

Come, Lord Jesus!

Transformation Prayer Guide

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And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

John 21:25 (NKJV)

The Apostle John, at the end of his account of the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, was keenly aware that he had shared only a mere portion of all that Jesus accomplished in His earthly mission. As John closed out his Gospel, he observed that the entire world [*cosmos*] could not contain all the books that could be written about the work and person of Jesus. John recognized that he could not possibly communicate everything about the Lord Jesus or even summarize His life in such a short volume.

In the same way, it is not a simple thing to write a prayer guide about the majestic presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. This prayer guide is submitted to you with an overwhelming sense of His glory and power—and the inadequacy of our words. Our prayer is that the Lord Jesus will reveal Himself to you as you pray and seek Him in the coming year. Through your humble prayers, the Spirit will saturate your heart with the truth of Jesus Christ. May you know and love Jesus more than ever!

Telling the Truth of Jesus

In praying and preparing to write this guide, we distinctly heard the Lord tell us: *You need to tell the truth.* We realize that the Church has in some ways lost its singled-minded focus on Jesus. For all of us who name the name of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, it is easy to become so immersed in our “vision” or “calling” that we lose sight of the One who called us in the first place.

In addition, there is a growing ignorance about who Jesus Christ really is. Some would say this has become epidemic in the Church today. It is not unusual to attend church week after week and rarely hear the name of Jesus mentioned. In fact, we can go throughout our entire day interacting with people, yet never speak aloud the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is recorded 79 times in Scripture saying, “I tell you the truth.” Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—yet He is often not even presented in the midst of our programs and ministries. Is it possible that we can do many good works and not even notice that Jesus Himself is missing?

True Revival and Transformation

Revival and transformation must be understood as a return of God's people to a deep, genuine love and longing for the person and the presence of Jesus in our midst. As we return to the Lord, He returns to us (Malachi 3:7). His manifest presence is revival because it changes everything personally and in society—bringing true transformation.

If you have a heart for revival and have been longing for the manifest presence of Christ in your family, church, and community, please pray through this prayer guide with hope. May your heart and soul turn to Jesus with an even greater depth of love, devotion, and longing for Him. An awakening to the person and work of Christ is true revival!

Here is the truth: Jesus is our only Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King! The Apostle Paul points us to the supremacy of Christ in all things:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

Ideas for Using the Prayer Guide

- Distribute the prayer guide to every person and family in your church. Pray through the guide together for the entire year. Offer times to share what God is speaking into lives. Use the guide as the basis for small group prayer times.
- Pastors can encourage the use of the prayer guide as a means of pointing people to Jesus, as well as the basis for a sermon series related to Christ.
- Use the guide in your family devotional times, encouraging each other to know Jesus more intimately. You can also read through the Gospels and study the life of Jesus together.
- Churches in your community can collaborate to use the prayer guide as a basis for corporate prayer on behalf of your community. Pastors can meet and pray together through the prayer guide as a way of growing in unified vision in Christ.

May this *Transformation Prayer Guide* be an instrument that encourages you to fall more deeply in love with the Lord Jesus Christ in all His glory and fullness. *Come, Lord Jesus!*

Our God is on the move today! The power of God in transformation is being felt in hundreds of communities around the world. The frequency and intensity of this movement of transformation continues to increase in those communities where the conditions of 2 Chronicles 7:14 are being sought after and met:

“...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

This growing desire for transformation is being echoed in churches—and among intercessors, leaders, and ordinary people who long for God to make a difference in their communities. The tendency, however, is to allow the desire to be overtaken by the drive to “make something happen.” This subtle shift can result in lowering the standard of true transformation to match our human-set standards. If we lower the standard to an achievable level, we can then substitute programs for God’s power. We mistakenly believe that our best ministry efforts will usher in transformation. This misses the most critical truth of transformation: *that Jesus must be fully in our midst.*

The Presence of Jesus

In communities where true transformation is happening, the common denominator is that believers become desperate for the *manifest presence* of Jesus Christ. They are willing to give up everything to seek Jesus with longing hearts. Only Jesus can truly restore broken families, heal the hurting and abused, and bring peace and safety to their communities. The presence of Christ changes *everything!*

How do we come to such a place of desperation? Only the Holy Spirit of God can birth and fan into flame that kind of passion and longing. Through the Holy Spirit we discover the truth of Jesus Christ Himself. As you pray through this prayer guide, may you fall more deeply in love with the Lord Jesus Christ. May you long for Him with a greater fervency and desire than you have ever known. As you invite His presence through a repentant heart and a contrite spirit, you are welcoming Him into your church and community as well.

True revival and transformation will go beyond heart change into societal and community change. It will be a complete awakening to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and a celebration of His authority and life-giving power. When He comes in His manifest presence into your community, everyone will know that *Jesus is in your midst!*

Week 1

Rend the Heavens Once Again

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ...For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

Isaiah 64:1, 3-4 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai and made His presence known to the Israelites (Exodus 19), the people trembled in fear and the mountain shook with a violent earthquake. The Lord had instructed Moses to call the people to repentance and purity prior to His visitation, but neither the people's hearts nor the earthly realm could fully contain His manifest presence. In the same way, Isaiah expressed a longing for God to manifest Himself once again to a people who needed to be reminded of the awesomeness of their God. Isaiah cried out for the Lord to rend the heavens and come down again, bringing a renewed fear of the holiness of God. Even today, we long for the manifest presence of the Lord Jesus Christ that will usher in true holiness, righteousness, and a revival of His Church. As we wait for Him with hearts of brokenness and humility, we can anticipate that when God responds *everything* will be transformed in a heaven-rendering way. Come again, Lord Jesus!

Day 1: Worship God for His awesomeness and holiness.

Day 2: Confess to the Lord that you have not walked in a true fear of His power and holiness.

Day 3: Repent for the ways you have kept God at a distance through your sin and unrepentant heart.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to fill you with a desire for His manifest presence that proclaims His mighty power and fame.

Day 5: Pray that God will stir in you a heart that cries out for Jesus to bring revival and transformation.

Day 6: Pray that your church will experience an awakening to the holiness of God and a desperate desire for Jesus.

Day 7: Ask Jesus to make His presence known in your community in a way that changes everything about it.

Revival and Transformation

Week 2

Revival: Jesus Christ in His Rightful Place

When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. And standing in the middle of the lampstands was the Son of Man....

Revelation 1:12-13 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The Lord Jesus Christ appeared to the Apostle John and dictated letters to be delivered to prominent churches of that day. For five of the seven churches, the words were ones of correction and challenge. These churches had been so affected by the culture that they had lost their effectiveness for the Lord. They needed to embrace the truth of Jesus so that He could take His rightful place in the midst of the church. Revival will be the natural fruit of placing our desires and priorities back on Jesus Himself. A revived church is a church that is passionately in love with Jesus Christ. When our greatest desire becomes hunger and desperation for Jesus alone, we are experiencing true transformation in our hearts. Jesus walks among the lampstands calling us to Himself. If we have become lukewarm, He wants to restore our passion for Him. If we have compromised with the world, He wants to lead us back into holiness. Where we have tolerated sin, He invites us to repent. Returning to Jesus and putting Him in His rightful place is true revival.

- Day 1:** Read Revelation 1 and worship the Lord for each characteristic He reveals about Himself.
- Day 2:** Confess the ways you have lost a true picture of Jesus and His holiness.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to “romance” you back to Himself.
- Day 4:** Give the Lord permission to reveal ways that you have been drawn away from your first love of Jesus.
- Day 5:** Pray that your church leaders will be renewed in their love for and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will awaken to the reality that Jesus stands among you and is awaiting your response.
- Day 7:** Pray that churches across your community will turn their hearts and attention back to a renewed love for the Lord Jesus Christ in all His majesty.

Revival and Transformation

Week 3

Passion for the Presence of the Lord

Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house burns within me."

John 2:17 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: When Jesus walked through the Temple, He became incensed with the consumerism that had replaced the purity of the Lord's holy dwelling place. Marketing of goods and services had overtaken the sincerity of sacrifice. In a rage of passion for the holiness of His Father, Jesus cleared out the Temple with a vengeance that offended the Jewish leaders. As the disciples witnessed this, they recalled the prophetic declaration of Psalm 69:9 about how passion for God's house would burn within Jesus. The Church today may again be filled with this same consumer mentality. It is possible for believers to do many good things in the name of the Lord, but lack the passion and hunger for the true presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in their midst. Does passion for the Lord burn within your heart? Are you grieved by anything that might point toward man rather than the holy presence of the living Jesus? If revival is to come to our churches today, it must be preceded by a burning desire for nothing less than the manifest presence of Christ.

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus for His passion for His Church.
- Day 2:** Confess to the Lord those times that your passion for the Lord Jesus has waned in the midst of distractions.
- Day 3:** Repent of ways you have allowed a consumer mentality to overtake the truth of what the Church should be in contrast to the world.
- Day 4:** Invite the Lord Jesus to fill your heart with a passion and zeal for His presence alone.
- Day 5:** Pray for such a powerful revival of the Church that all of the programs and consumer activities will fade in comparison to the beauty of the Lord Himself.
- Day 6:** Pray that pastors will seek only the presence of Christ as they lead your church to know Jesus more intimately.
- Day 7:** Invite the Lord to graciously cleanse your church in such a way that your community will take notice of its purity.

Revival and Transformation

Week 4

Revival: What Will It Take?

“Look how far you have fallen from your first love! Turn back to me again and work as you did at first.... Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches....”

Revelation 2:5, 7 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: As the Lord Jesus addressed the churches in the first century, so He speaks to us today. The church at Ephesus was not unlike many contemporary church situations. They were doctrinally sound and very active in ministry. They were even discerning about evil. But they had been seduced by the culture and drawn away from pure love and devotion to Jesus as their first love. So despite all their good intentions, they were warned to turn back to the Lord. If we are willing to listen, the Spirit is saying the same thing to the Church today. The pure love for the Lord Jesus Christ has been replaced by activity, busyness, and the managing of the “machinery” of ministry. What is the Spirit saying it will take for the revival of the Church today? We must acknowledge our fallen condition, earnestly repent, and turn back to a pure and focused love for Jesus. No amount of ministry effort can lead to revival. It is the turning of the heart back to Jesus in true repentance that brings the power of His presence in our midst.

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord for His love for you and His Church.
- Day 2:** Thank the Lord for His Spirit that speaks and convicts.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to reveal if you have strayed from your first love for Jesus. Repent of losing your first love.
- Day 4:** Invite Jesus to bring you back to pure devotion to Him.
- Day 5:** Pray that your pastor and church leadership will recognize where they have been caught in managing the machinery of ministry instead of focusing on Jesus.
- Day 6:** Pray that churches in your community will be transformed by a return to their first love for Jesus.
- Day 7:** Pray that Christians will hunger for the pure presence of Jesus Christ to fill their churches and communities.

Revival and Transformation

It's all about Jesus! How often have you given intellectual assent to that truth? But do you live with the assurance and passion in your heart that Jesus is truly the *only* way, the *only* truth, and the *only* life? If you are not clear on this, you will soon be facing confusing and fearful times in a world that shakes with uncertainty.

Jesus made the declaration Himself in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." Jesus does not acquiesce to popular opinion, tolerance, or political correctness. He does not make exceptions for those who might be sincere yet believe in another god. He makes no allowance for truth to be relative to culture. He does not ask us to package Him in such a way that unbelievers can accept a watered-down version of His Lordship. It's Jesus as He is—Savior of the world. Take Him or leave Him, but don't try to redefine Him.

The most powerful prayer in all of Scripture is the prayer that Jesus Himself offered in John 17. In part, He prayed: "*Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. For you have given him authority over everyone in all the earth. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth*" (vs. 1-3, NLT).

Everyone on earth comes under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. So whether you believe in Him or not does not change His power, place, and position as your only hope for a Savior. It is only through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection to life that we have any hope at all. Your eternal life depends on your belief in and obedience to Jesus: "*And all who believe in God's Son have eternal life. Those who don't obey the Son will never experience eternal life, but the wrath of God remains upon them*" (John 3:36).

As you encounter the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior in this next section, you will be confronted with the truth: *It's all about Jesus!* Repent and believe, which means *truly repent* and *turn from sin*, believing that Jesus is your only hope for salvation from the eternal wrath of God!

It is not about simply "praying a prayer," although prayer is the means of calling out to Jesus for His grace. It is about a true heart change and surrender of your life to Jesus Christ. Don't be counted among the many who will one day regret the reality of John 16:9: "The world's sin is unbelief in me." Now is the time to repent and believe!

Week 5

Repent: The Foundation of the Gospel

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by preaching that people should prove by the way they lived that they had repented from sin and turned to God. His message was relentless and uncompromising, even at the risk of offending those he called a “brood of vipers” (Luke 3:7-8). Jesus did not soften the message when He began to preach after John’s arrest. After being baptized, filled with the Holy Spirit, and then spending 40 days in the wilderness—Jesus immediately reinforced the foundation of the gospel: *Repent!* There was no attempt to make the gospel appealing to the masses by downplaying the issue of repentance. If Jesus Himself ties repentance and belief together as the means of salvation, then any gospel preached minus the power of repentance is a false gospel. If our churches are filled with “believers” who have not embraced the critical place of repentance, we have done a disservice by not telling them the truth. The gift of repentance is an expression of God’s kindness to us (Romans 2:4).

- Day 1:** Praise God that He offers repentance to us as the pathway to salvation.
- Day 2:** If you have not truly repented before the Lord, take time now to deal with the sin in your life.
- Day 3:** Confess to the Lord your heart’s desire to turn from sin and walk in true belief in Him.
- Day 4:** Pray that the importance of repentance will not be downplayed in the message of salvation in the Church.
- Day 5:** Pray that those who consider themselves “believers” will also walk in a lifestyle of repentance.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will not hesitate to speak of the need for repentance.
- Day 7:** Ask God in His kindness to do a powerful work of repentance among the people in your community.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 6

Repentance: The Final Words of Jesus

“With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.’ You are witnesses of all these things.”

Luke 24:47-48 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus was entrusting the gospel message to the disciples by commissioning them to speak the truth and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples had been prepared by Jesus to continue preaching the whole gospel. They had witnessed Jesus teaching the crowds, healing the sick, taking authority over the demonic, and speaking life into the dead. They also had been mentored in the message of repentance: “So the disciples went out, telling all they met to turn from their sins” (Mark 6:12). Now the time had come for Jesus’ final instructions that included the importance of repentance. Once the Holy Spirit came to them, they would be ready with all understanding and authority to call people to repent and receive salvation. Jesus’ final words to His disciples are the same instructions to us today. We must honor the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior by preaching the whole gospel of repentance and belief. Repentance may not be a popular message, but it *is* the truth!

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the only true Savior of the world.
- Day 2:** Ask the Lord to take the message of repentance deep into your own heart.
- Day 3:** Commit to a lifestyle of repentance that invites the Lord to continually examine every area of your life.
- Day 4:** Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with boldness to speak the message of repentance that leads to salvation.
- Day 5:** Pray that believers will be faithful to take the message of repentance to their families, friends, and community.
- Day 6:** Pray that leaders in your church will faithfully teach and model the message of repentance and turning from sin.
- Day 7:** Pray that you will have a vision for your community as the “Jerusalem” that needs to hear the message of repentance and salvation. Invite Jesus to fill you with His presence and authority to proclaim truth to the lost.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 7

The Desperate Need for a Savior

For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us....

Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Of the billions of people who have lived on earth over the centuries, only one was not in need of a Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself was the only one worthy of escaping eternal punishment in hell! The rest of us desperately need a Savior because we have been stained by our sin and an inherited sinful nature. Without exception, none of us will ever measure up to the unchangeable standard of God's righteousness. "All have sinned; all fall short" leaves no room for misinterpretation about anyone's own righteousness. No amount of religious activity or self-delusion will change this. God's anger toward sin must be satisfied, and in His gracious kindness He gave us Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus' shed blood and death on the cross, our honest admission of sin and heart cry for God's mercy satisfies the guilty verdict and sets us free from condemnation. The seriousness of sin remains, but we can celebrate the mercy of God through His incomparable gift of Jesus Christ as Savior.

- Day 1:** Praise God for His provision of an incomparable Savior.
- Day 2:** Repent of the ways you have taken for granted your own need of a Savior. Express your deep gratitude.
- Day 3:** Invite the Lord to reveal the reality of your own sin by showing you the condition of your heart apart from Him.
- Day 4:** Thank God that in His love He has provided a solution to the problem of our sin.
- Day 5:** Pray that the very presence of the Lord Jesus Christ will convict people of their sin and their need for a Savior.
- Day 6:** Pray that the message of sin will be preached with power and biblical truth in your church.
- Day 7:** Tell the Lord how desperately you need Him as your Savior from your sin. Thank Jesus for His gift to you.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 8

Refreshing from the Savior

“Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins. Then wonderful times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will send Jesus your Messiah to you again.”

Acts 3:19-20 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Salvation comes by repentance and a turning away from sin. But there is an added component to repentance: *a wonderful time of refreshment from the Lord*. Repentance invites the presence of the living, resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. In His presence, nothing can remain the same. When a true refreshing of the Lord comes through repentance, all hope is restored. Jesus offers freedom from fear and the bondage of sin. Relationships are healed and reconciled through repentance in the name of Jesus. Spiritually blind eyes are opened, deaf ears are unstopped. The cleansing that follows repentance allows believers in Christ to see and hear Him in all His compassion and grace. Doubt is replaced with confidence in the power of Christ. Those who have turned from their sins can expect an encounter with the living Lord Jesus that breathes new life into their souls. A truly repentant person no longer struggles through sin management, shame, or hiding. They have discovered that releasing everything to the forgiveness and refreshing of the Lord Jesus Christ allows them to fall humbly at the feet of Jesus—free at last! Only when we truly repent will we experience times of refreshing from His hand.

- Day 1:** Praise the Lord Jesus for the refreshing of repentance.
- Day 2:** Allow the Lord to examine your heart and speak a message of true repentance and hope into your life.
- Day 3:** Thank God that true freedom comes with repentance.
- Day 4:** Worship the Lord and express your gratefulness for His forgiveness of your sins. Invite a refreshing of your soul.
- Day 5:** Pray that those who confess to be believers in Christ will truly repent and be set free in all areas of their lives.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will teach a clear message of freedom from shame through forgiveness of sin.
- Day 7:** Pray that the Lord will move powerfully in your city and bring many people to healing and restoring salvation.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 9

Believe in No Other Savior!

“There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.”

Acts 4:12 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Belief in Jesus is not one of many options that ultimately leads down the same path of spiritual enlightenment. God did not devise multiple plans of salvation to appease a variety of belief systems. He did not take into account cultures that might choose to worship other gods or practice other means of atonement. God chose one plan: *Jesus*. There is no “plan B” if belief in Jesus alone is too difficult to accept. This is what makes the Lord Jesus Christ so precious and majestic in all of creation. He alone is the Savior of the world. He is not just some historical figure who offers good teaching. He is not an interesting philosopher from long ago who is no longer relevant in today’s sophisticated society. He is the one and the only route to a personal and intimate relationship with the Living God. There is no other name but the name of Jesus by which we must be saved—end of discussion. No apologies and no polite accommodation of other beliefs. We need to walk boldly in the truth that salvation comes only through the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood. The only choice is whether or not people will bow before Jesus as Savior.

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the only true Savior of the world.
- Day 2:** Ask the Lord to make the person and work of Jesus as Savior even more precious to you.
- Day 3:** Let God examine your heart. Do you truly walk in the truth that Jesus is the *only* Savior from sin?
- Day 4:** Repent of ways you have quietly accommodated other beliefs besides Jesus alone. Pray for courage to speak truth in the face of opposition. Pray that you will fear the Lord rather than man.
- Day 5:** Pray that your church will preach and teach clearly that Jesus is the only Savior from sin.
- Day 6:** Pray for those you know who have yet to believe.
- Day 7:** Pray for a mighty outpouring of the truth of Jesus throughout your neighborhood and community.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Belief in Forever Truth

They told the apostles what had happened, but the story sounded like nonsense, so they didn't believe it. However, Peter ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

Luke 24:10b-12 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The tomb is empty, Jesus' body is missing, and two angels in dazzling robes suddenly appear with the message: *He is risen from the dead!* As the women rushed back to tell the disciples about Jesus' resurrection, it sounded like nonsense. All of Jesus' followers were grief-stricken, confused, and most likely unsure about what to do next. Everything they thought they knew about Jesus had been radically changed—and now their lives were in upheaval. So it was difficult to receive yet another twist to an already dramatic story. But Peter and others still ran to check it out for themselves. Yes, the tomb was empty as the women had said. But they were mystified because, in the midst of their panic and uncertainty, they did not remember Jesus' promise. He said He would rise again; He had prepared them for this day. But they did not immediately recognize Him as the risen Savior. We must recognize and cling to the truth that Jesus is indeed risen. No attacks against this truth from so-called "scholars" can deter true believers. It may be nonsense to the world, but it is the absolute, forever truth!

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the risen Savior of the world!
- Day 2:** Confess to the Lord the times you have wondered if all of this can really be true.
- Day 3:** Repent of any unbelief, and commit to believe Jesus for His promise regardless of the world's ridicule.
- Day 4:** Pray that you will grow in your confidence of the truth that Jesus lives and reigns as Savior.
- Day 5:** Invite Jesus to demonstrate Himself to you in ways that fill you with hope and belief.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will boldly proclaim the truth of Jesus, as well as equip believers to stand firm.
- Day 7:** Pray that the truth of Jesus will honored in your city.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 11

That You Might Know and Walk in Belief

I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The Apostle John wanted followers of Christ to know with certainty that they had eternal life. He wrote his words of assurance to the Church because he knew the dangers of deception and confusion. Earlier he warned about false prophets, as well as the need for love to be an identifying characteristic of true believers (1 John 4). John walked with Jesus and knew the truth of His resurrection, and so John wanted those he loved to walk in the same absolute belief. John’s use of the word “believe” is not simply some intellectual assent to a group of facts about Jesus. John had in mind a deep trust and reliance upon Jesus as the only Savior from sin. It is not an assent to a set of religious terms or teaching, but rather a solid trust in a person—Jesus Christ—as supremely reliable and worthy of our faith. Our assurance of eternal life is not based on our ability to believe, but on the solid ground of the person, character, and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. John had this personal confidence, and he desired that all who follow Christ might walk in freedom from doubt. *That you may know* is a promise you can abandon yourself to without fear or reservation. What an incredible Savior who assures us of eternal life when we repent and believe in Him!

Day 1: Praise the Lord for the confidence you can have in Jesus.

Day 2: Tell the Lord that you absolutely believe and trust Him with your eternal future.

Day 3: Reaffirm your trust in Jesus’ perfect saving work.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you absolute confidence in Him—even when the world tries to deceive or bring confusion.

Day 5: Pray for those who wrestle with their ability to trust in Christ—that they might find assurance in Him.

Day 6: Pray that believers in your church will walk in this kind of absolute assurance of belief in Christ.

Day 7: Pray that believers in your community will speak out the name of Jesus with confidence of salvation!

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Believe for Yourself

Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay at their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many of them to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe because we have heard him ourselves, not just because of what you told us. He is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4:39-40 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The Samaritan woman had a dramatic and unexpected encounter with Jesus. Not only did He break cultural protocol by talking to her, He knew everything about her life. When Jesus proclaimed that He was the Messiah, it was confirmed in her heart through His demonstration of divine knowledge. He offered her new life, and she gladly received it. Not only did she take it in personally, but she left immediately to tell others about Jesus. Upon her testimony, the entire town received Jesus into their midst and eagerly listened to His message. Eventually the woman's story of belief became their own stories of belief. They experienced Jesus in a powerful and personal way, and they were convinced that He was indeed *their* Savior as well. Each of us must also have our own personal encounter with Jesus Christ that changes us dramatically forever. If you have not, Jesus is waiting to meet you!

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as your personal and loving Savior.
- Day 2:** Confess the times you have heard about Jesus, but have not sought Him on a personal level.
- Day 3:** Repent of ways that your belief in Jesus has been intellectual, but not necessarily deep within your heart.
- Day 4:** Invite Jesus to reign in your life as your personal Savior who knows all things about you—and still loves you!
- Day 5:** Pray that your family and friends will each have a dramatic and personal encounter with Jesus Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will be a place where Jesus is known and experienced in personal ways.
- Day 7:** Pray that the lost in your community will have opportunity to hear and embrace the truth of Jesus.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 13

Pressing On After Christ Jesus

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Philippians 3:12 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: Salvation is not simply a one-time act of being saved from our sins of the past. Paul states that there is a destiny of perfection that must compel believers to press on toward the fullness of Christ and His glory. The Lord's purpose for His redeemed ones goes beyond merely escaping from eternal condemnation. Paul was *pressing on* for so much more! The word actually means to run swiftly in order to reach a goal. Paul's life was not finished when he surrendered his life to Jesus on the road to Damascus. His life was completely transformed to one that was running a new race—a race dedicated to apprehending all that Christ had in mind for him. Jesus Christ has taken hold of you by His grace with a destiny in His heart for you. But you must press on after Him in order to be all that Jesus desires you to be. Later in verses 15-16, Paul says that this unwavering determination is a sign of maturity in the Christian life. Jesus is more than our Savior; He is the sum total of everything we hope for and pursue for the rest of our living moments here on earth!

- Day 1:** Praise God for His destiny of perfection for you.
- Day 2:** Worship Jesus as being worthy of your “pressing on” toward all that He has to offer you.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to stir within you a heart of determination to press on with abandonment toward His purposes.
- Day 4:** Repent of those things that hinder you from wholeheartedly seeking God's destiny for your life.
- Day 5:** Pray that leaders in your church will have the same heart as Paul to relentlessly pursue Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray that believers will experience dramatic change in their lives beyond just an intellectual assent to Christ.
- Day 7:** Pray for a growing movement of believers in your community whose hearts are abandoned to pressing on after Jesus.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 14

Those Who Know Him Will Obey Him

“Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as ‘Lord,’ but they still won’t enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: When Jesus sat down on the mountainside to teach His disciples and the crowd, He imparted truths that seemed counter to the religious culture. The people were used to being taught by religious leaders who sounded godly and righteous, yet Jesus’ words were strikingly different. In fact, when He finished they were amazed at His teaching (vs. 28-29). They knew He was teaching from a true position of authority because of His relationship with His Heavenly Father. He exhorted them to live godly lives, and then warned them about false prophets and watered-down teachings. He drew a dividing line between those who were truly saved and those who called Him Lord—but didn’t really know Him. Obedience to the Father was the distinguishing mark of a true believer. Even those who claimed they knew Jesus as Lord could not fake a true commitment to Jesus as Savior in their actions. Jesus gives the sober warning that obedience will be the evident fruit of those who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. True believers today will demonstrate their faith in Christ with hearts that are compelled to obey the will and commands of the Father.

Day 1: Worship Jesus as the true authority in matters of faith.

Day 2: Confess to the Lord any ways that your life does not demonstrate the mark of a true believer.

Day 3: Repent for any disobedience to the commands of the Father—and ask Him what He desires of you.

Day 4: Pray for a greater understanding of what it means to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Day 5: Pray that your life will bear true and evident fruit.

Day 6: Pray that churches will teach about the warnings of Jesus regarding the Kingdom of Heaven.

Day 7: Pray that the lost in your community will experience the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ in true salvation.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

A Living Sacrifice for Jesus

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: In the previous chapters of Romans, Paul laid out a very firm and powerful theological foundation for our salvation through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. Now, he says, because of all the Lord has done for you, the way to respond to Him and worship Him is to offer your life as a living and holy sacrifice. If you are truly being sacrificial, that means your life is no longer your own. The decisions you make, the paths you follow, and the calling you embrace are no longer of your own determination. In response to your gratitude for your salvation, you must abandon your preferences, goals, and plans—and make yourself available to God for His bidding alone. Often in church culture, we speak of Jesus very casually and try to make Him fit into our own agendas. But He is the Savior and we are bought with *His* blood. Knowing that, our heart response should be a sacrifice made out of deep and desperate love for Jesus because of His greater sacrifice. As the New Living Translation puts it, “When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?” He is worthy of our complete heart abandonment to Him!

Day 1: Worship Jesus as the One worthy of your sacrifice.

Day 2: Confess the ways you have taken Jesus' sacrifice of His life very casually—and have not been deeply grateful.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to give you a fresh understanding of what it means to be a living sacrifice.

Day 4: Tell the Lord that you are willing to be a living sacrifice of worship to Him, regardless of the personal cost.

Day 5: Invite the Lord to give you the strength each day to live sacrificially according to His purposes.

Day 6: Pray that all believers will grow in their desire to surrender absolutely everything over to the Lord Jesus.

Day 7: Ask the Lord to do a powerful work of cleansing in your community, as an act of worship to Him.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Week 16

Walking in Confidence and Compassion

When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!" And one of them slashed at the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "Don't resist anymore." And he touched the place where the man's ear had been and healed him.

Luke 22:49-51 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus was about to be arrested by a mob armed with swords and clubs. He had been preparing for this moment, at times with great agony. He knew His future and His destiny. He was walking in the confidence that His heavenly Father had foreordained this moment—even though an angry mob in the dark of night was disconcerting and frightening. His disciples were not sure how to respond because of their overwhelming fear. Instinctively Peter lashed out to protect Jesus. But because Jesus was so sure of His mission and calling, He responded to the threats with compassion and confidence. He instructed the disciples not to resist the plan of the Father, and then even healed the one who opposed Him. If we have embraced Jesus as our Savior, we can look at the threats and intimidation of the world with confidence. We can view our enemies with compassion because they cannot thwart the purposes of God. We don't need to fight those who oppose us. Knowing Jesus as Savior gives us the confidence to offer hope and healing in His name.

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as your compassionate Savior.
- Day 2:** Confess the times you have been overwhelmed with fear at the threats of the world.
- Day 3:** Repent for not always walking in complete confidence and compassion through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Day 4:** Invite the Lord to fill you with renewed trust in Him as your Savior regardless of difficult circumstances.
- Day 5:** Pray that you will learn to place all your confidence and trust in Jesus as the Savior and hope of the world.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will demonstrate the compassion and love of Christ to a lost world.
- Day 7:** Pray that the lost will see Jesus as their only hope.

Jesus Christ as Our Savior

Jesus Christ is our life! Jesus is more than just our Savior from our sins of the past. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 1:30 that we are *in Christ*. In Colossians 1:27, Paul says that Christ lives in us! Jesus Christ did not die on the cross for our sins, then go back to the Father and leave us to fend for ourselves in this life. He is our new life.

Perhaps one of the reasons that Christians flounder so much in their walk is the lack of understanding of this key teaching of Scripture. The word “sanctification” has the idea of being set apart *from* something and *to* something else. This means that we are set apart from the life and ways of the world around us and set apart to God.

But this is not something we strive for; it is something we obtain through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul teaches in Colossians 2:6 that we are to live by the same kind of faith as when we received Christ Jesus as Savior. Jesus used the illustration in John 15 of the vine and the branches. The branch does not produce fruit by straining and striving, but by allowing the life of the vine to flow through it. The life that is in the vine produces life in the branch. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches.

Jesus Christ as our sanctification means that He lives His life out through us. It is not about our attempts to attain perfection; it is our old life exchanged for His life in us. In humility and obedience, we must surrender our lives to His control. When Jesus Christ is living His life through us, we will exhibit His very own characteristics—the greatest of which is supreme love for God and for others.

What an amazing and wonderful truth for us to understand and take for our own! Jesus Christ is not only our Savior from sin, He is our very breath of life. He will breathe through you as you yield your thoughts, hopes, and plans to Him. Paul’s classic words in Galatians 2:20 give us the model for such a life:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

As you pray through this section on Jesus Christ as our Sanctifier, allow the Holy Spirit to probe deep into your heart and bring you to a greater understanding of the wonderful truth of your union with your Savior. This is a glorious reality to be lived out in your life daily.

Week 17

Not with Human Wisdom and Power

Dear brothers and sisters, when I first came to you I didn't use lofty words and brilliant ideas to tell you God's message. For I decided to concentrate only on Jesus Christ and his death on the cross.... I did this so that you might trust the power of God rather than human wisdom.

1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 5 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus Christ did not leave us to live out this human existence in our own wisdom and power. As Sanctifier, He offers us the opportunity to walk in true power beyond human reasoning. Paul is confessing to the Corinthians that he knew lofty words or brilliant ideas would not convince anyone of the truth of Christ. Rather, he knew that his only calling was to focus solely on the cross of Christ with simple words and language. Everything else was up to the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul's desire was to never trust in human wisdom. Yet our culture—and sadly even our church culture—has lost that heart of dependence on God alone. We build our programs and train our leaders to cater to the consumer mentality of attracting people through creativity or entertainment. We forget that our human wisdom is so limited and naïve. Jesus Christ is our true wisdom—and He wants to live His life through us. If we walk in the truth that Jesus is our Sanctifier, then our ministry will be born out of our total dependence on Him alone.

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord Jesus as your source of life, wisdom, and strength.
- Day 2:** Thank Jesus for His desire to live His life in you.
- Day 3:** Confess the ways you have not consciously depended upon Jesus as your wisdom and strength.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to show you the ways you are living in the power of your flesh—and not in His power.
- Day 5:** Pray that churches will seek the Lord for His wisdom and walk in His strength—without clever programming.
- Day 6:** Pray that your pastor and church staff will live in absolute dependence upon Jesus Christ as their wisdom.
- Day 7:** Ask the Lord to take you deeper in this truth of Jesus Christ as your Sanctifier and giver of all life.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Being Separate from the World

Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to mature Christians. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life.... for you are still controlled by your own sinful desires. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your own desires? You are acting like people who don't belong to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:1, 3 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: It seems Paul was being very direct and hard with his rebuke to believers in the Corinthian church. He said they were acting like babies and not like people who belonged to Jesus Christ. They were really not much different from the world, even though they had been called to be set apart in Christ. It was a much-needed correction. Paul would certainly have the right to issue the same rebuke to many in the Church today. Multiple surveys and research tell us that when it comes to our attitudes and lifestyles, those who profess to be Christians differ little from those who do not claim the name of Jesus Christ. This is not what we should expect if we are living in the truth of Jesus Christ as our Sanctifier—as our very life, strength, and wisdom. In fact, we should be broken and appalled over it! The envy, strife, and divisions that Paul mentions are only a few of the tell-tale signs that the Church is sick and will not be healed until it repents of being immature and worldly.

Day 1: Worship the Lord for His perfect holiness.

Day 2: Confess to the Lord the ways you have become like the world in your life and heart.

Day 3: Repent for yourself and on behalf of the Church for not looking dramatically different from the world.

Day 4: Invite the Lord to stir a passion within you to live your life radically different from worldly influences.

Day 5: Pray that your church will be open to see the ways that it is immature and worldly.

Day 6: Pray that leadership in your church will invite the presence of Christ to cleanse any worldly influence.

Day 7: Pray that the name of Jesus Christ will be honored in your life and through the Church.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Repentance Leads to Restoration

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have all of you, to sift you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus was warning Simon Peter that his fearful and sinful nature would overtake him, but that hope and healing would follow his repentance. Peter’s response was to declare that he was ready to die with Jesus (vs. 33). But Jesus knew Peter’s frailty in the midst of persecution and possible death. Jesus did not abandon Peter to Satan’s destruction or his own self-implosion. As both Savior and Sanctifier, Jesus prayed for Peter. He pleaded for Peter’s faith to be spared in the face of his forthcoming horrible denial of Christ. Jesus knew that the brash and bold Peter would soon become a weak and whimpering coward, but yet Jesus had confidence that Peter would repent and return to Him. In fact, Jesus knew that Peter would grow in strength and character as a result of his personal failure. Jesus was letting Peter know in advance that repentance always leads to restoration—and that great things were in store for Peter!

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus as the One who intercedes for us and pleads for the restoration of our faith.
- Day 2:** Confess the ways you have allowed fear and your own sinful nature to keep you from standing firm in your faith in Christ.
- Day 3:** Repent for trying to walk in your own strength and not in the power of Jesus as your Sanctifier.
- Day 4:** Express to the Lord your desire to walk in His strength.
- Day 5:** Pray that believers will grow in strength and character in Christ in the midst of struggles and trials.
- Day 6:** Pray that the leaders in your church will walk in true repentance and trust in Jesus alone for strength to lead.
- Day 7:** Pray that Satan will not be allowed to destroy lives of believers or the lost in your community. Pray that repentance will be acknowledged as the way to Christ.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Standing in the Strength of Christ

At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered that the Lord had said, "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny me three times." And Peter left the courtyard, crying bitterly.

Luke 22:61-62 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Imagine Jesus turning and looking at you at the very moment you have declared that you don't know Him. In the moment of Jesus' greatest pain, Peter was consumed with his own fears of being identified with Christ. That look from Jesus had to be piercing yet loving; sorrowful yet understanding. It must have shaken Peter to the core when he realized how much his denial of Christ had hurt Jesus. Peter could only turn away and cry bitterly from the depths of his soul, wondering if there could ever be redemption from such a cowardly act. Yet Jesus in His role as Sanctifier was already looking toward Peter's restoration. In fact, Jesus later took care to erase Peter's three outright denials by offering Peter three opportunities to express how much he loved Jesus. John records this exchange between Peter and Jesus (John 21:15-17) as an eternal remembrance that Jesus will always lead us into a place of restoring and strengthening when we truly turn in repentance.

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus for His love and compassion in spite of our sin and failures.
- Day 2:** Confess any times you have not stood firm for the name of Christ in the face of opposition.
- Day 3:** Repent of times you have denied Jesus during moments of fear or persecution.
- Day 4:** Pray that Jesus will fill you with boldness and courage to speak His name often and identify yourself with Him.
- Day 5:** Pray that the name of Jesus will be honored and revered by all who call themselves followers of Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will boldly speak the name of Jesus even when it may not be popular or welcomed.
- Day 7:** Pray that the presence of Jesus Christ will profoundly touch your community and bring restoration.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Week 21

Sanctify by the Truth

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.”

John 17:15-19 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: Jesus prayed earnestly for His disciples and all who would follow Him in the faith throughout all generations. He did not ask that believers be rescued from the challenges and struggles of the world. He asked His Father to “sanctify” them or set them apart according to the truth. As He prayed for protection from Satan, Jesus also prayed that these newly sanctified believers would immerse themselves in a world that desperately needed the influence of righteous witnesses to truth. The more believers are set apart in holiness and purity, the more the darkness of the world is confronted and saturated with light. Jesus knew that persecution would increase, evil would abound, and truth would be compromised. But through His prayer He prepared believers to stand resolute through the opposition and evil days to come. Jesus our Sanctifier has not abandoned us to the darkness—He has set us apart with Him to bring light and truth!

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus that He is the source of all truth.
- Day 2:** Confess the times you hoped to be delivered from evil rather than have to stand as an overcomer in Christ.
- Day 3:** Repent of any fear of being in the world.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to continue to sanctify you and set you apart as a believer who walks in truth.
- Day 5:** Pray that the leadership in your church will relentlessly pursue holiness in a perverse world.
- Day 6:** Pray that the Word of God will be revered and honored as the standard of truth in your church.
- Day 7:** Pray that the darkness of your community will be saturated with believers who are sanctified in truth.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Sharing in His Divine Nature

As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: There is no secret or “special key” to living a meaningful and godly life. Simply stated, the more we get to know Jesus in greater intimacy, the more supernatural and divine power from Jesus will flow through us. Jesus is inviting us to share in His own divine nature that will fill us to overflowing with the ability to escape evil and live in righteousness. There is no need to search out secrets of success or hidden spiritual realities. There is no need to strive under our own power to live an acceptable and pleasing life. Jesus’ very own power sanctified within us gives us the ability to separate ourselves from the desires and lures of the world. As we grow in our relationship and intimate knowledge of Jesus, we can be assured of His victory in a decadent world. How well do you really know Jesus? Does He saturate your thoughts? Are you in constant union with Him in prayer and worship as you walk through the challenges of life? Do you invite Jesus to speak into your life at every moment, knowing that intimacy with Him will fill you with divine power? Invite Jesus to take you on an intimate journey with Him.

Day 1: Praise Jesus for allowing us to share in His divine nature.

Day 2: Thank the Lord for His promises of victory and life.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to help you grow in a more intimate knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Day 4: Repent of the ways you have taken your relationship with Christ for granted—and not earnestly sought Him.

Day 5: Ask Jesus to speak to you with greater clarity.

Day 6: Pray that your church will help people understand the truth of walking in intimacy with Jesus.

Day 7: Dedicate yourself to knowing Jesus more intimately.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Week 23

Jesus Gets the Glory

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: God will not share His glory with another. He has made Jesus Christ our wisdom, our righteousness, and our sanctification—and there is no place for human boasting or exaltation. Jesus as Sanctifier lives His life through us, but we are in no position to boast of anything except Christ Himself. Yet, it is not unusual to see just the opposite today in Christian ministry. Page through a Christian publication and notice the prominent publicity of well-known speakers or authors. Check out ministry websites and note whether Jesus is even mentioned. As much as we claim everything is for the glory of Jesus, how much really points toward our own human efforts? When you start to notice the exalted human accomplishments, you will become painfully aware of how much Jesus is missing from the center of attention. This is not the way our God chooses to work. He makes Himself known through the unknown and humble people who will not steal His glory. The disciples in the Book of Acts turned the world upside down, yet they never resorted to a clever campaign or the exaltation of their own giftedness. We must repent of the many ways we have not allowed the Lord to live completely through us. May we never try to share the glory that belongs to the Lord alone!

Day 1: Give God all the glory that is due His name alone.

Day 2: Allow the Lord to show you how you have walked in your own accomplishments.

Day 3: Repent of any ways that you have stolen God’s glory.

Day 4: Receive by faith Jesus as your wisdom, redemption, righteousness, and sanctification in your life.

Day 5: Pray that your church will not resort to exalting itself or its ministries above the Lord.

Day 6: Pray for pastors and ministry leaders to humbly submit themselves to God’s glory alone.

Day 7: Voice your praise for God and His glory alone.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Believe the Lord for Provision

...Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

Matthew 6:32-33 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus demonstrated this truth by His own life. He lived in the moment and the present reality of knowing that His need for food, clothing, and shelter would be met through the resources of His Father. Jesus' heart was set on fulfilling His mission of the Kingdom, and He taught His disciples to grow in their trust for provision. Whether He fed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread, or instructed the disciples to pull in bountiful fish from a certain side of the boat—Jesus never expressed concern about God's ability to meet their needs. When we are unified with Jesus Christ as our Sanctifier, we can trust Him to provide what we need in the moment. If we allow Jesus to live in and through us, our focus is removed from our fears and concerns for the future. Instead, our hearts are consumed with making the Kingdom of God our primary concern—and the Lord responds with whatever blessing is needed to fulfill His Kingdom priorities. We can count on it!

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord as your miraculous provider for your every need.
- Day 2:** Confess the times that you have been anxious about your future or how you will live in difficult circumstances.
- Day 3:** Repent for the times you did not trust the Lord for His provision, and instead sought to solve problems through your own resolve.
- Day 4:** Invite the Lord to fill you with a renewed peace and trust as you focus on His Kingdom as your life priority.
- Day 5:** Pray that those who are struggling with daily needs will experience a powerful demonstration of God's care.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will make the Kingdom of God its primary concern.
- Day 7:** Pray that the Kingdom of God will be welcomed in your community.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Week 25

Crucified with Christ!

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

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: When Jesus was crucified, our old life was crucified with Him. If we choose to be followers of Christ, any thoughts of owning or controlling our own lives now need to be given over completely to Him. All fleshly desires, plans, or need for power must be treated as though dead. They are replaced by new life and breath through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul recognized that everything he knew of his old life would need to die and fall away if he was to walk in the power of Jesus Christ. In his old life, Paul knew fleshly power. He knew how to operate in his own wisdom. People feared the old Paul, who was brutal and wicked in his dealings with believers. But when Jesus apprehended him on the road to Damascus, everything changed for Paul. In complete surrender, Paul gave over every bit of his old life so that Christ could live in and through him. It was one of the most dramatic conversions in the history of the Church! But our conversion should be no less dramatic if we truly believe we are crucified with Christ. Why choose to walk in our own flesh and worldly ways when we can walk with the supernatural and sanctifying work of Jesus Christ in us? Be crucified with Christ!

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord for His wonderful provision for you.
- Day 2:** Praise Jesus that He desires to live His life through you.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to show you areas in your life that have not yet been “crucified” or put to death for Christ’s sake.
- Day 4:** Repent of the ways you have tried to live the “uncrucified” life in your own power.
- Day 5:** Ask the Lord to teach you to live each day in the truth of being dead to self and alive to Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray for others to have the same dramatic encounter with Jesus Christ that puts the old self completely to death.
- Day 7:** Surrender everything in your life to be put to death so that Jesus can live His life through you.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

My Weakness—His Strength

...“My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.”
So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. Since I know it is all for Christ’s good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: We live in a culture that glamorizes and esteems strength and power. The weak are shunned and marginalized; the strong are promoted and exalted. This can become the same mentality in the Church as we also desire to be people who are strong and successful. We look to the world to teach us through seminars and books on how to overcome inhibitions and weaknesses by becoming conquerors. But the truth of Scripture is that God works His best work when we offer to Him our weaknesses and let Him be strong through them. This is totally counter-cultural both in society and in the Church, yet it is directly from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself: *My power works best in your weakness*. When Paul realized this truth, he became content with his weaknesses because he knew that the Lord was then free to work powerfully through him. Have you fought to look strong and powerful to others, or have you fully admitted and surrendered your weaknesses to the Lord? If you yield to Jesus, He will show His amazing strength and power through you.

Day 1: Praise the Lord that His strength is available for us.

Day 2: Thank the Lord Jesus that He wants to show Himself strong through your life.

Day 3: Repent of the ways you have tried to prove that you are strong on your own.

Day 4: Allow the Lord to reveal your weaknesses, and then surrender all your striving over to Him.

Day 5: Invite the Lord to fill you with His power and strength.

Day 6: Pray that your pastors and leaders will be honest about their weaknesses so that Christ can work through them.

Day 7: Pray that Jesus will show His power in your community through believers who confess their weaknesses.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Identifying with Christ's Authority

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

Luke 10:17-19 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: Jesus sent out 72 disciples with instructions to travel light, bless households, heal the sick, and tell people that the Kingdom of God is near. He warned them to be careful about those who might want to harm them because they were identified with Christ. In fact, as people accepted or rejected the disciples, they were doing the same with Jesus Himself. Once believers have identified themselves with the life and mission of Jesus, they become a threat to the kingdom of darkness because they are now going with the authority of Christ. Imagine the disciples' excitement and surprise when demons obeyed their commands! As they reported back, Jesus gave them a glimpse of the heavenly realms by telling them that Satan himself had been quickly dethroned. In Luke 10:21, it says that Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit as He watched the disciples grow in their understanding of the spiritual realities of the Kingdom of God. When we walk in obedience to Jesus Christ, He is delighted to empower us to live in union and sanctification with Him!

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus for His power and authority over Satan and the kingdom of darkness.
- Day 2:** Confess the ways you have walked in your own power without being united with Christ.
- Day 3:** Repent of times when you have lived in fear rather than in the power and authority of Jesus Christ in you.
- Day 4:** Invite the Lord to open your eyes to spiritual realities so that you will understand how to pray effectively.
- Day 5:** Ask Jesus to fill you with His presence and power.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will exercise the authority of Christ that comes through obedience to Him.
- Day 7:** Pray that Satan will "fall like lightning" from his rule and reign over your community as you humbly pray.

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Week 28

Stay Awake with the Lord

At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked. "Get up and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you."

Luke 22:45-46 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The disciples slept through one of the most defining moments in the life of their beloved Jesus! As Jesus agonized over His forthcoming death, the disciples were unable to stay alert and attentive to the crisis of their dear friend. Jesus warned them that they needed to pray in order to resist temptation. But they were lulled to sleep by their exhaustion. So without His friends present, Jesus battled the temptation to flee from the excruciatingly painful path that awaited Him. He poured out His heart to His Father in prayer, desperately wanting to fulfill His mission yet knowing His horrific fate. In humble heart cries of prayer, Jesus resisted any thought of abandoning His calling. Jesus demonstrated to the disciples the importance of fervent prayer in the most critical moments of life. Undoubtedly the disciples remembered Jesus' example when they faced their own crisis times. When believers in the early church were threatened, they prayed (Acts 4). When faced with prison and persecution, the disciples stood strong through prayer. They quickly learned that their lifeline was to stay awake with the Lord in prayer.

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the One who gives power and strength.
- Day 2:** Confess the times you have dismissed the importance of prayer in moments of crisis.
- Day 3:** Repent of the ways you have been lulled to sleep when you should have been standing firm in prayer.
- Day 4:** Invite the Lord to awaken you to the power of prayer in all circumstances—especially the temptation to flee.
- Day 5:** Pray that pastors will lead their congregations in times of deep, agonizing prayer over desperate situations.
- Day 6:** Pray that the Church will be awakened to the critical place of prayer in resisting Satan's strategies.
- Day 7:** Pray that believers in your city will be awakened to the desperate needs of the lost around them—and pray!

Jesus Christ as Our Sanctifier

Jesus stunned the world with His healing power. Granted, people were amazed by His teaching and intrigued by His claims to be the Son of God. They watched with curiosity when He challenged the religious system of the day. But they were absolutely awestruck and changed forever by His compassionate healing touch.

Many times in the Gospels, it is recorded that Jesus healed *every* person, *every* disease, and *every* demonic stranglehold that was presented to Him. Matthew relates that as Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching and preaching about the Good News of the Kingdom, He authenticated His claims through the power of healing:

...And he healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease. News about him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that the sick were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were epileptics, or were paralyzed—he healed them all. Large crowds followed him wherever he went... (Matthew 4:23-25, NLT).

The Gospels do not record times when Jesus looked upon the sick and told them that they should live with their illnesses. His heart of compassion always overtook Him, and the result was that multitudes of people were set free and restored in an instant.

The only time it seems that Jesus was hindered in His healing was in his hometown of Nazareth. Those who knew Him were offended by Him, and as a result He healed only a few of the sick. Their unbelief restricted the unleashing of mighty miracles (Mark 6:1-6).

It is obvious in reading through Scripture that Jesus' heart was for all people to be healed. Jesus' authority and power to heal went unchallenged by even the most dramatic and seemingly hopeless situations. If a leper needed to have his skin and body completely restored—no problem. The fact that Lazarus had been dead for several days was not an issue for Jesus when it came time to call him forth from the dead. Even those tormented by demons, with supernatural strength to break chains and terrify people, found instant freedom through Jesus' healing touch.

As you pray through *Jesus Christ as Our Healer*, invite the Lord to instill in you a renewed faith that fully embraces His power to heal and restore. Perhaps we need a refreshing of our belief!

Week 29

The Same Healer Today

Jesus traveled through all the cities and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And wherever he went, he healed people of every sort of disease and illness.

Matthew 9:35 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The New Testament is filled with stories of Jesus’ healing ministry. As He taught about the Good News of the Kingdom, He often authenticated His message through the power of healing. This passage records that Jesus healed *wherever* He went; there was no impossible situation for Him. We can casually read these stories and miss the depth and breadth of Jesus’ healing ministry. Jesus’ power to heal was the earthly demonstration of His deity. Often Jesus would forgive sin and then heal as visible proof that He was indeed God. We may read the accounts of miraculous healings and then relegate them to a different time and place. We dismiss the reality of Hebrews 13:8: “Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Jesus has not changed, but we have changed in our belief in Him as the same Healer today. Our challenge is to embrace Jesus with the same trust and abandonment of those who sought Him back then. They were desperate and willing to sacrifice everything just to be near Him. They saw in Him the character and power of God. Jesus is as much our Healer today as He was back then!

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord Jesus as the same Healer today.
- Day 2:** Ask Jesus to show you where you have not believed He is the same today as He was then—and will be forever.
- Day 3:** Repent of your limited view of who Jesus really is.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to give you a new understanding and a new faith in the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Day 5:** Ask the Lord to show you what it means for you to live in the present reality of Jesus as truly God.
- Day 6:** Pray for your church to have a greater vision of the healing power of Jesus—with trust and abandonment.
- Day 7:** Pray that the truth that Jesus healed *wherever* He went will become the reality of His presence in your city.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Week 30

Healing in Jesus' Name

"The name of Jesus has healed this man—and you know how lame he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has caused this healing before your very eyes."

Acts 3:16 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The man was doing what he did every day—begging for money at the Temple gate. When he asked Peter for money, Peter replied that he could only give the man what he had. What Peter carried with him was power in the name of Jesus Christ to heal. As the lame man was healed—and then as he held tightly to Peter and John in his joy—the crowd was “absolutely astounded” (vs. 10). Peter’s reaction was to question why they were so astounded by what had happened in Jesus’ name. For Peter, it was only to be expected that in the name of Jesus, this man would be healed! The “name” implies the sum total and character of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Healer. Healing is such a part of Jesus’ character that Peter was absolutely certain that just speaking His name would bring dramatic healing. Throughout Acts, it was very “natural” for the apostles to expect the power of Jesus’ name to be demonstrated in miraculous ways. Do we walk with the same expectancy that our reliance on the character and nature of Jesus will dramatically change the lives of those who call upon His name?

Day 1: Worship Jesus for the power of His name.

Day 2: Praise the Lord Jesus that His name reigns and rules above every other name.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to show you ways that you have not recognized and lived in the power of Jesus’ name.

Day 4: Repent for any ways that you have used the name of Jesus in an inappropriate manner.

Day 5: Ask the Lord to teach you the power of His name as your Healer. Pray that you will walk in confidence in Him.

Day 6: Ask the Lord to give you a new level of faith in Jesus’ name as it reflects His character.

Day 7: Pray that the name of Jesus will be raised up in your church and throughout your community—without hesitation or fear of speaking His name boldly and often!

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Week 31

Confidence of Faith in Jesus

He was listening as Paul preached, and Paul noticed him and realized he had faith to be healed. So Paul called to him in a loud voice, "Stand up!" And the man jumped to his feet and started walking.

Acts 14:9 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: *Faith is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see (Hebrews 11:1). Faith itself does not heal us. Our resolve to be healed—or even our fervent prayers for healing—do not heal us. It is Jesus who heals—and He delights in demonstrating Himself to those who choose to place their faith and confidence in Him. All our hope and belief must be in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. We are just instructed to walk in “confident assurance” that Jesus is our Healer. In this passage, Paul and Barnabas had been preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the Lord gave them power to prove that their message about Christ was true. They saw this man had faith in Christ, and they responded with the healing power of Jesus. Unfortunately the people decided that Paul and Barnabas were gods, even though they adamantly protested that only the Lord can heal (vs. 15). We must be reminded that all of our faith must be placed in Jesus as the only true source of healing. Do not look to others for your healing. Keep your faith grounded in Christ alone.*

Day 1: Praise Jesus that He is the only true Healer.

Day 2: Ask the Lord to show you whether your faith is truly anchored in Him. Pray that you will not waver!

Day 3: Confess ways that your faith has been placed in something other than the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Repent of placing faith in other people.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to grant you a greater level of faith in Him.

Day 5: Pray that the leaders in your church will grow in confident faith in Jesus alone as the Healer.

Day 6: Pray for the Lord to raise up those in your church who will stand in confident faith for the healing of the sick.

Day 7: Ask the Lord to lead you into new levels of faith for your own healing, as well as for others.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Week 32

Repentance Unleashes Healing Power

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

James 5:16 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus as our Healer desires to come and bring healing and restoration, but often it is our unrepentant hearts that hold back the flow of His power. Confession of sin and the hope for healing are inextricably linked together. A person walking in righteousness can be assured of a greater level of confidence and effectiveness in approaching the throne of God! This passage offers a very practical pathway toward healing: confession before one another. Sin and lack of repentance can be the very things that facilitate our sickness, whether physical, spiritual, or emotional. When we carry the burden of sin, hiding, and shame, a huge toll is taken on our emotions, spirits, and even our bodies. The power of prayer and healing is unleashed when we walk in a lifestyle of repentance and righteous living. Humble and repentant hearts are the key to prayer demonstrated with “power and wonderful results.” Experiencing the fullness of the Lord Jesus as our Healer is promised when we deliberately choose to live a righteous life before Him and others.

- Day 1:** Praise the Lord for His power to heal every area of your life—physical, spiritual, and emotional.
- Day 2:** Allow the Lord to show you any area of unconfessed sin that limits your effectiveness in prayer.
- Day 3:** Confess areas of sin to the Lord and, if appropriate, confess before other trusted believers.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to help you to live a lifestyle of repentance so that your prayers will not be hindered.
- Day 5:** Praise the Lord for His desire to heal in answer to the prayers of His righteous saints.
- Day 6:** Pray that leaders in your church will grow in their understanding of the place of repentance in healing.
- Day 7:** Pray that you will understand more by the Spirit how to pray for healing in the lives of others.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Stop Sinning and Be Well

Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

John 5:14-15 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: After living confined to a mat by a pool for 38 years, this man had the most dramatic encounter of his lifetime with Jesus Christ. Jesus asked him a simple question: "Would you like to get well?" The man's first response was his reality: "I can't, sir. I can't get to the pool." Jesus broke through the man's limited view of spiritual realities by commanding him to pick up his mat and walk. He was instantly healed because Jesus said so! But his healing journey did not end with his ability to roll up his mat and walk away. Jesus later pressed into his heart and life by warning him that repentance must follow for healing to be complete. It is not enough to look to Jesus to solve our problems, restore our relationships, or heal our struggles. We must turn to Him in repentance so that His healing affects every area of our lives. When we have been touched by the love and compassion of Jesus Christ, it is such an affront to His graciousness and mercy if we continue in our old patterns of living. Jesus is most honored when we allow His healing to saturate our hearts and transform our lives.

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the One who heals and forgives.
- Day 2:** Confess the times you have sought Jesus for healing without a commitment to the cleansing of your heart.
- Day 3:** Repent of wanting Jesus to do the miraculous in your life while at the same time holding on to old sin patterns.
- Day 4:** Invite Jesus to do a thorough healing in you.
- Day 5:** Pray that the Lord will stir in your heart a greater understanding of His grace and mercy in your life.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will present the whole message of healing that includes repentance and turning to God.
- Day 7:** Pray that believers will begin to reach the many people in their communities who have been longing for healing, but not understanding that it is possible through Jesus.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Spiritual and Physical Healing

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why are you thinking such evil thoughts? Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'? I will prove that I, the Son of Man, have the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, take your mat, and go on home, because you are healed!" And the man jumped up and went home!

Matthew 9:4-7 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: They desperately wanted to see their friend healed, and so a group of them got together and carried their paralyzed friend to see Jesus. Jesus was impressed with their faith and saw beyond the man's paralysis. Because of the simple faith of His friends, Jesus pronounced *first* that the man's sins were forgiven. This inflamed the religious leaders who challenged His authority to do so. In response, Jesus then spoke physical healing into the man as a demonstration that He was also fully capable of granting spiritual healing. The crowd that witnessed both healings was immediately filled with fear at the realization of Jesus' authority both to heal and forgive. Jesus knew that no healing was complete without the heart also being touched in a deeply profound way. A man and his friends thought they were coming to Jesus with the simple desire to walk again, but Jesus overwhelmed them with the newfound freedom to *live* again in true forgiveness!

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus for His authority to heal both physically and spiritually.
- Day 2:** Confess the times you have not sought the Lord for the deep healing of your heart.
- Day 3:** Repent for walking in spiritual paralysis because you have not sought forgiveness of sins.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to reveal your need for spiritual healing.
- Day 5:** Pray that believers will walk in newfound freedom because they have also experienced spiritual healing.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will embrace and demonstrate the power of Jesus to both heal and forgive.
- Day 7:** Pray that any religious system in your community will be replaced with belief in Jesus as the only true Healer.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Walking Testimonies of Healing Power

The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking around, and those who had been blind could see again! And they praised the God of Israel.

Matthew 15:31 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Imagine the scene. Jesus has climbed a hill to sit down for a moment, only to be swarmed by a vast crowd of people desperate for healing. They streamed toward Him, carrying the lame, leading the blind, and clearing the way for people with multiple physical difficulties. Matthew records very simply that “he healed them all.” No one left disappointed; no one was told to come back at a more convenient time. Jesus healed them all, instantaneously. The scene that followed had to be pandemonium as people ran and jumped with newfound strength in their legs. Those who had never been able to form a word were now shouting praises to God! Many of the previously blind were now joyfully taking in the sight of the beautiful faces of their loved ones. Only Jesus could produce such a scene of exhilarating joy! As a result, people knew that Jesus, as the God of Israel, was truly their God. When Jesus is truly present in our lives and churches, the resulting stories of those who are restored and given new life should bear witness to the glory of Jesus! We need to be walking testimonies of Jesus’ healing power to a lost world.

Day 1: Worship God as always loving and never changing.

Day 2: Give praise to Jesus for the ways He has healed you.

Day 3: Repent of times you have held back in giving Jesus all praise, honor, and glory to His name.

Day 4: Ask the Lord for boldness to tell your story of salvation and healing through Jesus Christ.

Day 5: Pray that Jesus will demonstrate His power through the Church so that people will be drawn to Him.

Day 6: Pray that pastors will boldly proclaim the name of Jesus and point people toward Him as their only hope.

Day 7: Pray that believers in your community will freely share powerful testimonies of the miraculous work of Christ.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Limited by Unbelief

Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.” And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Mark 6:4-5 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Large crowds were following Jesus, desperate for His healing touch. They had seen His amazing works and believed in His ability to heal the demonized or bring people back to life. In fact, one woman was so sure of Jesus’ power to heal that she knew she only needed to reach out and touch his clothing (Mark 5:28). But when Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth, the reception was cold and disbelieving. Because the people knew His family and His profession as a “simple carpenter,” they were offended at His teaching—and refused to believe. Pride is a destroyer of faith in the miraculous! The town preferred to live with limited healing and restoration rather than admit their desperate need for Christ. Is it possible that we would see greater healing and restoration in our churches today if we were truly desperate for Jesus to present Himself to us? May we not be like the “hometown folk” who limit Jesus’ healing power! Instead, let us abandon ourselves to the belief that Jesus truly is our only hope for restoration.

Day 1: Welcome Jesus into your midst with an open heart!

Day 2: Confess the ways you have limited Jesus’ healing power because you just didn’t have the faith to believe.

Day 3: Repent of times you have discouraged others from simply believing in Jesus’ power to truly heal them.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to restore your belief in His power.

Day 5: Pray that believers will welcome Jesus in His manifest presence and receive His healing and restoring power.

Day 6: Pray that your church will not limit the miraculous works of Jesus because of pride, unbelief, or doubt.

Day 7: Pray that your community will warmly receive Jesus Christ as the only One who can heal and restore society.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Only Fools Laugh and Doubt

When Jesus arrived at the official's home, he noticed the noisy crowds and heard the funeral music. He said, "Go away, for the girl isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him. When the crowd was finally outside, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up!

Matthew 9:23-25 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: It seemed obvious. The girl was dead and it was time to move on with funeral preparations. The crowd had determined that her fate was sealed. The only person with any shred of hope left was her father. He sought Jesus out, saying, "You can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand upon her." A desperate father grasping at the last thread of hope. But he believed, and that was enough to move Jesus' heart to follow the man home. In spite of this father's aching heart, the people around him laughed when Jesus "misspoke" about the girl only being asleep. Jesus then dismissed the unbelievers to laugh and doubt outside. He did exactly as the father believed—He touched the girl by taking her hand and bringing her back to life! Imagine the crowd's reaction when they realized that they had ridiculed the One who had the power to heal. But even more so, imagine the father's joy while hugging his daughter and rejoicing over the truth that even a shred of belief can summon the healing touch of Jesus!

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus that nothing is impossible for Him!
- Day 2:** Confess times you have feared even praying for healing because you doubted that Jesus would answer.
- Day 3:** Repent of any heart attitudes that limit your belief in Christ for the seemingly impossible.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to release a greater level of faith in you to believe when others doubt.
- Day 5:** Invite the Lord to radically change your heart to believe Him for greater demonstrations of His power.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will become known as a place where Jesus is welcomed to do the impossible.
- Day 7:** Pray that the lost will experience salvation and the healing power of Jesus that frees them from doubt.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Humility and Surrender

Then the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed! ...When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all the land of Israel!”

Matthew 8:8, 10 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: *Just say the word, Jesus. You only need to speak a word of healing and it will be done!* That was the level of faith that a Roman officer had for the healing of his servant. Whereas others had sought out Jesus to come to their homes to deliver His healing power, this man knew that a mere spoken word from Jesus would produce healing and restoration. Jesus offered to come with him, but the officer knew that Jesus had the authority to heal from a distance and in the moment. Just as the man could give a command to his soldiers, he knew Jesus could speak a command—and that was enough to make it happen. This man humbled himself completely to Jesus’ authority by not even counting himself worthy to have Jesus in his home. He simply believed and asked—and Jesus responded to his faith. There is a danger in seeking the Lord for healing if we believe it needs to be done in a prescribed way. If we seek the Lord with any attitude other than complete humility and surrender to His authority, we risk taking the glory away from Christ alone. Healing must always point back to Jesus as the sole source and authority. He only needs to “say the word”!

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord as the only One to receive glory.
- Day 2:** Confess any sinful attitudes or prideful expectations about how you think the Lord should respond to you.
- Day 3:** Repent of any times that you have taken pride in someone’s healing because you prayed on his/her behalf.
- Day 4:** Pray that the Lord will fill you with a passion to lift up Jesus alone as the source of any healing.
- Day 5:** Pray that your life will point to Jesus as your only hope.
- Day 6:** Pray for true humility and surrender in your church.
- Day 7:** Pray that the lost in your community will seek Jesus in simple faith—and find hope in His healing.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Week 39

Reflecting His Glory

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, then the veil is taken away. Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, he gives freedom. And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The more we allow the Spirit of the Lord to work within us, especially as it relates to personal healing, the more He will conform us into the image of Jesus. And the more we become like Jesus, the more we will reflect to others the worthiness and majesty of Christ. If we are allowing Jesus as our Healer to work in our own hearts and lives, we will be a greater reflection of freedom and the fruit of the Spirit at work in us. The greatest health we can receive is to become more like our Healer, the Lord Jesus. This happens when we turn to Him, invite Him to invade every area of our lives, and surrender every sin or hurt to His healing touch. Imagine a church or community where followers of Christ have received such powerful healing in their own lives that they demonstrate Jesus and His glory to lost people who have no hope. The ultimate healing is to become like Jesus and to reflect to others that Jesus truly is the glory and the hope of the world! Turn to Jesus for His healing touch in your own life.

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord for His power to make you like Jesus.
- Day 2:** Thank the Lord that His desire is that you will reflect Him to everyone around you.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to show you ways that you have turned from Him and tried to hide from Him rather than seek Him.
- Day 4:** Repent and turn to Jesus with the belief that His healing will touch every part of your life.
- Day 5:** Ask the Lord to continue His work of making you more and more into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray that pastors and ministry leaders will walk in the truth and be conformed to the image of Christ.
- Day 7:** Pray that Christians in your church and city will more and more reflect the glory of Jesus to their communities.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

Week 40

Living a Life of Wholeness

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

3 John 1:2-4 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: What does it look like to live a life in harmony with Jesus as our Healer? John gives us a glimpse of his understanding of wholeness of life, including physical and spiritual health. John ties prosperity of health and soul together, and he grounds everything in the power of walking in the truth. To know the truth and live out the truth through our lives will bring us to a place of health in our bodies and souls. Often we think of healing simply in the sense of our physical bodies. Yet there are many more infirmities that are actually sicknesses of the mind or soul. John expresses his desire that those he loves dearly will prosper in their souls, and that it will be reflected in their physical health. Often our outer health is a reflection of either the war that wages in our souls—or the peaceful inner life that comes from complete trust in Christ. The key to a life of wholeness is to walk in truth, which is found in the life of Jesus Christ. If we are out of alignment with God’s intended purposes and the truth of His Word, we cannot be “healthy” as the Lord intends for us.

- Day 1:** Praise the Lord that He enables us to walk in the truth.
- Day 2:** Thank the Lord that He desires you to prosper in all things, including your body and soul.
- Day 3:** Confess to the Lord if you have not walked in truth—and thus perhaps have suffered physically and spiritually.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to give you an understanding of true wholeness of life centered in Jesus Christ.
- Day 5:** Confess and repent of those things that have affected your health, including any anger or lack of trust in God.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church leaders will walk in the truth and lead in a way that demonstrates prosperity of the soul.
- Day 7:** Pray for an awakening of the truth of Jesus Christ in your city, that your city might prosper as well.

Jesus Christ as Our Healer

King Jesus is coming back! As the disciples watched the Lord Jesus ascend into heaven, they were confronted by two angels. Luke records it this way:

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11, NIV).

The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the Church's blessed hope. From the time of the disciples until today, we look and long for the return of our King Jesus. This time He will not come as the Gentle Shepherd. He will come as the Sovereign King over all creation.

What a wonderful cause for hope and rejoicing! For those who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, there can be no greater fulfillment of their faith than when they see their Savior face to face. He is the ultimate object of our faith, and we long for that day when our "faith will be sight." Every true believer has a heart filled with the longing and expectation of seeing Jesus in all His glory. His return as Coming King will be the completion of His role as our Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer.

The return of Jesus is a time of hope and expectation for those who belong to Him. But it should also be a challenge to sober reflection and self-examination. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be a motivation for holy living in this world. Every believer should desire to live a life pleasing to the Lord and worthy of the Lord's commendation of "well done, good and faithful servant" (Mathew 25:21, 23). When He comes as King, He will come in truth and power. He will fulfill His promises as the ultimate answer to the needs of this sinful world.

As believers, our lives should be lived in the light of our "blessed hope" of His return. From the time that He ascended to the Father, until this very day, the joyful expectation and cry of the Bride of Christ has been a prayer in concert with the Holy Spirit, as expressed in Revelation 22:20: ***Come, Lord Jesus!***

May the hope of the return of King Jesus fill our hearts with that cry for His coming back. Let us determine to live as if He might return today.

Because He just might!

Promise: “I Am Coming Soon”

“Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”

Revelation 3:10-11 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: Whereas Jesus sounded warnings to most of the churches in Revelation, He found one church to be standing firm, walking in truth, and enduring faithfully while waiting for His return. Even though the believers in this church had little strength on their own, they walked in obedience and faithfully proclaimed the name of Jesus. They did not deny Christ in any way, and Jesus in turn gave them a great promise: *He is coming soon!* Jesus promised that He would be faithful to this church, guarding and protecting it in the midst of the great evil to come. He did not ask them to develop strategies to win the world; He invited them to “endure patiently” and persevere with all their faith and confidence in the Lord alone. As Jesus addressed each of the seven churches, He gave this final admonition: “Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches.” We are living in days when the Lord again has much to say to His Church. He is calling His Church to greater faith, deeper holiness, heart-felt repentance, and increased diligence in preparing for His soon return!

Day 1: Worship Jesus as the Coming King who is speaking words of preparation to His Church.

Day 2: Confess the times you have not sought or listened to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Day 3: Repent for any hardness of heart or lack of listening.

Day 4: Invite Jesus to speak clearly into your life.

Day 5: Pray for the patient endurance to obey and walk faithfully even through trials and struggles.

Day 6: Pray that your church will be known by Christ for its humility, obedience, and faithfulness.

Day 7: Pray that churches in your community will be prepared and ready to welcome Jesus in His glorious return!

Jesus Christ as Our Coming King

Warning: “I Hold This Against You”

“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”

Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: Jesus revealed Himself to the Apostle John in a thunderous and magnificent way. With eyes blazing like flames of fire and a sharp two-edged sword coming from His mouth, Jesus spoke words of both comfort and warning. The presence of Jesus was so brilliant that John fell on the ground as though dead. The Coming King wanted a “course correction” in His churches! As Jesus addressed the churches, He had words of warning for some of them: *“I hold this against you, so repent!”* Many of the churches were doing good things in service to the Lord. He commended them for faithful endurance, speaking truth, guarding against evil, and doing good works. But they also displayed displeasing characteristics: loss of devotion to Christ, tolerance of sin, and ultimately being spiritually dead. Jesus made it clear: “I am the one who corrects and disciplines everyone I love. Be diligent and turn from your indifference” (Rev. 3:19, NLT). Jesus’ warning remains true to His Church until He comes again. Repent and be prepared for His return!

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus for His love for His Church.
- Day 2:** Confess to the Lord any ways that you have lost your first love and true devotion to Him.
- Day 3:** Repent of tolerating sin or spiritual deadness in your life.
- Day 4:** Invite the Lord to open your eyes to see your heart as Jesus truly sees it, that you might repent and be healed.
- Day 5:** Pray that all believers in Jesus Christ will have a powerful revelation of the holiness of Christ.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will examine itself against the standards that Jesus established with the churches in Revelation. Pray for a spirit of repentance.
- Day 7:** Pray that the churches in your community will be pure and holy before the Lord, and that the blazing fire of Jesus Christ will saturate your community.

Jesus Christ as Our Coming King

Jesus Comes to Judge

“God overlooked people’s former ignorance about these things, but now he commands everyone everywhere to turn away from idols and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:30-31 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: When King Jesus returns, it will be a time of righteous judgment. God the Father has appointed that all the world will be judged by the Lord Jesus Christ. He sealed that decision by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In His resurrection, Jesus was proven to be the Son of God and the One who, upon His return, will be the only One qualified to judge the world. When He judges He will be just and righteous, but no one will be exempt. Ignorance will be no excuse. If you yearn to be prepared for that day, *now is the time* to repent and make things right with the King. Do not wait until that final day because any claims of “I didn’t know” will not be accepted. Even now, Jesus gives us opportunity to be cleansed and made pure while awaiting His coming. Through repentance, confession, and self-examination, we can be assured that His mercy will allow us to stand in that day of His final examination. We must be fervent in proclaiming the gospel so that as many as possible will be snatched from being cast into eternal judgment on that last day.

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the King who is coming to judge.
- Day 2:** Thank the Lord that He has given His Word to warn us.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to show you any area in your life that is not surrendered to His judgment.
- Day 4:** Repent of any ways that you thought you could hide attitudes or deeds from His perfect judgment.
- Day 5:** Ask the Lord to give you a heart to share the gospel freely so that many people will be ready for that day.
- Day 6:** Pray that your church will teach the full truth of Jesus as our Coming King and Judge.
- Day 7:** Pray that a realization of that day of judgment will cause people to come to Jesus today for forgiveness.

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Blameless for the King

And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to live a pure and blameless life. And be at peace with God.

2 Peter 3:14 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The expectation of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is more than just a comforting story. It must be our motivation toward holy living. Peter writes that the realization that we will someday stand before the King should spur us on to concrete action now. Out of our love for Jesus and in expectation of His imminent return, we should be ready for Him by living pure and blameless lives. This is not a passive waiting, hoping for the best. Peter exhorts believers to “make every effort” to make sure our lives are in order and we are at peace with God. We cannot be at peace if we have neglected our spiritual lives by accommodating sin and ignoring warnings to repent. If we truly love Jesus and are looking forward to His return, we will be passionately motivated to give concentrated effort toward holy living. To live blameless before the Lord means that we are embracing a lifestyle of repentance, always sensitive to the correcting voice of the Holy Spirit. Such a life demonstrates an eager anticipation of the coming of our King. With His coming, we are assured that a new heaven and a new earth will be “a world where everyone is right with God” (vs. 13). While we wait, may we honor the Coming King with pure and blameless lives.

- Day 1:** Worship the Lord as our source and power for holiness.
- Day 2:** Praise the Lord for His provision to live blameless lives.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to show you ways that you have neglected maintaining a holy and pure life.
- Day 4:** Repent for any careless living and ignoring of warnings.
- Day 5:** Ask the Lord to give you His strength to be diligent in all areas of holiness and purity.
- Day 6:** Pray that your pastor and church leaders will call for pure and blameless living according to God’s Word.
- Day 7:** Pray for believers in your city to make every effort to honor the Lord as they watch for His coming.

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Week 45

Unashamed When He Comes

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

1 John 2:28-29 (NIV)



Prayer Focus: In the last days before Jesus' return, we are warned that there will be many attempts to lead believers away from the truth. John encourages his fellow believers to remember that they are filled with the Holy Spirit, who will lead them into all truth (vs. 27). We need to cling dearly to Jesus and the truth of His promises. We must continue to abide in Christ, believe fully in Him, and anticipate His return. When He does return, we want to present our lives as pleasing to Him. When He comes, everything that is evil, vile, and displeasing to Him will be exposed. John exhorts us to live in such a way that we can be confident and unashamed in His presence. Our motivation should not be that "we don't want to get caught." Rather, our deep and passionate love for Jesus Christ should drive us to holy living. If our lives are righteous before Him, we will be quickly identified as belonging to Christ. There will be nothing in our lives for which we will be ashamed when we stand before Christ to be judged (2 Corinthians 5:10). We should naturally want our lives to be pleasing to the One we love the most—King Jesus!

Day 1: Worship Jesus as the Righteous Judge.

Day 2: Praise the Lord for His forgiveness that leaves us unashamed before Him.

Day 3: Ask Jesus to show you unrighteousness in your life.

Day 4: Repent for not being passionate in your motivation to live in holiness prior to His coming.

Day 5: Examine your heart to see if you can really stand with confidence before Christ if He were to come today.

Day 6: Pray that your church will prepare believers to be ready for His coming by teaching the message of holiness.

Day 7: Tell the Lord today that you want to be ready and not ashamed when He comes.

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Week 46

Coming Again with Majestic Splendor

For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. We have seen his majestic splendor with our own eyes.

2 Peter 1:16 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Peter knew he was coming to the end of his life. The Lord Jesus Christ had shown him that his “days on earth were numbered” (vs. 14). So in his final writings and with every last breath, he wanted to keep reminding the believers of the truths of Jesus Christ. Eventually the eyewitnesses to Jesus’ life and His miracles would die, so Peter had an urgency in his writing. Most likely his heart surged with desperation as he pleaded with fellow believers to keep on believing in Jesus and His promises. *We were not making up clever stories about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ!* Peter saw Jesus with his own eyes, and he believed Jesus with every fabric of his being. Peter went on to declare that everything the prophets had proclaimed was true. “Pay close attention to what they wrote,” Peter pleaded, “for their words are like a light shining in a dark place—until the day Christ appears and his brilliant light shines in your hearts” (vs. 19). Let us also stand firmly and passionately on the truths of Scripture, the words of the prophets, and the disciples’ eyewitness accounts. Jesus is truly coming again in majestic splendor!

Day 1: Worship Jesus for His unmatched and majestic splendor.

Day 2: Confess any times you have wavered in believing the truth of Jesus and His promises.

Day 3: Repent of ever taking these truths lightly or living your life without a sense of urgency.

Day 4: Ask Jesus to renew His truths in your life.

Day 5: Pray that believers will walk with this same urgency in proclaiming the truth of Jesus’ return as Coming King.

Day 6: Pray that your church will experience revival through the truths of the power and majesty of Jesus Christ.

Day 7: Invite Jesus to reign and rule in your community. Pray that His presence will saturate and transform your city.

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We Can't Even Imagine!

Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who believe this will keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

1 John 3:2-3 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: It is not possible with our limited human imaginations to picture what it will be like when Jesus Christ returns to earth. But John assures us that when Jesus returns and we see Him in all His glory, we will be like Him. We will be changed into a pure reflection of His holiness and purity. We will be like Him in ways that we cannot yet understand. Jesus will bring forth that final transformation in us, and we will become all He intends for us—complete and perfect. If we truly believe this and embrace it with all our being, John says we will keep ourselves pure in anticipation of Jesus' return. Some might question the need to keep ourselves pure if Jesus is going to change us anyway. But it is the love of the Father that should fill us and motivate us to live a holy life (vs. 1). It is a deep, lavish love for the Lord that should consume us and keep us dissatisfied to live in any way that does not truly reflect the hope and purity of Christ. If you are not living with that kind of anticipation, invite the Lord to change you now!

- Day 1:** Spend time rejoicing over the Father's love for you.
- Day 2:** Are you motivated to live a holy life? Ask the Lord to reveal your motivations from His perspective.
- Day 3:** Repent of ways you have downplayed holiness and lived your life with a casual perspective of God.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to give you a deeper love for Jesus than you have ever known.
- Day 5:** Pray that believers in your church will be motivated to live holy lives, looking for Jesus' coming.
- Day 6:** Pray for your pastors and church leaders to increase in their love for Jesus and their desire for holiness of life.
- Day 7:** Spend time telling the Lord how much you love Him and how eagerly you are anticipating His coming.

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Week 48

Believing Without Seeing

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway."

John 20:27-29 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Thomas needed proof and physical evidence that Jesus was alive. Granted, he had heard Jesus promise that He was the Messiah and that He would rise from the dead on the third day. But Thomas needed to know for himself (and not based on the stories of others) that Jesus had indeed fulfilled His promise to return. Jesus was gracious in letting Thomas touch His hands and examine His wounds to increase his faith and belief. But then Jesus spoke a profound proclamation for the future: *Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway.* Jesus knows what faith it takes for us to believe and radically alter our lives to embrace His life, death, and resurrection, as well as His promise to come again as our King. Most likely there are days when we grow weary in the struggle to live as followers of Christ. Perhaps at times we doubt, especially when the kingdom of darkness seems to close in on us. Maybe we wonder if all of this is true when the rest of the world mocks those who believe in such absurd things. Jesus knows that faith without seeing is hard. But do not doubt or fear: *He is coming again!*

- Day 1:** Praise Jesus that He will keep His promise to return.
- Day 2:** Confess any moments of doubt or lack of faith in Him.
- Day 3:** Repent of times when you have wavered in believing Jesus in all His promises.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to give you an unwavering faith in Him.
- Day 5:** Rest in the blessing that Jesus gives to those who believe without seeing. Invite Jesus to speak that into your life.
- Day 6:** Pray that believers in your church will encourage each other to believe and trust through difficult times.
- Day 7:** Pray that the presence of Christ will be demonstrated in greater ways in your church and community.

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No One Left Standing

They made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and they placed a stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery, yelling, "Hail! King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and beat him on the head with it. When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

Matthew 27:29-31 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Everyone got in on the mocking as Jesus was led to His death on the cross. The soldiers beat him and mocked Him as King of the Jews. When they grew tired of the mocking, the people passing by added their insults (vs. 39). The religious leaders also scoffed at Him, challenging Him to prove Himself to be the Son of God (vs. 41-43). Even the criminals crucified next to Him shouted insults in their dying breaths (vs. 44). Yet Jesus did not respond to their insults. He knew that mere mocking would not deter His mission—and would certainly not change the truth of the future. The mocking will not last when Jesus returns as the Coming King. We will one day rejoice in this promise: “*so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Philippians 2:10-11). No one will be left standing when Jesus returns as King! What an honor to bow before Him.

Day 1: Worship Jesus and bow before His glorious name.

Day 2: Confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Coming King.

Day 3: Repent for any times that you have not bowed your knee to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Day 4: Pray that believers around the world will boldly confess Jesus as Lord regardless of mocking or ridicule.

Day 5: Ask Jesus to fill you with renewed hope in the truth that every knee will one day bow to Him. Allow that hope to fill you with unabashed praise for His holy name.

Day 6: Pray for those you know to be mockers of Jesus, that they will soon turn to Him as their Savior and King.

Day 7: Pray that your church will join with other churches in your community to confess in unison the name of Jesus.

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Week 50

Quiet Confidence in Our Coming King

“He will not fight or shout; he will not raise his voice in public. He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory. And his name will be the hope of all the world.”

Matthew 12:19-21 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Jesus fulfilled this prophetic word from Isaiah 42 as He walked out His mission on the earth with quiet strength and confidence. As He was taunted and ridiculed, He did not raise His voice. Instead, He lovingly embraced and restored those who desperately sought Him. He also instilled a powerful hope in His disciples that motivated them to serve Him courageously in the face of persecution and death. Jesus had complete faith in the will of His Father. There was no need to defend Himself or retaliate against those who violently persecuted Him. He knew that one day He would bring full justice and restoration for those who are devoted to Him. In fact, Isaiah 42:4 says that in bringing justice, “He will not stop until truth and righteousness prevail throughout the earth.” If we truly believe in Jesus as our Coming King, we can walk in that same quiet confidence. When we are reviled, we know that Jesus will be our defender. When we are trampled on with injustices, we know that Jesus will make things right. We know that when Jesus comes in His blazing glory, everyone will know that He alone is the hope of the world!

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus as the hope of the world!
- Day 2:** Thank God that one day all things will be made right.
- Day 3:** Confess and repent of the times you have sought to defend yourself instead of simply standing in truth.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to show you how to live with confidence in His power to overcome all the injustices in the world.
- Day 5:** Pray for the faith to align yourself with the reality that Jesus is returning to bring justice into the world.
- Day 6:** Pray that as believers walk in Christ, they will be powerful witnesses to truth and righteousness.
- Day 7:** Pray that the churches in your community will proclaim Jesus as the hope of the world.

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Our Soon Coming King

“See, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay all according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Revelation 22:12-13 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Make no mistake—these words of Jesus are true and unchangeable. He is coming soon! There is a heightened anticipation in the hearts of God’s people that the hour of His coming is closer than we realize. Are you truly ready? Do you live with a heart that is prepared for His return at any moment? When He comes, He says that He will “repay all according to their deeds.” How you live right now has implications for your future. The temporal things of this world (wealth, entertainment, material goods) will soon be cast aside. How you choose to live now for Jesus will reverberate into eternity. If you truly believe that He is coming soon, what difference does that make in the way you conduct yourself each day? Is it your priority to live in purity before Him—or do you make choices that fulfill the desires of your flesh rather than the desires of His heart? Ultimately, as John records, it’s all about Jesus! He is the beginning of all things; everything has its origin in His creative Word. He is the end of all things; everything has its ultimate destiny in Him. Jesus is beyond our understanding and more than the sum total of all our experiences and knowledge. This world cannot contain Him! He is coming soon for those who know Him. Are you ready for His return?

- Day 1:** Worship Jesus Christ as the beginning and the consummation of all things.
- Day 2:** Acknowledge and celebrate the truth that the world cannot contain the glory of Jesus Christ.
- Day 3:** Confess ways that you have had a lesser view of Jesus.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to expand your vision of His glory and majesty as Coming King.
- Day 5:** Tell the Lord that you desire to live for Him alone.
- Day 6:** Pray for the true Church, the Bride of Christ, to be ready.
- Day 7:** Ask the Lord to guide you each day to live with the hope and vision of His soon return.

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Week 52

Even So, Come, Lord Jesus!

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20 (KJV)



Prayer Focus: It is the cry of the saints of God down through the ages. It is the lovesick longing of a Bride waiting for her Bridegroom to come and sweep her into His arms. It is the cry that we sing together in harmony with the Spirit of God: *The Spirit and the bride say, “Come”* (vs. 17). This prayer will soon be answered with the glorious and triumphant return of the One who is the Supreme Author of all creation. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation—the One who created all things and holds them all together (Colossians 1:15-17). This same Jesus, who cannot lie or deceive, promises: “Surely I come quickly.” And the responding cry of His people is: *Even so, come, Lord Jesus!* Is your heart lovesick to see your Savior? Do you long to be finally united with the One who is your Sanctification? Do you look forward to that ultimate healing when you see your Healer face to face? Are you looking forward to bowing down in adoration and worship before your Coming King? Then join your voice and heart-felt prayer with those saints who have gone before you—and those around the world—as together we pray and cry out: *Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*

- Day 1:** Spend time expressing your love to the Lord Jesus today.
- Day 2:** Praise Jesus for all that He is according to Scripture (see Colossians 1:15-23).
- Day 3:** Confess the ways you have strayed from His calling.
- Day 4:** Recommit yourself to living each day in the joyful and loving anticipation of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Day 5:** Pray that believers in your church will live in anticipation of the soon return of Jesus the King.
- Day 6:** Pray for the hastening of the return of Christ—and for the salvation of those who do not yet know Him.
- Day 7:** Cry out again, from the depths of your heart, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” Continue this cry into the new year and beyond. Let it be your desire until He returns!

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The enduring truth of Jesus has been embraced through the generations by those who have sought Him and deeply loved Him. The following quotes are from those who have walked before us in belief and abandonment to the truths of Jesus Christ in their lives.

- *Christ lived on earth that He might show forth the image of God in His life: He lives in heaven that we may show forth the image of God in our lives.*
—**Like Christ**, Andrew Murray, Whittaker House, 1981, pg. 219.
- *When we pray for a vision of God, what are we expecting? A glowing vision in the sky? A blinding flash of glory such as overwhelmed Saul of Tarsus? A thrilling, overpowering sense of spiritual exaltation? A study of the visions of God recorded in Scripture gives quite a different picture. In not one case did the vision immediately result in elation and ecstasy. With absolute consistency it produced in those to whom it came profound self-abasement. In every instance the experience was awe-full, not ecstatic. And the more intense the vision, the more complete the prostration before God.*
—**Spiritual Maturity**, J. Oswald Sanders, Moody Press, 1962, pg. 15.
- *We hear much discussion about revival and renewal. People talk about spiritual power in the churches. I think this fact—this truth—that Jesus Christ wants to be known in His church as the ever-living, never-changing Lord of all could bring back again the power and the testimony of the early church.*
—**Jesus, Author of Our Faith**, A.W. Tozer, Christian Publications, 1988, pg. 141.
- *It takes time to grow into Jesus the Vine; do not expect to abide in Him unless you will give Him that time. It is not enough to read God's Word, or meditations as here offered, and when we think we have hold of the thoughts, and have asked God for His blessing, to go out in the hope that the blessings will abide. No, it needs day-by-day time with Jesus and with God.*
—**Abide in Christ**, Andrew Murray, Prairie Press, pg. 11.
- *When Jesus walked on earth He was a man acting like God; but equally wonderful is it that He was also God acting like Himself in man and in a man. We know how God acts in heaven because we saw Him act on earth.*
—**That Incredible Christian**, A.W. Tozer, Alliance Publications, 1964, pg. 39.

As we pray about transformation, we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

A transformed community is:

- A neighborhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

Community transformation is indicated when:

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9).
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31).
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state (Leviticus 26:4-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31).
- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernable lessening of poverty (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13).
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20).
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18).
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4).
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15).
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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