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DAYS OF PRAYER
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Week One: Presence

We pray that as this week progresses; you are strengthened, reassured, and filled with a strong sense of God's presence. God is with YOU. No matter what you are facing or what your life looks like, YOU are not alone. The Creator of the heavens and the universe wants to sit with you.

Will YOU make TIME for Him?



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Day 2

Psalm 139: 7-10 (ESV)

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

This Bible verse focuses on the fact that we can't get away from the presence of God. He is always with us. We can draw strength from Him through the Holy Spirit, our free gift from God. When Christ died on the cross, He said He would resurrect and a "Greater One" would come. We can rest assured that God sees us, knows us, and loves us.

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Day 3

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

In this Bible verse, we are called to action—and that action is to not fear. But it's not an empty command. We are told not to fear BECAUSE God is with us—strengthening us, helping us, and upholding us. WOHOO, good news! Thank God I can live my life free of fear about tomorrow. Not that tomorrow will be perfect or that we'll never have trouble, but because God promises never to leave us. Peace in the hospital room, peace in the war in my mind, strength to make that dreaded phone call—God's presence is with you.

Day 4

John 14:16-17 (ESV)

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

The disciples were so puzzled when Jesus said these words to them. Who is the helper and how can he be with me forever? “We just want you Jesus”! But you see, Jesus, in His humanity, couldn’t be everywhere at all times with everyone. So, he was sending the Holy Spirit. The spirit to be within us, speaking to us, helping guide us, prompting us to draw near, slow down, and pray.

Day 5

John 15:4-5 (ESV)

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

This is Jesus speaking here, teaching His disciples that to grow, have life, and bear fruit, we must be close to Jesus. We must stay connected because if we disconnect from God, the vine, we begin to dry up, feel lost, and will eventually wither away from our relationship with him.

Day 6

Romans 8:38-39 (ESV)

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The presence of God is always with us. Nothing OUTSIDE of us can separate us from the love of God. No internal thought, doubt, question, or struggle can separate us from His love. He has chosen us, died for us, set His plan in motion. Because of this we can know that His love will always be there for us.

Day 7

Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV)

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

There are so many things in our life that feel like they can steal our joy OR take over God’s rightful place in our life as priority. Worshipping a thing that was created by God instead of the creator! But whatever life or people in our life throw our way, we can know that God is our helper, he is always with us, giving us wisdom, listening to our prayers, and acting on our behalf. We can trust in Him.

Week Two: Protection

We pray that this week as you read through the scriptures that you feel an overwhelming sense of God's love for you. That fear, anxiety, and worry will all drop off you AND your family. We pray that you will begin to read scriptures and that your trust in God will grow as you see his divine plan of protection over your life. You have a mighty ally on your side, who wins every victory, no matter what life throws your way!



Day 8

Psalm 91:1-2 (ESV)

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

God is a safe place to sit and rest. When we draw near to Him this scripture makes it clear we can rest in His shadow. We are made safe by the shadow of His presence. In Him I find rest, shelter, and a safe place to come under. Picture an umbrella. You are drawing under its shade to stay out of the sun, getting relief from the blistering heat. God is a place we can abide (draw near), feel hope and love.

Protection

Day 9

Psalm 121:7-8 (ESV)

7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

The Lord is a safe place to go to find shelter from evil. The Bible says in Him is no shadow of turning, meaning he can always be relied on. His light is so bright that it will outshine any darkness. His presence so Holy that sin can come nowhere near. If you are struggling with anything that you need to let go of, God can help you. If you feel like you are in a cycle or addiction that you can't shake then draw near to God, he will keep your life.

Protection

Day 10

Proverbs 18:10 (ESV)

10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

The name of the Lord established in the Old Testament was Holy. It held incredible meaning to the people of Israel. The one true God had chosen them, and in Him they had incredible victory. We are made righteous in Christ and because of this we can run to God and find safety. Towers were a place of refuge, strength, impressive size, and a place to take the advantage on your enemy. You could see anyone coming from afar and have the upper hand. In God we are granted all of these tools. Thank you LORD.

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Day 11

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

If you have chosen to give your life to God through salvation in Jesus, then God has your back, your front, and your side. He is Holy and life with Him means you are never alone. His protection means that you can trust He is always with you. There is never a moment, no matter how hard, scary, or unknown that God will ever leave your side.

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Day 13

Psalm 46:1 (ESV)

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Life HITS us all. We never know when it is coming, and honestly most of the time we aren't that prepared. Whether it is a diagnosis, a loss of a friend or family member, an unknown call from your child's school, an abrupt layoff. All of these things can send us spiraling. It is so good to know that God is always there when we are in trouble, he is the Holy Spirit comforting us, giving us wisdom, and drawing us near when it feels like the world is falling apart all around us.

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Day 14

John 10:28-29 (ESV)

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

No matter what happens we have eternal life through Jesus. In this world come many hardships. You see, the world today is not how God designed it: diseases, pain, evil people. All of it completely outside of His design because of sin. But in Jesus we have eternal life, the promise of something greater than what we see here. In God we have safety, a true place to live forever.

Week Three: Identity



Day 16

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

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

This may be a crazy verse to anyone who has never read it. But your eyes aren't deceiving you. The Bible makes it clear Jesus was thinking of you. You were on His heart and mind when he was crucified. You were with Him. You see this was God's plan ALL along, to send His son to be the ultimate sacrifice for every sin you would ever commit. Now that we are crucified with Christ, He lives IN US. We put our faith and trust in Christ and because of His sacrifice we are spiritually connected to Him when we ask Him into our hearts.

Day 17

Ephesians 1:4-5 (ESV)

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

You are chosen, let that sink in. No matter what people in your life have left you, turned their back on you, or stabbed your back: the CREATOR of the universe chose you before the beginning of time. He knew you and had you on mind for this time on the Earth and wanted you to accept Christ and live in Him. Predestined for you to be his child. You are not an unwanted mistake. You are a child of God.

Day 18

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

God put in a lot of thought when it came to creating you. In this verse you are described as God’s workmanship, a beautiful creation. You were always destined to do good works, to love those around you and to bring light to this world for such a time as this. You were not an after thought you were carefully designed and created for amazing things. Never sell yourself short.

Identity

Day 19

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

God always wanted you. He always wanted relationship with you. To know you and have you know Him. He called you by name and because of that you felt a stirring in your heart to respond with salvation and a life laid down. Think about the marvelous light He called you into. Are you living like that? Are you giving yourself to what he has for you, or are you shying away, afraid of what may come? Step into the light.

Day 20

1 John 3:1 (ESV)

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

In this world the title of Christian is not always accepted with warm and fuzzy feelings. But from the inside of this Holy group we know the truth. Although others may not see it until they get to know you, we are children of the most High. We must live like that. Our faith can't stay just on the inside of our hearts, it must radiate from our spirit (where the Holy Spirit lives), into our soul (our mind will and emotions), and then out of our body. Do not sell yourself short. You are a child of God.

Week Four: Commission

Now that we have studied scripture for 20 days, we know that scripture is full of verses of presence, God's protection, and our identity in Him. But now that you know all of this, you can't keep it to yourself. How will you share what you have learned to others?



Day 21

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus REIGNS and because of this as He resurrected, spent time with His disciples, and then ascended to Heaven, He left them with this. NOW GO. You have a job to do. Fulfill my work. Now that you have completed these 21 days. What will you do with the information you have learned. Now you know so you are accountable, now you must act. How can you learn the Bible verses deeper, how can you use them to lift those around you? How can you help others see Jesus? You see these verses are here, these lessons are to draw you closer to God, but then you have a job to do, spread that light to others. You are His child, you are chosen, you were predestined, you are here for a good work. Now GO.

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My Family:

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My Coworkers:

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My Friends:

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