

4 DAYS

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K E L S E Y V I L L E

DAY 1 WHY PRAY? "IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER"

Luke 11:1, "Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

Jesus modeled for us a life of prayer to the Father. He demonstrated that His "food" was given by God. We see throughout the Gospels that prayer fueled Jesus. Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. They recognized the importance of prayer as modeled by Jesus. They heard Jesus' prayers vocalized to the Father. Jesus prayed with an intimate knowledge and relationship with the Father. Without God, life is hopeless. They did not ask Jesus to teach them to preach... but instead to pray.

Prayer Focus: God hears you when you pray. He is not distant but is nearby. If your unbelief is a roadblock to Jesus working in your life, confess your sin of unbelief. Ask God to strengthen your faith in Him and begin building, or recommitting, that intimate relationship with Him today.

DAY 2 WHY PRAY? "PRAYER FOR SALVATION"

Matthew 14:30 "But when he (Peter) saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

What must I do to be saved? If you have not yet given your life to Jesus, pray to Him today to confess your sins and surrender your life to Him. It is not by our works that saves us, but by God's grace and mercy. If you have given your life to Jesus, then celebrate His faithfulness and rejoice in the trials of your life, even the ones that may look like giant crashing waves. Although the waves in life may appear large, God is bigger than the trial.

Prayer Focus: Pray to God today for salvation as He is the only one that can save. Give your life to Him and dedicate your time, talents, treasures, and family to the LORD. All the things we have belong to God. He can give and He can take away.

DAY 3 WHY PRAY? “PRAYER OF REPENTANCE”

Luke 18:13, “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

Lord help me! God be merciful to me, a sinner! This should not be a surprise to you, but none of us are perfect. We are all sinners in need of forgiveness. Repent today to the King of kings and Lord of lords and be overcome by the peace of His forgiveness. God is good and is ready to forgive the humble. Let us bow our knees before Him today.

Prayer Focus: Consider the sins of your life and those sins that overcome you regularly. Do not let another day go by without bringing them before the Lord. Let God free you from the bondage of sin.

DAY 4 WHY PRAY? “PRAYER IN TROUBLE”

Jeremiah 32:17 “Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”

Sometimes we forget how powerful God is. We forget the wonderful things that He has done in the past. We often allow the immensity of our own problems and challenges to overshadow the greatness of God. Jeremiah reminds us of what God has done. Creation itself is a testimony to the fact that God can do anything. God created everything out of nothing.

Prayer Focus: Have you forgotten God’s ability to do anything? Today, recall the many remarkable things that God has done. As we go before the throne of Grace, let us remember that God answers prayers. Not only does He answer, but nothing is too difficult for Him.

DAY 5 WHY PRAY? "PRAYER FOR A PURE HEART"

Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

The Lord delights in hearing His children. The first true sign of spiritual life in a person is prayer. People cannot live physically without breathing, as spiritually without praying. Let me breathe or else I die. Let me pray or else I die. What if we treated our time in prayer as our source of life, daily bread, and food for our souls? Luke 11:3, "Give us each day our daily bread."

Prayer Focus: Is your heart pure? Are you focused on seeing God in your life or listening to God in your prayers? Followers of God are people of prayer. Spend time in dedicated solitude and prayer today. Ask God to refine your heart and see Him as He is.

DAY 6 WHY PRAY? "PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL"

John 15:7, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

We learn in the book of James that when we ask God for things, we must ask Him in faith. But we must also be in a close relationship with Him - abiding in Him, obeying Him, and serving Him. When we are truly One with the Lord our motives will align with His. Believing prayer goes up to God, and an answer comes down. God said, "Call on Me and I will show you great and mighty things." (Jer 33:3)

Prayer Focus: Prayer strengthens our faith because we see God moving. Do not neglect time in prayer for the matters of this world. Pray to God today for those things that do seem impossible because, on your own, they are impossible.

DAY 7 WHY PRAY? “PRAYER FOR OTHERS”

Galatians 6:9, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

It is not by eloquent sermons that perishing souls are going to be reached. We need the power of God in order that the blessing may come down to save the lost. Many of our children are dead in trespasses and sins. Let us raise them up in prayer and not give up praying for the lost. Let us not grow weary in doing good or praying for those in need. We do not know what God will do through us.

Prayer Focus: We do not know what the future holds. We do not know who is next to join us at the Lord's table. Let us then persevere in prayer, never giving up on the lost. Pray today specifically for those in your life that have not received Jesus as their Savior. Pray that God will draw their hearts to Him.

DAY 8 HOW TO PRAY “WHERE TO PRAY”

Matthew 6:6, “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

You can pray anywhere. You can pray as you walk, as you wait, and as you are going to your next destination. As a children's book once put it, “You can also pray while upside down.” This may be true, but we cannot forsake spending time in regular solitude with the LORD. Prayer is not just about asking for help, but also a time of praise and communion. Our days should begin with praising the One who gives us breath. He is the sustainer of our souls and the One who gives life.

Prayer Focus: Do you have a place where you can pray to be alone with God? Do you have a place that is distraction free? Find a place today to make your prayer spot. A place where you can go to be with the Lord with no distractions. Turn off your phone and block out time to be alone with the Father. A place where you can vocalize your prayers to your Father in private.

DAY 9 HOW TO PRAY "ADORATION"

Revelation 4:8-11, "And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" 9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Often, we forget to adorn God with praise. God's name is great and worthy of our praise. Luke 11:2, "...Father, hallowed be your name." Even during times when we have sinned against the Lord, we must not turn from Him as He will not forsake us. He truly is worthy to receive all glory, all honor, and all praise.

Prayer Focus: So, let us serve Him with gladness and praise Him for His steadfast love for us. Although He is far beyond our understanding, He loves us and cares for each one of us. Spend time praising Him today for His greatness. Do not move on to giving Him your requests until you run out of ways to give Him praise.

DAY 10 HOW TO PRAY “CONFESSION & RESTITUTION”

Luke 15:7, “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Sin must be put out of the way for us to follow Jesus. Transgressions must be removed for us to be used. We must repent and humble ourselves before God. He is mighty to save and quick to forgive. God promises that He will forgive the sins of the repentant. Matthew 6:12-15, “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” But let us not forget that we have a responsibility to forgive and make things right with others.

Prayer Focus: Humble yourself before the Lord and repent of your sins and trespasses. Ask Him to open the eyes of your heart to identify those who you have not forgiven. Go and make those relationships right.

DAY 11 HOW TO PRAY “THANKSGIVING”

Philippians 4:6-7, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests 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.”

There are many things to worry about in life, but do not forget the things God has done for you. Even when all seems dark and hopelessness sets in, remember that God is faithful. Pray to Him and thank Him for the remarkable things He has done. Through prayer, God can provide peace that surpasses our understanding. Through prayer, God can comfort you even in the darkest of times.

Prayer Focus: Thank God today for every breath He has given you. Thank Him for creation. Thank Him for the church and being able to be a part of His magnificent work. Give over to Him the anxieties that you are facing today. Let Him carry those burdens for you.

DAY 12 HOW TO PRAY "FORGIVENESS"

Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

The spirit of unforgiveness is a poison to the soul. Bitterness is very much like drinking poison and wishing your oppressor will be hurt by it. God is so gracious in our lives. Christ is our measure of grace and forgiveness. Just as He has forgiven you, we must forgive others. This is easier said than done. But following Christ is not always the easy path. Let us then strive to be kind, loving, and forgive others as Christ.

Prayer Focus: Consider those in your life that you need to forgive. Do you have bitterness, anger, or resentment towards another person? Do not let the spirit of unforgiveness destroy you. Do not wait another day to forgive them and make things right.

DAY 13 HOW TO PRAY "UNITY & PETITION"

Psalms 133:1, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

God is One. He desires for believers to also be united as one, with Christ as our head. There is beauty in unity. The glory of God is seen through the unity of believers. Let us strive for unity and pray for others that they may be united with Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Prayer Focus: How are you pursuing unity with others? Would people characterize you as a peacemaker? Pray for God to help you in promoting peace for His glory. Pray for others that they too may abide as one in the church.

DAY 14 HOW TO PRAY “FAITH & SUBMISSION”

Matthew 6:10, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

God as a plan for the church. The church is part of God’s kingdom. His desire is that His kingdom penetrates neighborhoods, communities, cities, and ultimately the world with the gospel. Submission to God’s will is often difficult because we do not always get what we want, but God knows what is best for us and for His kingdom. Let us trust in His great plan.

Prayer Focus: Ask God today to reveal to you and other believers His will for the church. Share your willingness to yield to what He wants and be ready to accept His will.

DAY 15 POWERFUL PRAYERS “DAVID’S PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE”

Psalms 3, “O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; 2 many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God. Selah 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. 4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah 5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. 6 I will not be afraid of the many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. 7 Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!”

The perils of life may be great and far beyond our control, but we have a great God who hears us in our weakness. There is salvation in the name of the Lord. He truly is our protector and the One who will lift us up when we fall. Satisfaction through all life’s roadblocks can be found in God.

Prayer Focus: If you feel afraid, worried, or anxious, pray, “LORD! Save me, O my God!” Lord, please save us, we who are weak. God can deliver us from evil and can protect us from sin. There is no enemy too great for God.

DAY 16 POWERFUL PRAYERS "SAMSON'S PRAYER FOR STRENGTH"

Judges 16:28, "Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes."

Most of us know the exceptional story of Samson and God's use of him to bring judgment. Samson was given great strength by God and was used for a unique purpose, but Samson disobeyed God and became weak. Through this prayer we see Samson crying out to God for strength one more time. God heard him and gave him great and mighty strength.

Prayer Focus: You may feel weak and powerless by the mundane, the trials, or a recent hardship. Pray to God for the strength to overcome, walk in obedience to Him, and have victory over the situations grasping to take hold of your heart.

DAY 17 POWERFUL PRAYERS "THE LEPER'S PRAYER FOR HEALING"

Matthew 8:2, "And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."

Not only was this leper healed by Jesus for his mighty faith, but Jesus showed him how much He loved him through the simple act of touching the leper. Lepers were outcasts from society, unclean, and rejected. This man probably had not had physical contact with another person, or at least a non-leper, in an awfully long time. Through the miraculous healing Jesus showed, not only does He control the outcome of our health, but how He loves even the "dirty" and rejected.

Prayer Focus: Let us then pray to the God of healing, the One who can heal, clean, and forgive. Do you have faith that God can heal your wounds? Do you believe that God genuinely loves you?

DAY 18 POWERFUL PRAYERS "SOLOMON'S PRAYER FOR WISDOM"

1 Kings 3:9, "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

Have you stopped to consider that God can give you help when you are in need but can also provide you the wisdom to make decisions? Often, we say, "Of course God can give me wisdom." But, instead of asking God for wisdom we attempt to make decisions on our own strength. Remember that God knows the hearts of people. You cannot trick God by requesting wisdom and hope for treasure. God knows the intentions and motivations of our hearts.

Prayer Focus: Consider the areas in your life where you need wisdom today. Pray to God for wisdom to provide instruction to others, to understand the paths to take in life, and for direction to use the spiritual gifts He has given you.

DAY 19 POWERFUL PRAYERS “NEHEMIAH’S PRAYER TO DO THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE”

Nehemiah 1:11, “O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Nehemiah was broken-hearted over the condition of God’s people. They were not worshipping God, and the temple of the Lord had been destroyed. How does a cupbearer for the king rebuild a temple and draw the nation to worship God? This is a God sized request in need of a God sized answer.

Prayer Focus: What is it in your life today that seems impossible? Is it the mending of a relationship, the lack of time to get things done, or healing from past pain? Whatever it is in your life, if it needs a God sized solution, pray to the One who can provide that answer.

DAY 20 POWERFUL PRAYERS “JACOB’S PRAYER TO SOFTEN HIS BROTHER ESAU’S HEART”

Genesis 32:11, “Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children.”

Fear can become debilitating. Anxiety and worry can control our lives, actions, and reactions. This prayer shows us that not only can God provide comfort to us in our time of fear, but He can also soften and change the heart of others. God is greater than our fear and greater than a hard heart. He can soften our hearts and the hearts of those we fear.

Prayer Focus: Do not give up praying for others. Are there people in your life who need their hearts softened? Pray for them. Do not give up making your requests known to God. Have faith that God can change the hearts of stone.

DAY 21 POWERFUL PRAYERS “HANNAH’S PRAYER FOR A CHILD”

1 Samuel 1:11, “And she vowed a vow and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head’.”

God has power over the wind and seas. He has the power to move mountains, raise the dead, and heal any sickness. God even has power over the womb. God brings life and creates life. In this prayer, God remembered Hannah in her prayer and gave her Samuel.

Prayer Focus: What is it that you need to pray for today? As you seek God through your prayers, remember the amazing things that He can do. He hears your prayers and can answer them.

DAY 22 POWERFUL PRAYERS “ELIJAH’S PRAYER THAT CLOSED THE HEAVENS FOR 3 ½ YEARS”

1 Kings 17:1, “Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word’.”

We know that God can control the weather. We know that He can stop the rain. But in this example, we see Elijah requesting for God to stop the rain... and God listens! How amazing is this? This request does not build up Elijah’s power but instead gives God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the glory. This act showed the nation who is the one and true God. The Author and Creator of the world. God honored the request of Elijah and did not send rain until he prayed again.

Prayer Focus: You probably do not want to pray that rain “will not come down from heaven.” But there are many things for which you can pray. Know that this same God who heard Elijah’s prayer hears yours. The same God with the same power.

DAY 23 POWERFUL PRAYERS “ELISHA’S PRAYER TO THE LORD TO RAISE THE DEAD”

2 Kings 4:32-35, “When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. 33 So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. 34 Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. 35 Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.”

You may be thinking, “This is an odd way to bring a person back to life.” Odd or not, a miracle happened that day. A child was brought back from the dead. The impossible happened. God raised the dead. If He can raise the dead, He can do anything.

Prayer Focus: In your prayer today thank God for His working in the impossible. What does your prayer need to be today? Whose life would you like to see “risen” or born again? Pray for the salvation of souls today.

DAY 24 POWERFUL PRAYERS “DANIEL’S PRAYERS THAT ARE ANSWERED BY GOD”

Daniel 10:12, “Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.”

God hears our prayers! Rejoice in that reminder! God hears the prayers of the humble and does not forget what we have said. Let us not forget our own requests so that we can see God answer.

Prayer Focus: Focus today on God sitting on His throne, listening to your prayer. Praise Him for who He is and know that He can see you, hear you, and help you.

DAY 25 POWERFUL PRAYERS “JOB’S CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE”

Job 42:1-6, “Then Job answered the LORD and said: 2 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

“This is one of my personal favorite verses” (Pastor Brent). Throughout the book of Job, we see Job’s request for understanding regarding the events in his life. Prior to this verse we see God’s response. A powerful response from the King of kings. Job then, finally, understands and repents for his lack of understanding. From this prayer, God raised him up above his former prosperity.

Prayer Focus: Sometimes God is waiting for us to, finally, come to him humbled in our understanding. Then He will answer in great and mighty ways. Job is an example of a heart that is genuinely submitting to God’s will. Submit yourself to God today and make your requests known to Him.

DAY 26 POWERFUL PRAYERS “STEPHEN’S PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS”

Acts 7:60, “And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

In case you do not remember the story, Stephen prays this while being stoned to death. As his body is being crushed under rocks from those who do not want him to proclaim the Gospel, he cries out to God to forgive them. Consider that and spend some time reflecting on this. Even as Jesus was dying, He cried out to Father in the same way. Luke 23:34, “And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do’.”

Prayer Focus: Who is casting stones at you? Who is in need of salvation? Pray today for the Father in heaven to forgive them as they do not know what they do.

DAY 27 POWERFUL PRAYERS “ELIJAH’S PRAYER THAT BROUGHT DOWN FIRE”

1 Kings 18:36-39, “And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, ‘O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 37 Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God’.”

If you are like many, you get the chills reading a passage like this. Wouldn't you love to see these amazing acts? Wouldn't you love to see God send fire from heaven and show the world His power? God does not need to send down fire every day. But He still shows His power through weakness, through radically changed lives, and through miracles that happen every day.

Prayer Focus: Pray today for belief in your unbelief. Do you honestly believe that God can rain down fire from heaven? Do you believe that God is really near and hears you? Pray for faith in Him through all circumstances and for Him to show His glory through your life.

DAY 28 POWERFUL PRAYERS “THE PRAYERS OF CORNELIUS”

Acts 10:1-4, “At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, 2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. 3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” 4 And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.”

Would you be described as a person of devotion to God like Cornelius? Would you be labeled as a person who fears God, respects God, and lives for Him more than anything else? Are you a person who is characterized by your giving nature? Not only did others recognize Cornelius for these things, but God also recognized him for these things and blessed him because of it.

Prayer Focus: Today, repent for not putting God as first priority in your life. What changes must you make to develop into a diligent prayer warrior? In what ways can you become a person of generosity? Ask God for help, because without Him our works are worthless.

DAY 29 POWERFUL PRAYERS “THE THIEF’S PRAYER ON THE CROSS”

Luke 23:42-43, “And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The thief on the cross did not know how to pray. No one taught him, and he did not have any practice. He did not have eloquent words to say that would move the hearts of thousands. But he spoke to the One, Jesus, who saves. As he was dying, Jesus saved him. As he was dying, he gave his life to Jesus Christ.

Prayer Focus: Do not give up hope for the unsaved. Until the last breath, Jesus will hear their prayer. We do not know when those around us will die. So let us not rest in sharing with them the love of Jesus. Pray today for the opportunity to share the great Hope of Salvation with others.

DAY 30 POWERFUL PRAYERS “THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND SILAS”

Acts 16:25-26, “About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened.”

Picture yourself in this scenario for a minute. If you were in prison, would you be singing and praising God? Would you be just sleeping? Or would you be doing sit-ups and growing a “jail beard”? How much more should we be singing praises to God when we are not in jail? God is worthy of our praise no matter the circumstance. Paul and Silas were not just singing praises because they wanted help, but because they loved God.

Prayer Focus: What chains are holding you back from praising God? Give Him over your sin, repent and praise Him today. No matter your circumstance, no matter the trouble around you, praise Him.

DAY 31 DANGEROUS PRAYERS “INCREASE MY FAITH”

Luke 17:5, “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’.”

This is a noble request and an honorable declaration. Wouldn't we all like to have faith even as a mustard seed to move mountains? Should we not all aspire to have faith in God that is so rock solid that we can see Him move mightily? It is an amazing thing to walk by faith and not by sight. However, with the request for faith, trials will come to assess and refine the faith that we claim to have.

Prayer Focus: God loves you and wants you totally dependent on Him. It is a great challenge to ask God for an increase in faith. Know that with the request will come tests. Be ready and be prepared. Testing will produce endurance and a lasting faith in Christ.

DAY 32 DANGEROUS PRAYERS “SEARCH ME”

Psalm 139:23-24, “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

God, please search me and humble me. Do you want to live a life that is righteous before God? Then pray this prayer knowing that God can see the inner thoughts and intentions of our hearts. God can make known to us our deepest motivations. If you have not begun this process of refinement, begin it today by asking God to search you.

Prayer Focus: Do you have sin that is waying you down? Do you feel like there is no way out? God can provide the way of escape and lead you to the way of everlasting.

DAY 33 DANGEROUS PRAYERS "BREAK ME"

Luke 9:2-24, "And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Please God break my heart for what breaks Yours. Following Christ is a daily task. We must daily pick up the cross and follow Him. God never told us that the journey would be easy. However, the destination is all we can think about. Christ loved us so much that He died for us.

Prayer Focus: Does your heart break at the sin around you? Do you want to see your friends, family, and church repenting to God and praising Him? Sometimes it all begins with a request for God to break your heart so that you can love like He loves.

DAY 34 DANGEROUS PRAYERS "SEND ME"

Isaiah 6:8, "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, "Here am I! Send me'."

Are you willing to go? Or have you become too comfortable with staying? Often in the church we forget that our mission is to go. We have changed this mission to come and stay. You may be exactly where you are meant to be. But have you asked God to confirm that?

Prayer Focus: Tell God that you are ready to go where He needs you. Be prepared that He may ask you to go somewhere that scares you. Are you ready to obey Him even if it means you will give up your comfort?

DAY 35 DANGEROUS PRAYERS “USE ME”

Ephesian 2:10, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

God has created each one of us in His image. He has made each one of us unique and beautiful. Believers are given unique gifts to be used for the Body of Christ and for the building of the church. But even though we are given these gifts, sometimes we do not use them.

Prayer Focus: Ask God to use you. Ask God to make it clear how you are to function within the body. Do not delay in obeying Him when He provides opportunity.

DAY 36 FOCUSED PRAYERS “PRAISE”

Psalms 103:1–5, “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Praise God for His love, mercy, kindness, holiness, wisdom, omniscience, faithfulness, and (you fill in the others!). There are endless things in which to give God praise. If you struggle with giving God praise, then take time to list out the reasons He is worthy of your praise.

Prayer Focus: As you pray, consider the things He has done for us. Praise Him for His blessings on your life, forgiveness, healing, redemption, grace, and provision.

DAY 37 FOCUSED PRAYERS “THANKSGIVING”

1 Thessalonians 5:18, “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Think about the good gifts God has given you and express your gratitude for His care and provision. If you cannot think of anything... walk around the home and name the conveniences, food, clothing, and people in your life. Thank God for the church and for the Bible. God has given us exactly what we need to know.

Prayer Focus: In your time of thanksgiving, praise God for all that He has done and for all that He will do. Thank Him for the Pastors, Elders, church family, members’ safety, new visitors, and the Gospel being proclaimed to Lake County.

DAY 38 FOCUSED PRAYERS “INTERCESSION”

1 Timothy 2:1, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people”

Brokenness is often what God uses to reveal vision. Brokenness, or a heart of Christ, helps us see the needs around us. The church cannot stop praying for the hurting and lost. Do not give up in your prayers.

Prayer Focus: Today pray for your friends, family, and church members. Pray also for the families and needs of Lake County.

DAY 39 FOCUSED PRAYERS "THE CHURCH"

1 Corinthians 12:12, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

Each one of us has a vital role within the church. God has made each one of us unique. God truly does supply the workers needed for the harvest. Let us pray that God will help us train up new leaders.

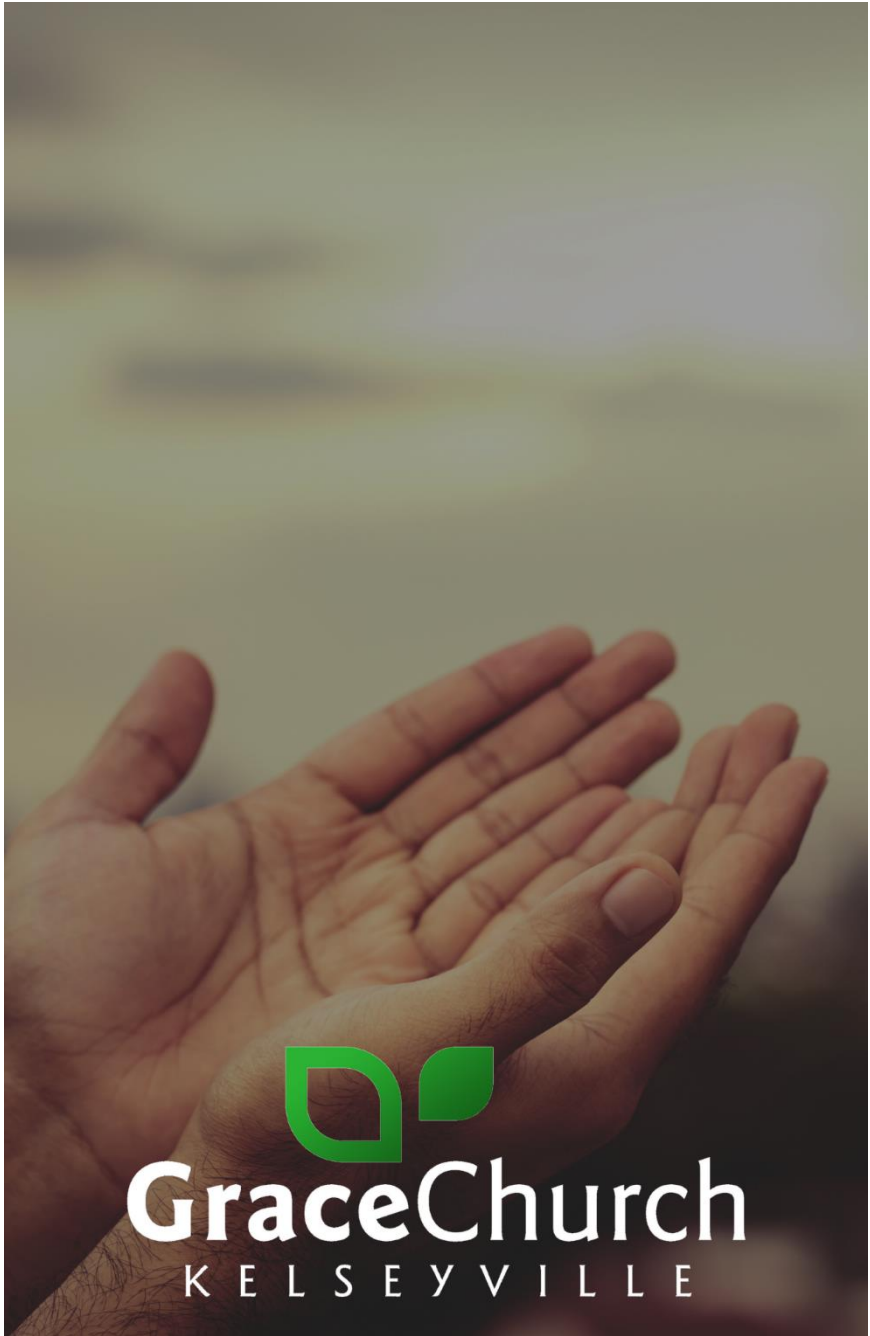
Prayer Focus: Today pray for the unity and purity of believers and the universal Body of Christ. Pray for the pastoral staff and teachers. Pray also for the ministries of Grace: children's ministries, AWANA, VBS, Refuge, adult ministries, small groups, homeless ministries, Celebrate Recovery, Operation Christmas Child, and our supported missionaries.

DAY 40 FOCUSED PRAYERS "GOVERNMENT"

Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."

God is in control of all things, including our country's leaders. Even when we disagree with their policies, we must pray for them.

Prayer Focus: Today please pray that God will give our leaders, including the president, wisdom and understanding. Pray that they will be humbled before God and come to understand their sin against Him. Pray for the salvation of our leaders. Pray also for our local, state, and national government.



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