

THE 7:14

CHALLENGE

35 DAYS OF PRAYER

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2 Chronicles 7:14



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Believer in Christ Jesus:

We are inviting you to join us to **"Take the 7:14 Challenge"** for at least 35 days of focused prayer. **"Take the 7:14 Challenge"** is taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says, "and if my people humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Would you please **take this divine challenge** to God's people and join with us to:

- Humble ourselves
- Pray
- Seek God's face/favor
- Turn from sin: Repent

God will do exactly what He promises in His Word. He will restore our soul and move in our homes. He hears our prayers.

"Take the 7:14 Challenge" begins now! Please join our leadership and **"Take the 7:14 Challenge"** with us during the next 35 days and throughout the year.

These are some of the ways you can **"Take the 7:14 Challenge"**:

1. Set **7:14 am** each morning at a time to pray and commune with your heavenly Father.
2. Set **7:14 pm** each evening as a time to pray.
3. Set apart at least **"14 minutes"** each day, morning or evening, to use the prayer guide.
4. Please **include God's Provision for His Church** throughout the world: our missionaries and our Mission in West County—God is our only Hope for our families and neighbors.
5. Plan to **form prayer circles** on certain days and times where you pray with others.
6. Every **14th day of the month**, we will plan for specific times of prayer.

Unless we pray our efforts will be in vain. Prayer is a partnership with God. We bring the weakness and needs and adoration, while God brings His power, sufficiency, and joy to meet the needs of His children.

Join with me and others at the throne of grace in prayer,



Dr. Phillip A. Howard
Founder/Senior Pastor

"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses. . . .Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16).

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DAY 01

A GIFT - THANK YOU!

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: 2 CHRONICLES 7:14-16 NIV

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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for all He is doing at VBC in prayer! Thank God that He calls us and gives us the gift of prayer. Thank God that He hears, He sees and He speaks!

CONFESS any pride that is keeping you from bending your knee to what God is asking. Confess anything that is keeping you from an open dialogue and powerful prayer life with God.

ASK God for help to keep prayer an important part of your journey. (Pray through the Valley Bible Church prayer list, located on page 74.)

In verse 14, God asks us: humble ourselves; pray, seek God and turn away from sin. God, in return, will: hear us; forgive us; and heal our land. His eyes will see, His ears attentive, His heart bent towards us.

PRAYER: God, we thank you for choosing and sanctifying us! Thank You, Jesus. You dwell in us forever, Your heart is always there. Nothing we do makes us deserving to come into Your throne room and have our prayers heard. Jesus, You did it all, thank you! Thank you for the gift of prayer.

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GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man
that He should change His mind (Num.23:19).
Heb.10:23; Isa.46:11; Ps.89:34-36; Isa.30:18

DAY 02

APPLAUDING GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: PSALM 47 NIV

¹ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

² For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for all He has done at Valley Bible Church.

CONFESS our focus on our needs more than appreciation of all He is and what He has done.

ASK God to transform us into a body of believers at VBC that applauds and focuses on what God is doing in and through His people and community. (Pray through the VBC prayer list.)

David applauded God, he continually wrote songs of prayer and praise. So go ahead and applaud God. Make a list, as David did, of all the things God has done for you personally and what you know that He has done for VBC!

PRAYER: God, we thank you for blessing us as a church, a community and nation. We are thankful for your protection and your unfailing love. You reign, You are seated on Your throne, You are high and lifted up. You, God, are in control of our nation, of our church and of our lives. We exalt You, we thank You, we love You! We applaud you!

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GOD LISTENS TO OUR PRAYER

For the Eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and
His Ears are attentive to their prayer (1 Pet.3:12).
Ps.34:17; 1 John 5:14; 2 Chron.16:9; Ps.4:4; Ps.102:17.

DAY 03

UNITY IN CHRIST

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: EPHESIANS 4:1-6 NIV

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for the peace, through Christ, that He gave us, so that we may know when we are unified with Him, living in His Spirit and operating in His power.

CONFESS the areas in our lives where we lack peace. Confess where our hearts may not be unified in Christ and ask God to reveal what "effort" needs to be made to be unified in His Spirit.

ASK God to unify VBC through humility, gentleness, and patience with one another in love. (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

God desires unity so much, He sent Jesus to die for all our sins. In the same way we need the grace God gives us today, let us give grace to others for the sake of unity.

PRAYER: God, You have called us in Christ to be unified. We pray all believers at VBC will lay down any differences for the sake of peace and unity, knowing it honors and pleases You. Unite Valley Bible Church in Christ.



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GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYER

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear (Isa.65:24).
Jer.33:3; Mark 11:24; John 16:24; John 15:7; Isa.58:9; Eph.3:20; Matt.7:7

DAY 04

FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 JOHN 1:8-10 NIV

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for His forgiveness.

CONFESS the sin in your life.

ASK Christ to forgive you and to help you have a repentant heart. To repent means "to turn away from." Ask the Lord to help you turn away from any sin in your life and run the other direction as fast and as far as you can. He will enable you.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, I confess my sins and ask you to empower me to go and sin no more.



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PROMISES ABOUT SALVATION

For God did not send His Son into the World to condemn it
but to save the World through Him (John 3:17).

Rom.10:9-10; 10:13; Eph.2:8-9; 1 Tim.2:3-4; Heb.6:18

DAY 05

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: MATTHEW 20:29-34 NIV

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise God, He is merciful. Shout out loud how awesome our God is. Thank God, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Heb. 13:8)

CONFESS our unbelief in God's supernatural power reigning on the earth and Jesus' willingness and ability to perform miracles today. Confess not inviting Jesus into your circumstances.

ASK the same question back to Jesus right now. 'What do YOU want Jesus?' Be still and listen for God to answer. Pray for help to be obedient. (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

Like the blind man, we have needs. Jesus knows, but He still asks. Is it your marriage, your finances, one of your children? What are the greatest needs of the ministry in which you serve at VBC?

PRAYER: Jesus, I lift up my personal requests now. . . I pray VBC becomes a church unified in prayer. I pray we are obedient in giving, that Valley Bible Church ends the year with a balanced budget, and that volunteer and financial needs are met in all areas of ministry.

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PROMISES ABOUT NEW LIFE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation,
the old has gone the new has come! (2 Cor.5:17).

John 10:10; 1 Pet.2:24; Gal.2:20; Rom.6:4; 1 John 3:9; 2 Cor.3:18; Ezek.36:26

DAY 06

GRACE MADE PERFECT

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9; MATTHEW 17:19-23 NIV

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Matthew 17:19-23 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise God for His grace—His unmerited favor—for His power made perfect in our weakness.

CONFESS where you are weak or lack faith in your situation. Maybe it's trusting God with your tithing, believing God in your marriage, a relationship, or moving forward with God.

ASK God what is standing in the way of victory in this situation. Is it pride, fear, or unbelief? Is it you? Ask God to move that mountain! (Pray through the VBC prayer list) We think we have to be "spiritually fit" to pray boldly, but Jesus said, 'faith the size of a mustard seed.' is all we need. God does his best work when we are the weakest. Jesus closes his lesson for us (vs 22-23) with a glimpse of Jesus in Gethsemane; face to the ground. Jesus arrested, his death and resurrection. Mountain of sin removed forever! Grace; God's greatest victory for mankind!

PRAYER: God, I thank you that you do not require me to be strong and have a faith-walk history, like the apostle Paul, to do Your best work in me and in our circumstances at VBC. Thank you for your grace; thank you for your favor. My hope, God, is in Your strength, in Your power, and nothing else.

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PROMISES ABOUT FREEDOM

Then you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free...
So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:32,36).
Rom.6:14,22; Rom.8:1-2; 2 Cor.3:17; Acts 13:38

DAY 07

A FAMILY THAT LOVES

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: EPHESIANS 3:14-21 NIV

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise the God of heaven and earth who loves you and allows you to call Him Father. Thank God for our VBC family.

CONFESS any challenges you have right now to receive and give God's unconditional love.

ASK God to forgive you. Ask God how you can pray for and/or serve in love, the people that most challenge you. (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

We are members in a very large family! Our Father desires us to operate at VBC like a close knit family; celebrating our differences and loving unconditionally. Pray Eph 3:14-21 for our VBC family.

Write it down in your prayer journal or on an index card and pray it regularly.

PRAYER: Father, Jesus formed the first group of 12, and the church family grew. We pray for every VBC member to participate in a ministry, to grow in Truth and love, to serve You, one another and the community, and to share Jesus Christ with our families and friends, inviting them into your church and the VBC family.

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PROMISES ABOUT FORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, He is Faithful and Just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).
Ps.32:1-2; Isa.43:25; Ps.103:12; 1 John 2:12; Eph.1:7; Rom.8:33.

DAY 08

WALKING TOWARDS LIGHT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 56:12-13 NIV

¹² I am under vows to you, my God;
I will present my thank offerings to you.
¹³ For you have delivered me from death
and my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God today that He is Lord and that you are His.

CONFESS any sin in your life.

ASK God to keep you from sin and guide you in walking in His light.

Light and darkness are polar opposites. Today, walk towards the Light, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, thank you for the very salvation of my soul. When I meditate on those words, I realize the enormity of them. You have saved "a wretch like me...." Thank you, my precious Heavenly Father.

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PROMISES ABOUT JUSTIFICATION

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor.5:21).
Rom.8:10; 1 Cor.1:30; Rom.3:21-22; Rom.4:4-5; Rom.5:17.

DAY 09

BLESSINGS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 57:7-8 NIV

⁷ My heart, O God, is steadfast,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.

⁸ Awake, my soul!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for the blessings in your life.

CONFESS any ungratefulness for blessings received.

ASK for the Lord to focus your eyes on the many blessings he has bestowed upon you.

Even in the midst of turmoil in his life, David found time to thank the Lord and sing His praises.

Today, sing praises to the Lord for the blessings in your life, despite any turmoil.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, today I am thankful. I look at the story of my life and see provision, protection, and blessings all around. Help me not to lose sight of gifts You have given so generously.

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PROMISES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give The Holy Spirit to those who ask Him (Luke 11:13).

Isa.44:3; John 14:16-17; John 16:7; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-39 Gal.4:6; Gal.3:14;

1 John 4:13; Matt.3:11; Ezek.36:27; Eph.1:13

DAY 10

WILLING HEART

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 1:20 NIV

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for sending Jesus in a miraculous way to save from their sins those who believe in Him.

CONFESS the sin in your life.

ASK for your Savior to help you repent and overcome your sins. Mary was a sinner and yet God chose her to deliver the Savior of the world. God can use anyone who belongs to Him and is willing. Humble yourself before the Lord and tell Him, "Lord, I'm here and I'm willing. Use me in whatever way You choose to further Your Kingdom."

PRAYER: Thank you God, for sending Jesus in the form of a man, to live as an example for me to follow. Please help me to be more like Jesus each and every day.



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PROMISES ABOUT FAITH IN GOD

Think of yourself... in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you (Rom.12:3).
Eph.2:8; Heb.11:6; James 1:3; 1 Pet.1:7; Rom.1:17; 1 John 5:4;
Mark 9:23; Eph.6:16; John 20:29; Matt.21:21-22; John 16:24

DAY 11

UNFAILING LOVE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 143:8 NIV

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my life.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God that His love is unfailing and that you can trust Him.

CONFESS any area in your life that you have not fully trusted Him with, and today, give it to Him.

ASK God to increase your faith in Him as He proves Himself trustworthy in your life. He will not let you down.

In today's scripture, David is crying out to the Lord for His love, protection, and mercy. The key word in this scripture is "unfailing." We can have complete confidence in Christ, our Savior, because his word and love are "unfailing."

PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, that I know I can trust You with every aspect and every intricate detail of my life. Today, I give you the area of my life that I have been withholding from You.

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PROMISES ABOUT THE WORD

All Scripture is God-Breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim.3:16-17).
1 Pet.1:25; Isa.40:8; Matt.4:4; Deut.29:29; Josh.1:8; Isa.55:11; Heb.4:12.

DAY 12

PRAISE AND GLORY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 57: 9-11 NIV

- ⁹ I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.
¹⁰ For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank the Lord for His love and faithfulness.

CONFESS any ingratitude in your life for blessings received.

ASK the Lord to hear your songs of praise, words of gratitude, and acknowledgment of His blessings.

Today, be reminded that Jesus deserves to be praised and worshipped. Give Him the glory He so richly deserves.

PRAYER: Lord, to You be the Glory for all that You do and have done and are doing in my life, as well as in the world. You hold the universe in Your hands; how humbling it is to be able to speak words of praise to You, my Creator.

DAY 13

DEVOTED TO PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: ROMANS 15:30; COLOSSIANS 4:2-6 NIV

Romans 15:30 I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Colossians 4:2-6 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise God for sending Pastor Phil Howard to VBC and for speaking through and using him. Praise God for the pastor/elder leadership also.

CONFESS any lack of devotion to pray or any conversation lacking in grace towards those God has chosen to lead VBC.

ASK God how you can pray for leadership and their families right now. (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

Like Paul in his letter to the Romans, our pastor and the pastoral leadership here at VBC knows their need for prayer and are asking you to pray for them. God hears and honors our prayers. *How can you make praying for our pastors a habit?*

PRAYER: Father, we pray that our pastor's speech and preaching is and will be done in demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. 1Cor 2:4 Reveal to Pastor Howard the deeper things of You, by Your Spirit. 1Cor 2:10 We pray that no weapons formed against him will prosper, and every tongue rising against him shall be shown to be in the wrong (Isa 54:17) Father, let the gifts and anointing on our pastors life come forth. Cor 12:11 Birth the things that You have spoken to Pastor Howard in his heart, Luke 1:45 as he continually gives himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word. Acts 6:4.

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PROMISES ABOUT HIS PRESENCE

And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age (Matt.28:20).
Isa.43:5; James 4:8; John 14:15-16; Matt.18:20; Ps.23:4; Heb.13:5

DAY 14

POWER OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 54:1-2 NIV

¹ Save me, O God, by your name;
vindicate me by your might.

² Hear my prayer, O God;
listen to the words of my mouth.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank the Lord for the privilege of prayer.

CONFESS your neglect to take everything to Him in prayer first.

ASK God to remind you to lean on His power and not on your own weakness.

When the Ziphites went to Saul, who wanted to harm David, and told him that David was hiding among them, the first thing David did was go to the Lord with his needs. What a great example for us to follow.

PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, for the power of prayer. Please help me to remember to come to you first and not leave You as a last resort.



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PROMISES ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:6).

John 17:18-19; 2 Pet. 1:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Cor. 1:8; Eph. 3:17-19; Phil. 1:9-10

DAY 15

BELIEVING GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: ISAIAH 43:10 NIV

"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,
"and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God that He has chosen us for this prayer challenge. Praise God and thank Him that His desire is for us to know Him and believe Him.

CONFESS any unbelief you may have in God's ability to hear and answer our prayers. Confess any gods you may have that shifted your focus off God and spending time with Him in prayer.

ASK God to help everyone participating in this prayer challenge to be consistent in the next 35 days of prayer. Pierce hearts to join us and bring to mind those you want me to invite to join in this prayer challenge. (Pray through the VBC prayer list.)

PRAYER: Father, we know that without faith it is impossible to please You, and when we come to You, we must come believing. (Hebrews 11:6) Grow us in unity and commitment to believe You, God. We believe You are who You say you are. We believe You can do what You say You can do. We ask You to help us in our unbelief. (Matthew 9:24)

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PROMISES ABOUT THE TRUTH

When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me (John 15:26).

John 8:31-32; John 16:3; Eph.5:9

DAY 16

CRAVE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: EPHESIANS 1:3-6 NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank our Father that He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. Praise Jesus that we are made blameless in God's sight! Praise His glorious grace!

CONFESS our need and our desire for God to bless our lives.

ASK God to speak blessings over you, your family, your marriage and current challenges.

In love, God adopted us into His family; we are heirs to His blessing. Without God's blessing, without His hand over everything we believe God has called us to do, we are nothing; we are powerless and are unqualified in the natural realm. (Pray through the VBC prayer list.)

PRAYER: God, when you created the universe, you spoke, and it was. Your spoken word is power. I lift up my life to You, God—my marriage, my children, my walk with Jesus. I pray: "Bless it Father! Your voice moves the heavenlies. My heart's desire is for my life to glorify and bless Your Name, Jesus."

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PROMISES ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD

But God demonstrates His own Love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom.5:8).
Jer.31:3; Isa.54:10; 1 John 4: 9-10; John 15:9; 1 John 3:1

DAY 17

GOD BLESS IT!

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: ZECHARIAH 4:6-9 NIV

6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

7 "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

8 Then the word of the Lord came to me: 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise God that we no longer have to depend on prophets to hear from God. Praise God for the Holy Spirit who indwells us and speaks to each one of us personally.

CONFESS your lack of dependence on the power provided by the Holy Spirit.

ASK for Jesus' help to be obedient to His Word and to hear His still small voice. (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

Zerubbabel heard from God, spoke to his mountain of obstacles, held up the finishing capstone in faith for the completion of God's work, and acknowledged God's grace, blessings, and favor!

PRAYER: Jesus, You are the Cornerstone of VBC, You are the finishing stone of VBC, and prayer is our foundation. By the power of Your name, our mountain of obstacles will be leveled and it is You who will accomplish God's purposes for VBC through us. God Bless VBC and your Church across the world!



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PROMISES ABOUT JOY

I have told you this so that My joy may be in you
and that your joy may be complete (John 15:11).

Ps.16:11; Rom.14:17; Isa.55:12; Isa.35:10

DAY 18

PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD!

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: PSALM 113 NIV

- 1 Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to the
place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
6 who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
7 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
8 he seats them with princes,
with the princes of his people.
- 9 He settles the childless woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.
Praise the Lord.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise the Name of the Lord! Praise our God who is omnipotent, the Maker of heaven and earth. Praise the Mighty Warrior, the compassionate Father, the Way the Truth and the Life! Praise the King enthroned and exalted on high forever! Praise the Name of the Lord!

CONFESS our need to devote time with God every day to come to know Him more intimately.

ASK God to reveal Himself to you and allow you to know Him in a more intimate way. The apostle Paul said, "For my determined purpose is that I may know Him" (Phil 3:10AMP). How does God want to reveal Himself to you today; as your Rock? Your Provider? Your Counselor? Your Comforter? Is His hand the right hand of power and strength in your life? (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

PRAYER: God, I thank you that You remind me to call on Your Name and to praise Your name. I desire to know You more intimately as (make it personal) the Joy of my Salvation, my Hope of Glory, my One and Only. Let me say, as the apostle Paul said, "my determined purpose is that I may know Him!" May everything I do glorify You as I praise your name!

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PROMISES ABOUT THE PEACE OF GOD

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed (Isa.53:5).
John 14:27; Rom.5:1; Phil.4:7 Rom.5:22

DAY 19

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: ISAIAH 58:6-12 NIV

(Read the passage in your Bible)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for His grace and provisions for our church, locally and globally.

CONFESS our lack of true concern for those who are homeless, naked, and hungry. Confess the need for His provisions in the life of our missionaries.

ASK God to give you a global perspective and a heart for the country God gave us to serve. Ask God to widen the VBC territory of influence. Ask for His hand to be in everything that we do and to protect us from the evil one. (Pray through the VBC prayer list)

God tells us in His Word that if we care for the poor, He will take care of us, our light will shine, He will heal us, guide and strengthen us; when we pray, He will hear our cries for help.

PRAYER: Father, give us the faith that we need to trust Your Word that says if we spend ourselves on the poor, naked, and hungry, You will hear our cries and take care of us. We have so many needs as a church family, as you see our requests on our VBC prayer list. We will choose to trust you and walk in obedience and faith.

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PROMISES ABOUT THE HOPE OF THE CHRISTIAN

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (Rom.15:4).
Col.1:27; 1 Pet.1:3; Heb.6:18-19; Rom.5:2; Rom.15:13

DAY 20

DEDICATION TO SEEKING HIM

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 2:1-2 NIV

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for the example of the wise men traveling from distant lands to worship their Savior.

CONFESS any lack you may have in your desire you may have to pursue the Lord with all of your might in all circumstances.

ASK Jesus to teach you how to seek Him in everything you do with the enthusiasm and perseverance of the wise men.

May we all seek Him with dedication.

PRAYER: Lord, please help me to seek you with all of my might, my strength, and my time in all things that I ever put my hands to.

DAY 21

HUMBLE YOURSELF & CAST YOUR ANXIETY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 PETER 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you for caring for us even when anxiety comes on us.

CONFESS the many times that you run to someone else and share your anxiety with them instead of casting it where it belongs—at the feet of the Savior, the one who cares for you like no one else.

ASK God for the humility that is required under His mighty hand to be able to cast all our cares (anxieties) on Him so that He will exalt us in His time.

PRAYER: God, help us to have the humility to remember we have no strength or power in ourselves. Help us to come to You first with ALL of our cares and anxieties—big or small, because You care about us. Don't let us become overwhelmed with worry or anxiety, but instead help us to rest under Your mighty right hand. Thank you for caring about us, even when we are weak and afraid.

DAY 22

NEVER ALONE, NEVER FORSAKEN

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: DEUTERONOMY 31:6-8; ISAIAH 43:1B-2

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

ISAIAH 43:1B-2 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God that He promised to go with us, never leave us or forsake us.

CONFESS the times that fear in your life has overtaken you, and you have failed to believe this truth and not trusted God that He will be with you.

ASK God to help you to remember the truths of these scriptures, to give you strength and courage, and to remember that He promised never to leave you or forsake you.

PRAYER: Lord, even though I feel alone at times, I know that you have promised to go ahead of me and you will be with me in every situation that comes along. Thank you for this wonderful truth.

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GOD PROMISES WISDOM

To the man who please Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness (Eccl.2:26).
Prov.2:6-7; Prov.9:10; Job 12:13; Dan.2:20-22; 1 Cor.1:30;

DAY 23

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 2 CHRONICLES 20:12

Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you for who you are and how you take care of your children when they call on you.

CONFESS seeking everyone's help except God's when you can't figure out what to do.

ASK the Lord for wisdom and guidance in your situation. You may have no idea what to do, but you know the One who does! The Lord can be trusted to know the absolute right thing to be done in any situation. There is no guesswork with God! Ask Him to help you wait on Him to work things out for your good and His glory.

PRAYER: God, there are so many areas in which we are powerless and don't know what to do, "but our eyes are on You." Make us a people that keeps our face looking to you for all our daily needs, not just when there is a great trial in our lives. (Pray through the VBC prayer list).

DAY 24

HONOR AND GLORY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 1:46-47

46 And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you Lord for loving me.

CONFESS any complaints you may harbor in your thoughts.

ASK God to be glorified in your life through praise and thanksgiving.

Mary was careful to give the Lord the credit, honor, and glory for all that He had done and was doing in her life. She realized that apart from God, her circumstances would have been totally different.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to serve You humbly, recognize my total need for You, and to be careful to give You the glory for all that You choose to do in my life. In everything, I want to give thanks to You and recognize that You deserve to be glorified.

DAY 25

OUR HEALER

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 23-24 NIV

(Read the passage in your Bible)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God that He alone has the power to heal.

CONFESS any lack of faith in His infinite ability to heal.

ASK God to strengthen your faith and remind you that He is able.

Do you limit the Creator of the world with your lack of faith in His ability? Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that Jesus has the infinite ability to heal any illness, any suffering, and any pain. Will He heal you or the one you love? That is for Him to reveal in His time, but, can He? Absolutely!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, today I am reminded that You are more powerful than any disease or suffering. Thank you for reminding me that You are able. I believe that with You, all things are possible!

DAY 26

NEVER UNFORGIVEABLE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 6:14-15 NIV

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank Jesus for dying on the cross to save you from your sins. Be grateful for the forgiveness you have been given.

CONFESS any unforgiving feelings you are harboring or holding on to.

ASK Jesus to show you how to forgive. According to the Scriptures, which sins are unforgivable? That's right, none. Jesus didn't limit His forgiveness to only those who have not murdered or only to those who have never lied. If He can forgive all sin, how much more should we?

PRAYER: Dear Lord, please help me to forgive those in my life who have sinned against me. In the Bible, you command me to do so. Even though it isn't easy, I know that I can through you. I'm asking you to show me how. Allow me, through the Holy Spirit, to forgive as you have forgiven me.

DAY 27

FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: NEHEMIAH 4:14-15 NIV

14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

15 When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: God, we praise You! You are a great! You are our awesome God!

CONFESS any fear or unbelief that God will be victorious in the salvation of a spouse, child, or family members. Confess any lack of faith in prayer for your spouse and family.

ASK God to frustrate the enemy's plot against your loved ones. Ask God for perseverance and faith to fight for your family members and home. (Pray through the VBC prayer list.)

Go to God boldly! Don't give up, ever! The enemy wants you to believe that your loved ones will never be saved or turn back to God. It is your faith that pleases God, so fight for your family, fight the good fight of faith. Bring their names to the throne of God regularly in prayer, trust in God's timing and Way. (John 14:6)

PRAYER: God, I lift up to you, (lift up specific names). I pray for their salvation. It is Your desire that none shall perish. Help me be faithful in prayer, to fight for my family members that are lost or those who have turned from You.

DAY 28

BOAST THAT YOU KNOW ME!

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: JEREMIAH 9:23-24, JOHN 17:3 NIV

23 This is what the Lord says:

"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

24 but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,"
declares the Lord.

- Jeremiah 9:23-24

3 Now this is eternal
life: that they know
you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom
you have sent

- John 17:3.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Praise God that He desires us to know Him! Thank Him for the intimate relationship that He has entered into with us.

CONFESS any pride in your own wisdom, strength, or possessions.

ASK God to give you opportunities to boast to others about Him this week. Ask for courage and boldness to invite them to our services. (Pray through the VBC prayer list.)

In John 17:3 Jesus defines eternal life as an opportunity to personally know God and His son Jesus.

God tells us do not boast of wisdom, strength, or prosperity, but boast that you know God.

PRAYER: Thank you, God, that You desire for me to know You. You tell me to boast and tell others about my relationship with You. Remove my fear of men and what they think, so that I might more fully share Christ. Help me this week to share Christ and invite others to our Church services, so they too may know You.

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PROMISES ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF GOD

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe (Prov.18:10).
1 Sam.2:9; Ps.125: 1-2; Ps.91:3-4,11-12; Ps.34:19-20; Ps.121:1-8; Prov.29:25

DAY 29

OUR FATHER'S WILL

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: JOHN 6:35-40 NIV

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: We praise You, Jesus, You are our Bread of life; You alone satisfy all hunger and thirst forever! All glory and thanks be to You, Father, for our eternal life in Christ Jesus!

CONFESS your need for Jesus to sustain you spiritually today and every day, just as much as you need bread and water to sustain you physically.

ASK God to work in every heart, that Christ might be revealed to them and that they will discover that Jesus is our Bread of Life, the only one that can sustain us in this world. As much as we hunger and thirst for food and water, we need to hunger and thirst for Jesus, the Word, and His Spirit to fill us and guide us.

PRAYER: It is our Father's will that no one perish and that all receive eternal life through You, Jesus. We pray for salvation for everyone who is in need of You, Jesus. We pray that a burning desire to know you would fill their heart. Use us to be the ambassadors of Jesus Christ as you intended, telling our lost loved ones about His cross work (2 Corinthians 5:20-21).

DAY 30

THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 CHRONICLES 16:7-36

(Read the passage in your Bible)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you Lord for your faithfulness in hearing and answering our prayers.

CONFESS your lack of giving thanks for God's provision in all areas of your life.

ASK the Lord to increase your faith in Him to answer your prayers.

PRAYER: God, we remember, with thanksgiving, the way that You have provided for us in keeping with Your promises, and believe, according to Your Word, that You will continue to provide what's best for our lives, personally as well as for Your church. We will tell others about Your faithfulness in answering our prayers, and through this, You will receive glory. In thanksgiving, we offer ourselves, our time, and our resources.

Go back and look at the previous 29 days of journal entries. Has God answered any prayers? Use the next page to write out your thank you to God!

DAY 31

FEARFUL... SEEK GOD FIRST

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 2 CHRONICLES 20:1-4

After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat. Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: We praise you for who you are, God, and thank you that we can bring any trouble to you immediately.

CONFESS that, "I don't always take my troubles to you first Lord. I am guilty of trying to fix things myself, which is a way of me pushing you out of my life."

ASK God to reveal areas in your life where you are not going to Him first in prayer.

PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, for the history we have in the scriptures, as well as the personal history we have with You, and for all that You have done for Your people and for us.

DAY 32

LOVE THE UNLOVABLE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 5:43-45 NIV

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank God for opportunities to show love to those we see as unlovable.

CONFESS any sinful feelings you may have against your "enemy."

ASK God to help you to love your enemy.

Time after time in the Bible, Jesus sets an example of loving others that we may consider unlovable.

Some examples are tax collectors, adulterers, and murderers. Is there anyone you consider unlovable in your life? Today, pray for them and ask the Lord to help you do as He commands in Matthew 5:43.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, please forgive me for the sinful thoughts and feelings I have had towards those whom I consider to be my enemies. Please show me how to love them.

DAY 33

COURAGE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 1:35 & 38

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you, Lord, for the example of courage that Mary set for us in the Bible.

CONFESS any fear you may have in serving the Lord.

ASK the Lord to give you the courage to respond to any calling He has in your life, just as Mary did. Sometimes we are afraid of getting too close to the Lord for fear that He may send us to another country or ask us to do something that we are afraid of. Imagine the impact Christ followers could have if we all boldly responded, like Mary did to the Lord's call. Today, choose to willingly do whatever the Lord calls you to do. He will direct your path as long as you are willing.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, even though I have some hesitation, today I submit myself to You. I am Your willing servant, please lead the way and I will follow.

DAY 34

TROUBLE... WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 50:15

...and call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you will honor me.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you for being a God that delivers and never tires of hearing from us, even in our troubles.

CONFESS the many times that I've been in trouble and didn't call. Forgive me for the pride of not calling out to you.

ASK God to be your deliverer in times of trouble. Ask Him to deliver you from fear and anxiety over the situation and to trust Him in all things.

PRAYER: God please deliver us from our troubles and make us a church and people that call on you in our time of troubles.

DAY 35

PRAY & NOT GIVE UP

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: Thank you, Lord, that you hear the cries of your elect children, both day and night, bringing justice for us quickly and at just the right time.

CONFESS not praying to him at all times and losing heart in your prayers to Him.

ASK for perseverance in your prayer life and that the Son will find His people praying in faith when He returns.

PRAYER: Lord, help us to be a people of prayer. Give us the faith to trust that You hear and answer prayer. Help us to be persistent in praying, like the widow who kept pleading to the judge. Oh, how much more you love us, than that judge cared about that widow! May we not lose heart, remembering that you answer prayer on Your timetable, not ours. We pray that when Christ returns, He will find us praying in faith.



PRAYERS FOR VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

1. For God's provision for Valley Bible Church, that we may meet the needs of our community, missions, and members
2. For the many guests that will be present in our services during the year, especially during the Holidays and large outreach events. Pray that the gospel will be received and that lives will be changed.
3. For the many opportunities and challenges in the Bay Area that God has called Valley Bible Church to meet
4. For the members of Valley Bible Church, that their needs would be met
5. For God's wisdom for the leadership of Valley Bible Church
6. Our community, leaders, and schools
7. For protection for Christians around the world, those who are being persecuted for their faith
8. For missionaries and people involved in world outreach; pray for provision and protection, and that the gospel will be received
9. For Valley Bible Church's Children's Ministry
10. For Valley Bible Church's Student Ministries

PRAYER QUOTES

After studying prayer and spiritual awakenings for 60 years I've reached this conclusion—whenever God is ready to do something new with His people, He always sets them praying.

DR. J. EDWIN ORR

God has made the spread of His fame hang on the preaching of His Word, and He has made the preaching of His Word hang on the prayers of the saints. . . .the triumph of the Word will not come without prayer.

JOHN PIPER

It's in those private times that we are refreshed, strengthened, and rejuvenated. It's then we can see our lives from God's perspective and discover what is really important. That's where we understand who it is we belong to and believe in.

STORMIE OMARTIAN

The Power of a Praying Woman

The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayer-less religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

SAMUEL CHADWICK

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

ALLEN E. BARTLETT

The worth and excellency of a soul is to be measured by the object of its love.

HENRY SEAGAL

Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength.

J. HUDSON TAYLOR

Most Christians expect little from God, ask little, and therefore receive little and are content with little.

A. W. PINK

Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today? How many momentous events in Scripture depended on one person's seemingly small act of obedience! Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and, depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next.

ELISBETH ELLIOT

Quest for Love: True Stories of Passion and Purity

Prayer is an admission of reliance on God and admitting we are insufficient in ourselves. Humble ourselves to pray (James 4:10) and to seek God is God's counsel to His people at all times.

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