

40 Days of Prayer

(Days 22-30)

Praise the Lord for our privilege to talk with Him!

Remember to carefully listen to Jesus' Spirit speak His Word to your heart.

Even though there are selected "focal passages" in each chapter to examine with potential prayer ideas, let the Lord speak to you through any of the verses, according to the needs He sees in your life and to the purposes He desires to fulfill through you.

Then, respond to Him in faith, obedience, and thanksgiving.

Let's continue:

Day 22

[Read Luke 22] **Focal passage:** Luke 22:20-34

Prayer ideas: "Lord, when I am 'off-track' spiritually, is my path a betrayal or a denial? Is Satan's attack on my life an 'entering' by my permission, or is it a 'sifting' by Your permission? If I need to be saved, then, dear Jesus, enter my heart, casting out sin and Satan, and be my Savior. If I need sifting, then, Holy Spirit, sift away what dishonors You, cleansing me of all unrighteousness."

Day 23

[Read Luke 23] **Focal passage:** Luke 23:33-46

Prayer ideas: Thank Jesus for every possible thing you find in these verses (His sacrifice, His forgiveness, His not "saving Himself," His being your King, His being without sin, your being on His mind even while He was on the cross, the promise of paradise, the new and living way that was opened up for you when the veil was torn, His finishing the Father's will to redeem you, etc.).

Day 24

[Read Luke 24] **Focal passage:** Luke 24:33-49

Prayer ideas: If we believe that Jesus' Spirit dwells in us, are we not then also, witnesses of His resurrection? Otherwise, He would not be alive to indwell us. Pray that we will together fulfill Christ's mandate in Luke 24:46-49.

Day 25

[Read Galatians 1] **Focal passage:** Galatians 1:1-5

Prayer ideas: "Heavenly Father, do I resemble one who is serving Jesus Christ, whom You raised from the dead, who gave Himself for my sins, that He might deliver me out of this present evil age? Or do I more resemble those whose desire is found within this evil age? Please, be glorified in my life."

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Day 26

[Read Galatians 2] **Focal passage:** Galatians 2:16-21

Prayer ideas: “Lord, help me to die to the mechanics of the Law, to Baptist or any religious traditions, none of which can save. Help me to live by faith in Your grace alone, that I might not dishonor the cross upon which You died. Thank You for loving me enough to die for me. Please live Your life through me, since I no longer live (2:20)! My old self was crucified with you (Romans 6:6).”

Day 27

[Read Galatians 3] **Focal passage:** Galatians 3:6-9; 18; 26-29

[also see: Romans 4:14; 9:6-8]

Prayer ideas: Thank the Lord for the truths found in Galatians and Romans that declare that all who have faith in Jesus are true descendants of Abraham, and heirs of all the promises God gave through Abraham. Rejoice! We belong to Christ through faith. We are God’s children, heirs according to promise!

Day 28

[Read Galatians 4] **Focal passage:** Galatians 4:4-10, 19

Prayer ideas: Since rituals, traditions, or religious mechanics do not render a relationship with the Spirit of the Father (v. 6), be passionate about Christ dwelling in your heart rather than some outward experience or event (v. 10). “Lord Jesus, be formed in me, so that Your life is expressed through mine.”

Day 29

[Read Galatians 5] **Focal passage:** Galatians 5:16-26

Prayer ideas: “Lord, reveal to me which list in this passage best describes my life? Remind me that in You, fleshly passions and desires have been crucified.”

Day 30

[Read Galatians 6] **Focal passage:** Galatians 6:1-9

Prayer Ideas: “Lord, help me to be spiritual enough (filled with the Spirit, loving, forgiving and gentle) to know how to restore those caught in sin. Overflow in my life such that I am ‘sowing’ that which will bring You glory.”