

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF PRAYER

JAMES 5:14-16



40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE 2025

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WELCOME



As we enter the season of prayer, God calls us to a deeper faith. He has allowed us to stand on the precipice of great outcomes. The Lord has prepared for us a future and a hope that we have yet to fully comprehend.

Prayer and fasting will draw us into a closer commitment and deeper understanding of His purpose for us as individuals and as a unified church body.

My most sincere prayer is that we trust God and follow Him into a brighter future. He has placed in us His spirit that will allow us to be transforming agents in our homes, our community, our city, our state, our nation, and even our world. Join us in this season of prayer and fasting.

Blessings,

Pastor E.

CONSIDER FASTING

The best way to thoroughly clean house is to take everything out first. Fasting is one of the ways to thoroughly cleanse our souls.

"**Fasting**" is voluntarily going without food and sometimes water, generally for religious purposes. For individuals with dietary and medical restrictions, fasting can include other interests which are deemed sacrifices. In essence, fasting is the process of denying oneself of natural needs and desires to accomplish a spiritual goal.

There are four types of fasts referred to in the Bible:

- 1. Normal Fast** – refraining from food for up to 40 days (*Exodus 34:28, Ezra 8:21, 23; Daniel 6:18; Luke 2:37; Mark 2:18; Matt. 4:2; Acts 13:2-3, 14-23*)
- 2. Partial Fast** - abstaining from certain foods (*Daniel 10:3*).
- 3. Absolute Fast** - going without food or water for more than 3 days (*Esther 4:16*)
- 4. Voluntary Group Fast** - called for a specific reason for a specific group of people. (*1 Samuel 7:6; 2 Chronicles 20:3; Jonah 3:5*)

Why Fast?

- At times, fasting is an expression of distress, grief, or repentance. Fasting is a preparation for God to give guidance and renewal. (*Daniel 9; Exodus 24*)
- Fasting reveals the things that control us and obstruct our intimacy with God. (*Zechariah 7:4-6*)
- Fasting reminds us that we are sustained "by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (*Matthew 4:4*)
- Fasting helps maintain balance in our lives. (*1 Corinthians 9:27; Psalm 35:13*)

Fasting is also:

Worship - it must be God centered, God initiated, God ordained.
Empowerment to say "NO" to Satan and "YES" to GOD

Did You Know...

- Jesus Christ, our example, fasted 40 days in the wilderness after his baptism. (*Matt. 4:2*)
- The Jews and Pharisees fasted twice weekly. (*Luke 18:11-12*)
- John the Baptist's disciples fasted regularly. (*Matt 9:14-17*)

PREPARING TO FAST

How you begin and conduct your fast will greatly impact the outcome.

Physical

If this is your first time fasting and you take prescribed medications, consult your physician before beginning your fast. This is very, very important!

We also suggest the following:

- Eat smaller meals, raw fruit, and vegetables for two days before beginning your fast.
- Avoid high fat and sugary foods.
- Fast for a few hours or for just for a portion of a day.
- Start limiting your favorite foods.
- Wisely monitor physical activity because nutrients and calorie intake will be limited.
- Be prepared for mental and spiritual challenges, impatience, crankiness, etc.

Spiritual

The very foundation of fasting and prayer is repentance. Unconfessed sin will hinder your prayers. Confess your sins to God and accept His forgiveness. ***If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)***

Also, read ***Matthew 6:16-18 and 1 Corinthians 7:3-5*** for important biblical principles about your attitude and demeanor while fasting.

- Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master; refuse to obey your worldly nature (***Romans 12:1,2***).
- Meditate on the attributes of God, His love, sovereignty, power, wisdom, faithfulness, grace, compassion, and others (***Psalms 48:9,10; 103:1-8, 11-13***).
- Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart (***Hebrews 11:6***).
- Expect spiritual opposition. (***Galatians 5:16,17***).

During your fast

For maximum spiritual benefit, set aside ample time to be alone with the Lord. Listen for His leading. The more time you spend with Him, the more meaningful your fast will be. Establish a routine.

- Begin your day in praise and worship.
- Read and meditate on God's Word, preferably on your knees.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to work in you to will and to do His good pleasure according to ***Philippians 2:13***.
- Invite God to use you. Ask Him to show you how to influence your world, your family, your church, your community, your country, and beyond.

Prayer Points: 2025

- * Spiritual Guidance and Unity for our Country and her Leadership
- * The Body of Christ, The Church Universal
- * The Local Communities (Mansfield, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and surrounding communities) and the Need for Good Health and Safety
- * ISDs and All Educational Entities, the Parents, Students, and Administrators.
- * BBC's Growth into a 3rd Service and the People God is Calling to Serve in Those Services
- * The Family and those Who Lead Them
- * Bethlehem and the extraordinary work our church is called to do, and the ministries called to serve.
 1. Pray for our Courage.
 2. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
 3. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.



“Pray without ceasing.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV)

Week 1

Prayer Point 1: The County, State, and Municipal Government Leaders

Word for Day 1

¹³ For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority whether the King as Head of State, or the officials He has appointed. I Peter 2:13 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Heavenly Father, we humbly pray for all our county leaders and public servants. We pray that they serve the community with genuine care and compassion. Help them to seek the common good. May they be your instruments of bringing peace, justice and harmony to our County. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Fear God and respect the King
I Peter 2:17 (NLT)

Week 1

Prayer Point 1: The County, State, and Municipal Government Leaders

Word for Day 2

⁶ For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to who tribute is due: custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. ⁷ Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for He that loveth another hath fulfilled the Law. Romans 13:6-7 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Almighty God, we are asking you to bless the Leaders of our county. Grant these Leaders and workers to have a made-up mind to obey and govern the Laws of the land. We ask you to guide and protect them in their daily work. Please, grant these leaders divine wisdom and the courage to make the right decisions. Give the people in the community the mind to pay what is due of them in our county and state obligation. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love another.
Romans 13:8 (NLT)

Week 1

Prayer Point 1: The County, State, and Municipal Government Leaders

Word for Day 3

¹ Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
Romans 13:1 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Almighty God, we pray for our State Leaders who were appointed to do what is required for them to do in our City, County and State. Help these leaders to maintain a peaceful and productive lives while serving the people of this state. Father God let your will be done in the lives of our leaders and the people of this state and the entire United States and around the world. Help us to be submissive, obedient, ready for good works, and to avoid speaking evil or saying slander against any County, United States Leaders *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone.
1 Timothy 2:6 (NLT)

Week 1

Prayer Point 1: The County, State, and Municipal Government Leaders

Word for Day 4

¹ Remind the believers to submit to the Government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. ²They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone. Titus 3:1-2 (NIV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord God your ways are peace. We need healing in the division of our government. Please unite the hearts of the believers, where there is misunderstanding. Bring clarity, where there is anger bring compassion. Help the citizens and leaders to listen to the needs of the people. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Guide me in justice and teach me your Way!
Psalms 25:9 (NLT)

Week 1

Prayer Point 1: The County, State, and Municipal Government Leaders

Word for Day 5

¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. ² Consequently, He who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do wrong. ⁴ Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and they will honor you. Romans 13:1-4 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God bless every individual who holds a government position. Allow the Holy Spirit to flow in their lives, so that they would be mindful of his present. Grant them peace of mind when making judgment decisions for the county, state and government matters. Give them wisdom to make righteous decisions. Bless all the leaders to serve with a Spirit of justice and integrity. We pray in the name of Jesus that these Government leaders be Honorable in every area of their lives. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Be the change that you wish to see in the world.
Mahatma Gandhi

Week 1

Prayer Point 2: The Body of Christ, The Church Universal

Word for Day 6

²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. ²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
Ephesians 1:22-23 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God in the name of Jesus, as we approach your throne of grace, we say, Thank you, Thank you for being a mighty good God, Thank you for your grace and mercy, Thank you for another chance and opportunity to seek your face. Lord we Pray for The Body of Christ and The Church Universal. Lord we realize that there is a crisis in The Body of Christ and we humbly ask that you would help us to be on one accord, help us to encourage one another, help us to work together. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

We get more done, when we work together

Week 1

Prayer Point 2: The Body of Christ, The Church Universal

Word for Day 7

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
Colossians 1:18 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Most gracious and merciful Master, first we say, Thank you, you are Lord of Lord's and King of King's, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, you are our source of life, you are the head of the body of believers, without you we are nothing, we ask that you would bind us closer together *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Jesus is preeminence over all things

Week 1

Prayer Point 2: The Body of Christ, The Church Universal

Word for Day 8

⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Romans 12:4-5 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord God you are holy, you are righteous and we say, Thank you. We thank you for the different gifts that you have so graciously blessed each of us as believers with, gifts that are necessary in order for the church to function properly. Gifts to help each other. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Use your gift to serve one another

Week 1

Prayer Point 2: The Body of Christ, The Church Universal

Word for Day 9

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. ¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God in the name of Jesus, we come first to say, Thank you. Thank you for another chance and opportunity to seek your face. Thank you for waking us up this morning. Thank you for spiritual growth, thank you for spiritual maturity, thank you for that agape love that you have placed in our hearts *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

The ultimate goal is for believers to mature and become more like Christ, who is the head of the house.

Week 1

Prayer Point 2: The Body of Christ, The Church Universal

Word for Day 10

²⁷ Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. I Corinthians 12-27 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God as we bow before you on this beautiful day, we say thank you, we understand that you are the head of this unified body and we thank you for your leadership.
Continue praying...

_____ *in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Nugget for the Soul

Every member has a role to fulfill

Week 2

Prayer Point 3: The Local Communities (Mansfield, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and surrounding communities) and the Need for Good Health and Safety

Word for Day 11

⁶ But I will most surely heal the wounds of this city and restore it and its people to health. I will show them abundant peace and security. Jeremiah 33:6 (NET)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Our Father who art in Heaven and who looks down on us with a watchful eye allowing us to feel Your very presence. Thank you for caring and protecting us from the wiles of the devil, our sinful nature, and our daily decisions that are harmful to others. Thank you for your healing power. Thank you for allowing us to be made whole from our ailments. Thank you for keeping us from hurt, harm, and dangers

Continue praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

All healing, whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual comes from the Lord.

Week 2

Prayer Point 3: The Local Communities (Mansfield, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and surrounding communities) and the Need for Good Health and Safety

Word for Day 12

³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NASB)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord, we approach your throne with our hearts and heads bowed down. We praise your name, Father. Hear our prayer oh Lord and incline thine ear toward us. Remind us of the problems and circumstances that you have brought us through. Teach us how to remain calm and know that you are working out all our situations.

Continue praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

Be confident in God's power and promises and have faith in
His ability to keep you.

Week 2

Prayer Point 3: The Local Communities (Mansfield, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and surrounding communities) and the Need for Good Health and Safety

Word for Day 13

²⁵ Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, Exodus 23:25 (NIV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord Jesus, look down on us today. Help us to help ourselves. Keep us from standing in the way of others. Help us to worship you as you desire. Please continue to give us our daily bread. Thank you for sustaining us each day that you see fit. Thank you for being our provider. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

We must strive to be loyal and devoted to our God who provides divine protection for us.

Week 2

Prayer Point 3: The Local Communities (Mansfield, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and surrounding communities) and the Need for Good Health and Safety

Word for Day 14

³¹ God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection. 2 Samuel 22:31 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord, you said that your word would not return void. So, we call upon you with a humble spirit to thank you for keeping your word through the fulfillment of your promises. We know we are not worthy of anything that you do for us. But thank you for covering us with the blood of your darling son Jesus.

Continue praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

[God's plan for us has no faults and keeps us safe.]

Week 3

Prayer Point 3:The Local Communities (Mansfield, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and surrounding communities) and the Need for Good Health and Safety

Word for Day 15

⁴ I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain.⁵ I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me.
Psalms 3:4-5 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord come see about us. We need you at this very hour. Thank you for keeping foolishness at bay in our lives. Thank you for allowing the things we do not need to pass us by. Thank you for your omnipresence. Thank you for your mighty right hand that shields and reassures us at the same time. Thank you for answering our prayers.
Continue praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

[The Lord provides us with rest, peace, protection, and deliverance when we call on Him.]

Week 3

PRAYER POINT 4: ISDs and All Educational Entities, the Parents, Students, and Administrators.

Word for Day 16

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God, watch over the most vulnerable today as they enter into educational spaces for training. Allow what is necessary to stick to their memories, and deposit into their hearts. Protect them as they go and grow. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Your eyes should light up when your child enters the room.”
- Maya Angelou

Week 3

PRAYER POINT 4: ISDs and All Educational Entities, the Parents, Students, and Administrators.

Word for Day 17

⁸ My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
Proverbs 1:8 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father, in the name of Jesus, bless our primary relationships. Have mercy on us as we grow together as parents and children. Help our children to discern Godly guidance and present themselves respectful at school. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”
- Martin L. King, Jr.

Week 3

PRAYER POINT 4: ISDs and All Educational Entities, the Parents, Students, and Administrators.

Word for Day 18.

⁹ Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous, and they will gain in learning. Proverbs 9:9 (NRSVUE)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord God, bless those who stand to teach, offering of themselves so freely. Help them to exhibit wisdom and integrity in their instruction. Allow their efforts to yield much fruit in students' understanding, behavior, testing, and confidence. Fill them with the joy of teaching and love for the people in their care. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.”
Mother Teresa

Week 3

PRAYER POINT 4: ISDs and All Educational Entities, the Parents, Students, and Administrators.

Word for Day 19.

¹⁴ Where there is no guidance, a nation falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety. Proverbs 11:14 (NRSVUE)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord Jesus, we come before You with gratitude for those who are leaders in our school systems. Keep them safe and inspired. Help them to guide and empower the students in community with teachers and parents. Unite them in their dedication to quality education and their commitment to the well-being of our children. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.
-Matthew 18:20 (KJV)

Week 3

PRAYER POINT 4: ISDs and All Educational Entities, the Parents, Students, and Administrators.

Word for Day 20

⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order. I Corinthians 14:40 (ESV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God, who holds all things together, touch every school district across this land. Help those in power show the love, grace, and mercy that each student deserves. Help them to seek Your direction in policy and practice.

Continue praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Order my steps in thy word.”
Psalm 119:133a (KJV)

Week 3

Prayer Point 5: BBC's Growth into a 3rd Service and the People God
is Calling to Serve in Those Services

Word for Day 21

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8 (NIV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Heavenly Father, give us the strength to move and act the very moment you say so. Give us the resolve to witness to each person you place in our paths. Teach us how to serve your people. Teach us how to lead your people. Teach us how to follow your leaders. Allow each of us to discern your will and direction from those people in which you have placed in our path and from those whom you have placed over us as leaders. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Be a witness for Christ wherever you go, through
the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Week 4

Prayer Point 5: BBC's Growth into a 3rd Service and the People God is Calling to Serve in Those Services

Word for Day 22.

¹¹ Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. ¹² Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ¹³ Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them. 1 Timothy 4:11-13 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Our God and our creator, show us the way we should go and allow us the courage and conviction to show others. Give us your divine counsel for our lives and our church body. Mold us into teachable children and impart in each of us your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding; so that we may be a better witness to the kingdom of Heaven. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Teach others with your life by word, deed, love, faith, service, and integrity.”

Week 4

Prayer Point 5: BBC's Growth into a 3rd Service and the People God is Calling to Serve in Those Services

Word for Day 23.

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 (NASB)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Our Father in Heaven, give us a spirit of commitment. Be our encouragement when we feel down. Be our energy when we think we're too tired to serve. Help us to stay focused on the assignments you have called us to do. Help us to remain focused on the people you have called us to serve. Help us to remain obedient under the leaders you have placed over us. *Continue praying...*

_____ *in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Nugget for the Soul

Spiritual growth is a divine work; the Holy Spirit calls & saves people through faith in Jesus Christ.”

Week 4

Prayer Point 5: BBC's Growth into a 3rd Service and the People God is Calling to Serve in Those Services

Word for Day 24.

² Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

³ Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care but lead them by your own good example. 1 Peter 5:2-3 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Hear our prayer oh Lord and incline thine ear toward us. Fix our hearts to yearn for Your word that teaches us to prefer others over ourselves. Help us to spread the knowledge of the one and only way to get to you, through your son Jesus. Teach us how to help each other as we serve together. Give us your wisdom and a spirit of togetherness. Help us to seek your kingdom first and everything else will be added to us. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Leaders have a genuine desire to set a humble positive spiritual example in their service.”

Week 4

Prayer Point 5: BBC's Growth into a 3rd Service and the People God
is Calling to Serve in Those Services

Word for Day 25.

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord Jesus, thank you for creating a place of worship for us. Thank you for the Bethlehem Baptist Church. Thank you for the yearning to attend church that the Holy Spirit gives us. Help us to receive and serve all who you send to our place of worship. Thank you for every opportunity you provide us with to come together in your presence at church. Amen. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Spiritual growth includes accountability and mutual
encouragement within the Body of Christ.”

Week 4

Prayer Point 6: The Family and Those Who Lead Them

Word for day 26

¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15 (NRSVUE)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord God, You are a provider and a promise keeper. I choose You and my household chooses You, today and hereafter. Cover us with a protection only You can give. Use us to be a light in the darkness of this world. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised. Today is all we have.”
- Anonymous

Week 4

Prayer Point 6: The Family and Those Who Lead Them

Word for Day 27.

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Merciful Father, teach us to be more like You. Increase our capacity to forgive and have patience with one another. Strengthen us to live with others in peace.
Continue praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“God chooses what we go through; we choose how we go through it.”
- John Maxwell

Week 4

Prayer Point 6: The Family and those Who Lead Them

Word for day 28

³ By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
⁴ through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.
Proverbs 24:3-4 (NIV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Holy and Omniscient God, go before us as we build our homes, stand in us as we make decisions, and surround us as we fight the good fight of faith. Remind us that Your presence fills the earth and we are never alone. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Well don is better than well said.”
Benjamin Franklin

Week 4

Prayer Point 6: The Family and those Who Lead Them

Word for Day 29

⁶ Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents. Proverbs 17:6 (NRSVUE).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord God, how beautiful it is to see generations of Your goodness through the eyes and laughter of our grandchildren. Teach us how to love and support their parents. Guide us to be wise leaders and trusted confidants. *Continue praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“...I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”
Genesis 12:2 (NIV)

Week 4

Prayer Point: 6: The Family and those Who Lead Them

Word for day 30.

⁷ Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honour to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life—so that nothing may hinder your prayers.
I Peter 3:7 (NRSVUE)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God, bless marriages as a working example of Your love for the church. Teach us to work together so our prayers are without obstacles. Fill us with Your love that it might overflow into all areas of our lives. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Love covers...”

I Peter 4:8b (NRSVUE)

Week 5

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 31.

⁶ So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work Nehemiah 4:6 (KJV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Dear God, give us the heart to unite as the body of Christ for one cause. To do the great work that you have blessed us to be partakers in and to serve your people with unwavering faith. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Apathy is the enemy of progress.”

Week 5

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 32.

⁶ Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Heavenly Father, when our way gets cloudy and we cannot see our way through, give us the internal strength to move forward with courage, knowing you are a constant companion. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear – not absence of fear.”
Mark Twain

Week 5

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word For Day 33.

⁵ God Himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee, He has given us His Holy Spirit . II Corinthians 5:5 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord, thank you for reminding us amid all uncertainty that we are never alone. You are Holy, and a very present help in the times of challenge. Give us boldness to continue fighting the good fight of faith. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for The Soul

“The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.”
Sun Tzu Art of War

Week 5

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 34.

⁹ Have I not commanded you to be strong? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go Joshua 1:9 (ESV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Dear God, thank you for the courage to go, even when our faith is weakened and our view is obscured. Reassuring us that you are an all-powerful God who hears and answers our prayers. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for The Soul

“Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without courage, you can’t practice any other virtue consistently.” Maya Angelou

Week 6

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 35.

¹⁰ No evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. ¹¹ For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. ¹² They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. Psalm 91:10-12 (NLT)

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Lord, we pray for our leader, protect him and his family from the enemy who seeks to tear down and destroy. Let nothing breach the divine covering you have on their lives. Hold them in the palms of your hands. Continue Praying...

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for The Soul

“¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

Week 6

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 36.

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources, he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Dear God, our Father, fortify our Pastor and family, saturate them in your abundant love, and continue to bless them in every capacity of their lives. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“It’s the roots which give a tree strength, not its branches.”

Week 6

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 37.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

God, thank you for our Pastor and his family. Please provide constant encouragement when the rigors of life and ministry challenge them. Remind them they are never alone. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“Prayer is when you talk to God; meditation is when you listen to God.”

Week 6

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
- b. Pray for our Pastor & Family.
- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 38.

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment” 1 Corinthians 1:10 (ESV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Dear God, our Father, give those who have been vested with authority the wisdom to execute their duties in a manner that will unite and not divide, that will build up and not tear down, that will strengthen and not weaken, and give the people a heart to follow. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“It’s amazing what you can accomplish when you don’t care who gets the credit.”
Harry Truman

Week 6

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
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- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 39.

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us
Romans 8:37 (ESV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Father God, allow your Holy Spirit to dwell amongst your people. Bind and equip the leaders, unify our efforts, motives, and ambitions to accomplish purposeful work in your name. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

⁴We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.
(2 Corinthians 10:4 NLT)

Week 6

Prayer Point 7: BETHLEHEM AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OUR CHURCH IS CALLED TO DO, AND THE MINISTRIES CALLED TO SERVE.

- a. Pray for our Courage.
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- c. Pray for our Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, and those called to a higher calling.

Word for Day 40.

²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. Luke 22:26-27 (ESV).

My Reflections:

Prayer Starter:

Heavenly Father, give our leaders a heart to serve, guided by the example you set and the principle that all things are possible if we only believe and trust you. *Continue Praying...*

in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Nugget for the Soul

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”
John C. Maxwell.



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