness and live in unbelief. Yet you’ve demonstrated your faithfulness more times than I can count. So today, whatever I face and whatever comes my way, give me strength and confidence in you. Remind me of your faithfulness, and help me tell of your glorious deeds and the wonders you have done.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 24 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, with my eyes fixed on Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins. Forgive me for hurting people I love by my impatience, by my irritation, and by my unkept promises. Forgive me for caring more about what others think about me than what think about me. Forgive me for being too busy to behold your beauty in Your Word, meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you call to me in the gospel. Have mercy on me, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

NT READING: *Luke 21:5-28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, thank you that your redemption is drawing near! You are creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. I worship you as I wait patiently for your glorious return, and for the fulfillment of all that you have promised.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 78:17-31*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: This psalm shows a dark moment in Israel's history, when after their exodus from Egypt, the people revert to complaining, rebellion, and doubt. Am I like Israel, harboring bitterness, entitlement, or complaint? Am I overlooking your goodness to me, and giving in to a rebellious, demanding attitude? I invite you to show me the true state of my soul. Recall to my mind the many ways you've faithfully preserved me. As you gave food and drink to your people in the wilderness, through Christ you provide the food and drink my soul requires. My hungry, rebellious heart is met with abundance and mercy because Jesus was laid low. Thank you for the beauty of the gospel which is displayed and foreshadowed in this psalm.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 24 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you love me, but I have not loved you. You have given me all things, yet I have squandered your gifts. I have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and I am not worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am ashamed and sorry for all I have done to displease you. Cleanse me from my sin and receive me again into your household, that I might never stray from your love, but always remain within the sound of your voice. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I worship you, O God, that death is not the end for your people. For those who are united to your Son Jesus, not even death can separate us from your love. The dead in Christ *WILL* rise, and so we will always be with you. Grant me greater and fuller hope in the promise of your return.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 78:32-55*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this passage continues the story of Your people in the aftermath of the exodus. They can be made to wonder, but not to believe. This passage shows how sin and unbelief go together. If they had believed, they would not have sinned; and if they had not have been blinded by sin, they would have believed. Dear Lord, use this passage to search me. Give me insight and awareness, to see areas of my life where I hold out in unbelief. Help me not flatter you with my mouth, while being unfaithful to you in my heart. I invite and welcome your conviction. Give me wisdom to reckon with the warning in this story; and by your Spirit, make my heart soft and teachable toward you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 24 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, if I say I have no sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me; so I humbly confess my sins today. The idols of my heart are many. I have bowed down to false gods, and looked to them to provide what only you can provide. Forgive me. Free me. Deepen my sorrow for the wrong I have done and the good I have left undone. My comfort is found in knowing that you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in grace. I trust boldly in Christ my redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Hosea 2:14-23*

NT READING: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord: thank you for the warnings you give in the Scriptures. Thank you that in addition to promising us your faithfulness, you admonish and instruct your people so that we do not take your grace for granted. Let me not grow weary in doing good, but refresh my spirit with your grace.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 78:56-72*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: let this his portion of your word hold up a mirror to me. Show me my idols, which provoke your jealousy, and my treachery which arouses your anger. Even as you removed yourself from your people of old and allowed them to suffer just consequences, you repeatedly refer to them as your people, your heritage. You move decisively to rescue and restore them. Thank you, Lord, that you did that same thing for me in Jesus, the son of David. I know that I'm like your people in this psalm: prone to honor you with my lips while my heart is far from you. Your word reminds me not to take you lightly or assume I can fool you. Humble me today and help me live with integrity before you. Move me to acknowledge my sin and to renew my obedience, through the gracious influence of your Holy Spirit.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 24 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Heavenly Father, you made me for your glory, redeemed me by your Son, and sealed me with your Spirit. Grounded in this new identity, I make my confession before you. I grieve today the many expressions of my self-centeredness. I am self-loving; self-serving; self-protecting; self-righteous; and self-interested. The habits of my heart revolve around *SELF*; and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life. By your grace, forgive my sin and conquer my selfishness. Establish your Son as the king of my heart and the center of my life. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Hosea 5:15-6:6*

NT READING: *Hebrews 7:11-28*

TRANSITION: "A Prayer of Adoration..."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: what a great High Priest you are! Through your intercession and by your sacrifice, I am able to draw near to God. You are better than Melchizedek and better than the Levites; you have given me a better hope, better promises, and a better covenant. I rejoice in you today as my great high priest.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 126*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: you are the restorer of fortunes. As the singers of this psalm reflect on their history with you, they remember the overwhelming joy of coming home from exile. Their captivity was great; and great was their deliverance! I, too, know the experience of captivity. So let me remember the prisons from which I've been set free. At my initial conversion, what a release from bondage I experienced! And since then, I've been emancipated from many troubles; from discouragement of spirit; from miserable backsliding; and from grievous doubt. These deliverances have come sometimes quickly and sometimes gradually; but in every case, I remember the joy which followed each emancipation. The Lord has done great things for me, and I am glad! So as I go about my work today, keep your great deliverance alive in my heart, and let my mouth be filled with laughter.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 25 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O God: forgive my doubting, questioning heart. Like those who witnessed Jesus' miracles of healing yet spurned belief, I too have seen wonders, yet have hardened my heart. I confess the way my pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit; the times my criticism has wounded others; the times my dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive me, and in your mercy, renew me, that with an open heart I may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 6*

NT READING: *Matthew 25:14-30*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the Master who expects wise stewardship from your servants. You have promised that those who are faithful over a little will be set over much, and to those who have, more will be given. Thank you for your sovereign,

powerful grace, which works in me and through me to accomplish your purposes.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 18:1-24*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, I thank you that you are my fortress, my rock, and my shield. This psalm is an image of your great power. It shows thunder, earthquakes, fire, and lightning flashing around you as you move on behalf of your people. Expand my scope for understanding your glory today. Lift up my eyes to see you, for I'm often preoccupied with tiny, self-focused problems. As I sit with your word, it feeds my imagination with expansive and glorious pictures of you. What am I, that you are mindful of me? Yet you surround me with your loving-kindness. You draw near to me and intervene on my behalf. Teach me to esteem you as highly I ought, dear Lord, and to love you with all my heart.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 25 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: because of Christ's blood, do not hold against me, poor sinner that I am, any of my sin, or of the evil that constantly clings to me. By myself I am too weak to stand on my own even for a moment. And my sworn enemies the world, the flesh, and the devil never stop attacking me. Uphold me and make me strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that I may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist my enemies until I finally win the complete victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ruth 1*

NT READING: *Mark 12:28-44*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I adore you as the one worthy of all my love. I know how often I fail to keep your greatest commandment; yet you have died for my sin, and you dwell in me by your Spirit, empowering me to truly love you and my neighbor.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 18:25-50*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

"O God, your way is perfect." This whole psalm is David's extended meditation on your way... your style of doing things. Your mode of operating in the world. The more I walk with you, the more I know your way. In fact, it gets more more beautiful and captivating the longer I walk with you. And your way finds its zenith and fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one who fulfills all the battle-language of this Psalm: who has overtaken his enemies, subdued the nations, and brought salvation to his people. I have known darkness, yet through Christ you light my path. I have been exposed and vulnerable, yet through Christ you protect and restore me.

Like David, I have weathered turbulent times and if I haven't yet, I inevitably will. Yet through Christ, you anchor me in spite of my turmoil. "This is God. His way is perfect." Thank you, O God, that your word proves true; and that You are a shield for all who take refuge in You.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 25 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess before you that I have sinned. I have sinned in what I have thought and said; in the wrong I have done and in the good I have not done. I have sinned in ignorance; I have sinned in weakness; I have sinned through my own deliberate fault. I repent and turn to you. Forgive me, for the sake of my merciful Savior Jesus. By your Spirit, transform my desires, renew my affections, and strengthen my obedience, for the glory of your name.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ruth 3:1-5 and 4:13-17*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 15:51-58*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, thank you for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his triumph over the grave, death has been swallowed up. Your people no longer live in fear of death; we now taunt the grave: "O death, where is your sting?"

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 31*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: I remember that this psalm of trust was in the mouth of Jesus as he was dying. He prayed, "into your hands, I commit my spirit" teaching us, even as he suffered, to cry out to you. His prayer in suffering teaches me to do the same. I confess that I expect my circumstances to be easy and my life to go well. The world seduces me with endless messages of prosperity, health, and success. These things are good gifts from you, to be received with gratitude when they come; but to always expect them is foolish and naive. Help me reckon honestly with my pain, without giving way to *ENTITLEMENT*. Let me rest in your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you. Help me remember that "my times are in your hand," and let my heart take courage as I wait for you.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 25 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, cold of heart and impure, in your Kingdom. Deliver me from every ignorance and heedlessness, from pettiness of the soul and stony hardness of heart. O Lord, save me from temptation; receive me in repentance; grant me pure thoughts; that I may love You with all my heart and soul and that I may obey your will in all things to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 11*

NT READING: *Colossians 1:11-20*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

King Jesus Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer of all things: I worship you with my whole being. As the source of my existence, I honor you. As the source of my salvation, I praise you. As the source of my peace, I glory in the wonder of your cross.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 33:1-12*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: you are worthy of enthusiastic, wholehearted worship. The psalm calls this kind of praise “fitting for the upright.” It’s good and right that your people know you so deeply and admire your goodness so much that they greet you with shouts of joy! So today, move me toward that sort of worship. I know that my worship is often tepid, distracted, derailed by various objections and doubts. So teach me that my worship is not remedied by improving my *SELF*; it can only be set right by gazing at you. Expand my capacity to understand you. Stretch my comprehension and stir my hunger. I want eyes to see and ears to hear your faithful work, your steadfast love. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 25 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I confess that my heart is restless. I have sought comfort and security in created things rather than in you, the Creator. I have suppressed the truth in unrighteousness and exchanged Your glory for lesser things. Forgive my sin, O God, and subdue my restless heart. By your Spirit, strengthen me today for greater obedience to you, greater delight in your goodness, greater trust in your promises. Help me to rest in my adoption as your child. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Amos 9:11-15*

NT READING: *1 Thessalonians. 5:1-11*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: I worship you for the promise of your coming. You will return, even as people mock and scoff at the idea. May the promise of your return spur me to be awake and sober, rejecting darkness and walking in the light of your truth. Thank you that you have destined me for salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 93*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: This psalm invites me to meditate on Your power and sovereignty. It was written to strengthen Your people in the face of trouble with an image of You in royal robes, prepared to act on their behalf. Images of dark, chaotic floodwater surge through it. As I approach a new day, I may face events that feel like a chaotic flood. If this isn't my current circumstance, prepare me for the day when it might be. Lord, reassure my soul. As your Spirit hovered over the watery chaos at the dawn of creation, hover over me. As Jesus quieted the raging sea, quiet me with your word. Thank you that you're the sovereign king, robed in majesty. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 25 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. In your mercy, forgive what I have been, help me amend what I am, and direct what I shall be, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, for the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zephaniah 1:7-18*

NT READING: *Hebrews 9:11-28*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christ Jesus, I adore you for securing an eternal redemption through your perfect sacrifice. You are the mediator of a new covenant. You have offered yourself once for all to put away sin by the sacrifice of yourself. Because you are eternal, my salvation is eternal! Thank you that you have purified my conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 123*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, the words of this brief psalm are like a sigh. It's a cry for mercy in the face of scorn and contempt. And just like your people of old faced contempt, so do your people today. The world increasingly rejects us, ridicules us, and finds our ways contemptible. So today, give me the courage to be bold and courageous in the face of hostility. Help me fear you more than I fear the rejection of those around me. Keep me humble, gracious, and winsome; but let me never depart from your word or compromise your truth for the sake of approval. Strengthen my faith, and help me bear the ridicule of others as my Savior did. I lift my eyes to you, crying out for your strength and care. Have mercy on me. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 26 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, I acknowledge before you my sin, my wounds, and my weakness. I need your forgiveness; I need your healing; I need your strength. In Christ, you draw near to the weak and needy. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive my sin, for Jesus' sake. Heal my wounds, for Jesus' sake. Show your strength in my weakness, for Jesus' sake. By your Spirit, empower me today to delight in you and to obey your will, seeking your glory above all else. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Daniel 7:1-14*

NT READING: *John 18:33-37*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you for bearing witness to the truth. You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and those who love truth listen to your voice. I adore you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 11*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, there is much in this world to make me fearful and troubled. Many things make me want to fly away and hide in the mountains, like the bird in the psalm. But I am reminded that you are on your throne. Your eyes see. You are not blind to the wickedness and violence that takes place on the earth. Remind me, in the midst of troubling events, that You are righteous, and that you love righteous deeds. I cannot change the world; my power and influence are small. But I CAN live righteously in my own corner of the world, pushing back darkness by my own commitment to righteousness and mercy. Let me not go along with the way of the world; instead, let me seek your kingdom and pursue holiness. Animate me with the promise that "the upright shall behold Your face;" fill me with the Holy Spirit today and conform my desires to yours. Help me say no to every form of sin and to everything that would dull your glory in my life.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 26 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD;
TEACH me your statutes! I will
meditate on your precepts and fix
my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully
with your servant, that I may live and
keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER
FOR GRACE**

Almighty God: I confess that I often honor
you with my lips while my heart is far from
you. I am content to appear righteous
instead of truly being righteous. I repent
of my sin and my self-love. Please search
my heart, examine my motives, and forgive
my faults. Awaken me to your glory, and
send your Spirit to renew and change my
heart. Help me to hear your voice today
above the clamor of this world, and follow
only you. *Amen.*

*Pray personally for God to forgive your sin
and offer his grace in Christ.*

OT READING: *Genesis 6:9-22*

NT READING: *Romans 3:21-31*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, O God, because you have
manifested your righteousness in the
person and work of your Son Jesus. There
is no distinction all have sinned and fallen
short of your glory, and are saved only by
grace through faith in Jesus. Thank you for
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus!

*Pray personally praising God for his
attributes and his work in your life.*

PSALM READING: *Psalm 27*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: in the midst of great danger,
David found courage and confidence in
communion with you. How often I allow
the circumstances of my life to dictate my
feelings, rather than resting in the fact that
You are my light and my salvation. No evil
that befalls me in this life can remove your
steadfast love from me, or threaten my
union with Christ. You have not promised
me peace, prosperity, and safety; my life
may be filled with hardship and struggle.
But You will not forsake me, or hide your
face from me. O Lord, give me the grace
to seek your face even when my heart is
pounding and my thoughts are scattered.
Strengthen my confidence that I'll see your
goodness in the land of the living. Teach
me what it means to abide in you, so that
communion with you becomes my daily
habit.

*Pray for the needs of the church, the city,
and the world.*

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship and communion of the Holy
Spirit abide and remain with us, now and
throughout our time on earth, until the day
of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 26 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I confess today the great sin of Pride. I have thought too highly of myself. I have spoken boastfully, loved selfishly, and lived independently. Forgive me, and conquer my pride through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to the point of death. Make me humble like him, that I might bear his image more faithfully. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 7:24-8:22*

NT READING: *Romans 4:1-12*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, I adore you for your faithfulness to Abraham. And I adore you for counting *ME* as an heir of your promise to Abraham by faith. Thank you for the great drama of salvation which is unfolding even now as you bring sinners to faith in Christ.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 36*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love. This psalm contrasts the small, futile shoddiness of evil with the immensity of your goodness. I want to be instructed by both images, motivated to turn away from sin and toward the vast and beautiful river of your delights. Help me see the proofs of your love today. If I feel my own scarcity, lavish me with your abundance. If I feel discouraged, assure me that I'm secure and protected under the shadow of your wings. Continue your steadfast love to me. Remind me of your faithfulness that reaches the clouds, and your judgments that extend to the deep. Let these realities strengthen and satisfy me as I approach the work of this day, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 26 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. For although you have forgiven my sin, I have not forgiven those who sin against me. Inwardly, I harbor bitterness, resentment, and anger. Lift my eyes to your cross, Lord Jesus, that in remembrance of your salvation I would be freed from all resentment. Moreover, purify my thoughts and protect me from biting, sarcastic words. Help me to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven me, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Genesis 12:1-9*

NT READING: *Romans 4:13-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, I adore you, for you are true to your promises. To the barren, you give hope; to the dead, you give life; to those who cling to your promises by faith, you give salvation. Thank you that you counted Abraham's faith as righteousness; and thank you that you count me righteous by faith as well.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 47*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Some days I can feel the joyful spirit of this psalm, and Lord, you know that some days I can't. Regardless of my inner state, I honor you as the Most High, the great king over all the earth, the one who rightly deserves my wholehearted worship. Your word invites me to sing your praise, so bring hymns and worship songs to my mind throughout the day. Let me remember that, regardless of how things appear, you're ruling in glorious power. Capture my imagination with a vision of you high and lifted up. Awaken my soul to deeper and more fervent worship today, so that my communion with you is a source of healing for me and blessing for others. Some day, I'll gather with all your people to worship you eternally. Let the events of this day prepare me for the glory of that day. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 26 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Living God, I confess today my deep tendency to pretend and perform. Rather than resting in the righteousness of Christ, I try to earn your favor through what I do. And when I fail to live up to your standard, I hide and pretend rather than running to the cross of Christ. In this pattern of pride and unbelief, I am weary. And so I come to you, knowing that I do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with my weakness. I have one who was tempted in every way, yet without sin. So let me draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that I may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Strengthen me by your Spirit to live in the good of the gospel, today and always. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 11:1-23*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit: I rejoice in the mystery of your ministry. You comprehend the thoughts of God, and you help us understand the things of God. You have given me the mind

of Christ, that I may know the truth and believe the gospel. Thank you for revealing what no eye has seen and no ear has heard: the glorious things that God has prepared for those who love him!

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 108*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Oh Lord, this psalm reminds me that your steadfast love reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness is so expansive and all-encompassing that it reaches the clouds. Sometimes this statement brings me joy, but often it feels more abstract than real; something I know intellectually but don't easily experience. Give me the lively, wide-awake heart of David as I meditate on you. Let my heart cry out: "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!" Let me long for you to get the glory you deserve, from all of creation; and fill me with your Spirit today, that I may bring you glory in my words, attitudes, and actions.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 26 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord God, although I have been raised with Christ, I have failed to put to death the sin in my heart. I have become complacent and self-satisfied. I have willfully ignored the sin that lingers in my life. Of this I repent and ask for your mercy. Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings with your gracious favor, and further me with your continual help; that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in you, I may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

NT READING: *1 Corinthians 4*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, thank you for the ministry of the apostles, who were servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. And thank you for giving me guides and mentors in my own life, to lead me in the way of Christ Jesus. I adore you for adopting me into your family and giving me models to follow and imitate.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 128*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord, your Word repeatedly reminds me that there is blessing for those who fear You. You honor and reward those who love you; you resist and oppose those who rebel against you. So today, let me live for your blessing! Fill my imagination with pictures of a life lived in close fellowship with you. Help me to open my hands wider, to receive the good that you pour out. Too often I regard my life with fear of scarcity. Too often, I allow myself to be robbed of a good and healthy satisfaction with your blessing. Open my eyes to the fruitful vine you have given me, and the olive shoots around my table. Expand my capacity for celebrating these gifts. And help me long for the flourishing and prosperity of your church. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 27 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER**

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY: OPEN MY EYES, that I may behold wondrous things in your law. Open my ears, that I may tremble at your Word. Open my lips, that my mouth may declare your praise. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of Truth: I confess today the sin of Dishonesty. Rather than walking in the light, I have walked in darkness. My mind has conceived deceit, my lips have uttered falsehood, my heart has been cold toward the truth. In your mercy, forgive me. And remind me that because Jesus died for me, I need not be ashamed, but can freely admit all my faults and failures. My hope is not in my own goodness, but in your mercy to me through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, help me speak truth and walk in light today. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Samuel 16*

NT READING: *Matthew 6:24-34*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gracious Father, I praise you for your providential care for me. My anxiety cannot add a single hour to my life; and it is unnecessary, for you promise to provide for my needs. Thank you for the assurance that you will care for me in body and soul.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 23*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LORD: today I worship you as the Good Shepherd, and I humble myself as one of your sheep. I confess that often I long for independence. I don't want to NEED a shepherd. But I do! I am weak and finite and foolish; I wander and go astray. I need your rod and your staff to guide me. I need the loving care and gentle providence promised to me in this Psalm. So today, whether I lie down in green pastures or whether I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, go with me. Protect and guide me. Keep me from all fear. Let your goodness and mercy follow me today, and every day, and orient my vision toward that glorious future when I will dwell in your house forever.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 27 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 139 & 19**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet in my foolishness I have not trusted you, nor rested in my election as your beloved child. I confess my unbelief. Lord, grant me purity of heart and strength of purpose. Let no selfish passion hinder me from knowing your will, nor weakness from doing your will. In your light may I see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 32*

NT READING: *Matthew 7:21-29*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you as the only true, wise, and authoritative teacher. In your law I find life, and by your Spirit I know your guiding, abiding presence. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for helping me hear and obey my Father's good commandments.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 29*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord: today I want to ascribe to you the glory that is due your name. As Jesus taught me to do, I pray: "Hallowed be Your Name." This world is full of counterfeit glory people vying for fame and notoriety and power. But you are the only One who is truly glorious; your Name is the only one worth living for; your beauty never fades. You sit enthroned as King forever. So today: let your glory be always on my mind. Animate me with a vision of your kingly power and goodness. Fill me with longing for the people around me to know your glory and be changed by it. "May the Lord give strength to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace!"

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 27 WEDNESDAY,

OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 88

O LORD, GOD OF MY SALVATION, every day I call upon you, in the morning my prayer comes before you. Incline your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my strength fails. Renew me each morning with your steadfast love, that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord Jesus, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to you. I confess that I have neglected your command to make disciples. I have been content to keep the light of your gospel hidden. I have valued my comfort over your kingdom, my security over your power, and my reputation over your glory. Forgive me Lord, for my unbelief in the power of your Gospel and for my lack of faith in your promises. Jesus, ignite my desire for your coming kingdom, that my faith would be renewed and my hope strengthened. Let your light shine in me that others may see my good works and glorify you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zechariah 8*

NT READING: *Matthew 9:9-26*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus: I adore you for your mercy. You came to call not the righteous, but sinners. You welcome all who see their need and turn to you in repentance and faith. You are the Great Physician, and I rest in your healing mercy.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 87*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

God: this Psalm looks with delight on Zion, the city of God. And I know the Old Testament city of Jerusalem foreshadows and anticipates the heavenly Jerusalem. So I can join with your people throughout the ages and say: "glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God!" The Psalmist envies people from Rahab and Babylon, Tyre and Cush, coming to Zion and being registered there. So today, awaken my vision for the people of my own city. I want many people from MY city to be represented in the city of God. I want them to know the hope and joy that is found in Zion, and in its King. So give me courage to be a faithful gospel witness to my neighbors and friends. May your kingdom come, and your will be done in my neighborhood as it is in heaven.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 27 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, for your steadfast love, I bless you. For your abundant grace, I praise you. For your daily mercies, I trust you. I ask your forgiveness today for my willful lack of love. I have ignored those less capable than me; I have resented those who have wounded me; I have withdrawn from those who are inconvenient and difficult. By Your Spirit, overcome my sin and weakness, and fill me with overflowing love, through the mercy of Jesus Christ my Savior. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zechariah 9*

NT READING: *Luke 6:39-7:10*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

I adore you, O God, as the secure foundation of my life. Thank you, Father, for creating me in Your image. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving your words to guide and ground me. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for transforming my inmost being, so that I bear the good fruit of righteousness.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 50*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: thank you for your covenantal faithfulness. This Psalm speaks of those who take your covenant on their lips, yet disobey you and cast your words behind them. There are many such people in this world. Let me not be one of them! Help me hear the clear warning you offer to those who give lip-service to you, but deny you by their lives. You are not interested in external religion and dutiful offerings. The world and all its fullness are yours already; you own the cattle on a thousand hills. What you want from your people is loyalty and trusting obedience. So today, reveal to me any hypocrisy that lies in my soul. Show me any places where I'm "casting your words behind me." Let the stern warnings of this Psalm bring forth a harvest of humility, repentance, and obedience for my good and your glory.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 27 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER:****PSALM 27 & 86**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SAID, “SEEK my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn me away in anger. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Glorious God: I come to you now in need of grace. Throughout this week, a war has been raging in my heart. I find myself looking to people, situations, and experiences to give me security, identity, and hope. I have sought from others what can only be found in you. Forgive me, and awaken me to the only glory that really satisfies: the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Zechariah 13*

NT READING: *Luke 7:11-17*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: in you, God has visited his people! The reign of sin and death is ending; your kingdom is coming. With joy, I anticipate the final release from sorrow, mourning, and suffering. I long for you to come again in the fullness of your power and glory.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 116*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm is a great reminder of what true worship looks like. The Psalmist rehearses an experience in his life when he called out to you and you answered and delivered him. (There have been many such experiences in my life as well the greatest, of course, being the day you saved me from my sin and united me with Jesus Christ.) In light of these experiences, the Psalmist asks: “What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?” And the answer is: “I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.” I bring you the greatest glory not by trying to repay you; not by seeking to “give back” to you; but merely by rejoicing in your salvation and calling on you again and again! So today I lift high the cup of salvation! Today, I call upon you and I *WILL* call on you as long as I live. Preserve me and sustain me today and always, for the sake of your great name.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ’s return.

WEEK 27 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139****& ISAIAH 55**

O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME and known me. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my past, my present, and my future. Awaken me now, to seek you while you may be found, To call upon you while you are near, And to live a life that brings glory to your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Almighty God: I confess with the Psalmist that your law is perfect. The way of your commandments is the way of life; your statutes are full of wisdom. Yet I have violated your law; I have broken your commandments; I have dishonored your name. I ask your forgiveness; and I thank you for sending Jesus, who perfectly obeyed your law and died for my sin so that I might live to righteousness. By Your grace, fill me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in wholehearted obedience to you. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Malachi 2:1-16*

NT READING: *Luke 7:36-8:3*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I adore you, for though my sin runs deep, your forgiveness runs deeper. Though my debt is great, your mercy is greater. In love and gratitude, I worship you.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 139*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: I take comfort today in your deep knowledge of me. There's no place I can go to escape your presence; no place I can run to avoid you. You see and know the deepest parts of my being. This kind of knowledge is scary; but it's also freeing. It means there's no hiding from you and no NEED to hide. There's no escaping you and no NEED to escape. You know me fully, and yet you love me completely. No fault, no flaw, no hidden weakness can drive you away or remove your love from me. You've sent your Son to forgive all my sin, heal all my wounds, and cover all my weaknesses. So today: search me and know me. Try me and test me. See if there is any grievous way in me and if there is, root it out. Lead me in the way everlasting, and remind me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, until the day of Christ's return.

WEEK 28 MONDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 51**

O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS, AND my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Father, I come before you this day with a humble and contrite heart, which you will not despise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, and renew in me a right spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and give me a willing spirit to sustain me. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 17:8-24*

NT READING: *Matthew 25:31-46*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God: I worship you for the piercing conviction of these words. You are the Judge of all the earth. My love for you is reflected in my love for the poor, the weak, the lowly, and the lost. I adore you that by grace, you transform selfish people into those who care for the least of these.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalms 5*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord: "through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will enter your house." Thank you that I have access to you and peace with you because of your steadfast love expressed in Jesus.

Teach me to savor your steadfast love as I go through this day. In my inner world, I've lived as an orphan for a long time. I've taken care of myself by controlling others, using my power in unhealthy ways, or endlessly distracting myself. So drive a vision of your majestic temple and your steadfast love deep into my imagination. In Jesus, I'm completely covered by your favor. Please help me take hold of your love in my inner person, and let it overflow from me into the world around me, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 28 TUESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 119**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD; TEACH me your statutes! I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things in your law.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Gracious and merciful God: I confess to you today my lack of faith. You have saved me by grace, yet still I try to earn your favor by my works. You have met my deepest need in Christ, yet still I doubt your fatherly care. You have given me your Spirit, yet still I walk according to the flesh. Forgive my lack of faith, and strengthen me by your grace, that I may walk with you in freedom, joy, and worship. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *1 Kings 18:20-40*

NT READING: *Mark 13:1-8*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, I worship you because your words are true. Though the world around me is filled with upheaval and chaos, these are but the beginning of birth pains. You are the true Temple where the fullness of God dwells; therefore I know I have a refuge in you. I adore you, for in the midst of unrest, you will protect your people.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 92*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: Make me like one of the righteous in this psalm, planted and flourishing in your house. I love the picture of a life rooted in you, always green and alive, always bearing fruit. The psalm lays out a pattern for me as I seek deeper knowledge of you: I will declare your love in the morning, and meditate on your faithfulness at night. Help me live with this rhythm, with my inner person continually oriented toward you. Draw my mind toward you in the morning and in the evening. I want to reject distraction and anxious meditation; I want instead to fill my mind with your word. I want to still bear fruit in old age, ever full of sap and green, declaring that the Lord is upright. Make me like a thriving tree planted in your courtyard, because it's good for me to be near you. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 28 WEDNESDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 25**

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Eternal God, my fear and unbelief run deep. While I may outwardly confess your salvation, inwardly I deny the power of your Gospel. I work to keep up appearances, but I neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faithfulness. Yet according to your steadfast love, you have forgiven me through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Direct my path, Lord, that I may walk in repentance and humility before you and others. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Proverbs 12*

NT READING: *Luke 23:33-43*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jesus Christ, Lamb of God: I adore you for the beauty and power of your sacrifice. In humility you received our judgment, our sin, and our scorn. Remembering your great mercy, I worship you as my Lord, my God, and my King. And I say with the thief: remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 95*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O Lord, this Psalm puts before me both an invitation and a warning. It shows me two scenes from my spiritual family history: first, Israel united in joyful worship, fully alive to the goodness of God; and then, the generation who hardened their hearts in the wilderness. These remembrances lay out two possible paths for my soul. So help me respond with wisdom and teachability. I want to hear your voice today, and not harden my heart. I want to come into your presence with thanksgiving and with joyful praise. So in my heart right now, I bow down; I kneel before the Lord, my Maker. I affirm that I'm yours, a sheep of your pasture, dependent on your direction to keep me safe and secure. Keep me from going astray in my heart; align my inner being according to your ways. *Amen.*

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 28 THURSDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 63**

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful Father, although you have promised me everlasting joy, I am often lazy, apathetic, and hard-hearted. Deliver me, O God, from a slothful mind, from all lukewarmness, and from all dejection of spirit. I know these cannot but deaden my love to you; mercifully free my heart from them, and give me a lively, zealous, active, and cheerful spirit; that I may vigorously perform whatever you command, thankfully suffer whatever you choose for me, and be ardent to obey your holy love in all things. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Isaiah 12*

NT READING: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father of Glory: I worship you for the hope to which you have called me; for the riches of your glorious inheritance; and for the surpassing greatness of your power toward us who believe. Your greatness is immeasurable and your blessings to me in Christ are incomparable.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 100*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this psalm invites me to “serve the Lord with gladness!” And that’s what I want to do, today and every day. I don’t want to serve you half-heartedly, or dutifully, or begrudgingly but with a full and joyful heart that delights to bring you glory. So today, let me serve you with gladness. Give me eyes to see my work as service to you, working heartily, as unto the Lord. Help me see every interaction with people as a chance to serve to you, honoring them as your image-bearers. And help me serve you even in the hardships, annoyances, and challenges that come my way today, responding to them in ways that please you. Fill my heart with gladness and my life with praise to you today.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 28 FRIDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 86**

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AMONG the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

Merciful God: You created me in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But my knowledge is imperfect, my love inconstant, my obedience incomplete. Day by day, I fail to grow into your likeness. I confess my failure to glorify you as you designed me to. In your tender love, forgive me by the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen me by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling I have received, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-24*

NT READING: *Hebrews 10:11-25*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus: what joy it is that I can draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith because of your work! I adore you, because as the great high priest you have cleansed me from my sins once for all. Thank you for your precious blood that has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 110*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: this Psalm is the most-quoted Psalm in the entire New Testament, because of its clear focus on the Messiah. And so, Lord Jesus, today I bow my knee in recognition of your sovereign rule. The kings of the earth are no match for you; you will bring your righteous judgment against the wickedness of human empire and oppressive power. “Your people will offer themselves freely;” and that’s what I do even now, by bowing my heart in prayer. I am one of your people; I have surrendered to your rule; I have come under your wonderful dominion. Let me now go forth into the world with confidence, resting in the sure promise of your coming kingdom. With all your people, I await the day when your enemies will become your footstool. Until that day, I delight in the power of the gospel, which turns your enemies into your friends, and rebels into worshipers.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*

WEEK 28 SATURDAY,**OPENING PRAYER: PSALM 139**

SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray personally for humility before God.

CONFESSION OF SIN & PRAYER FOR GRACE

God my Father, in my weakness and unbelief I have lived by my own strength rather than by the power of your resurrection. I confess my self-reliance. By your Spirit, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me as you will, for your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Pray personally for God to forgive your sin and offer his grace in Christ.

OT READING: *Daniel 12*

NT READING: *Revelation 1:4b-8*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God: I bow in worship before you, the one who was and who is and who is to come. In you I find my beginning and my end, my source and my destiny. To you be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Pray personally praising God for his attributes and his work in your life.

PSALM READING: *Psalm 127*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God: thank you for this direct frontal attack on my anxiety and restlessness! I admit my anxious toil; my rising early and staying up late seeking to build something stable and lasting. But apart from you, it's all in vain. So help me commit my labors to you. Help me this evening to receive the gift of sleep as a gracious blessing from a loving Father. Thank you also for this Psalm's unapologetic embrace of children and family. In a culture that both idolizes children and sees them as optional and expendable, may your church honor and welcome and treasure little ones. Help me do my part to encourage the families around me and to be a godly example to those younger than me. Fulfill your covenant promises to your people, so that when I am old and gray, I can rejoice in your faithfulness to the next generation.

Pray for the needs of the church, the city, and the world.

BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide and remain with us, now and throughout our time on earth, until the day of His return. *Amen.*