

40 Days of Prayer

(Days 1-7)

The key to this process is TIME! Time spent praying!

The 40 days prior to Easter, pour out your heart to God (Psalm 62:5-8).

Then, listen to Him as He speaks His Word to your heart.

We will be listening to Him speak one chapter a day to us, as we walk with Jesus through the 40 chapters of Luke, Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians.

Whereas you will be given selected verses 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, thanksgiving and obedience.

Let's get started!

Day 1

[Read Luke 1] **Focal passage:** Luke 1:26-38

Prayer ideas: Thank God for sending His incredible Son, and commit yourself to following Christ with the same devotion Mary voiced: "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Whatever God leads you to do, do it with all your heart!

Day 2

[Read Luke 2] **Focal passage:** Luke 2:10-11

Prayer ideas: Thank God that His good news is for you, too ("for all"). Remember to relate to Jesus as your Savior, your Messiah, and your Lord!

Day 3

[Read Luke 3] **Focal passage:** Luke 3:7-14

Prayer ideas: Pray that your baptism was a true act of obedience, part of which involves having repented in such a way that your life with Jesus has actually led to Christ-like love and living. Be generous, honest, and content.

Day 4

[Read Luke 4] **Focal passage:** Luke 4:33-44

Prayer ideas: Thank Jesus for His power to heal and His kindness to use that power when we are “sick with various diseases” or even when someone is plagued by demonic activity. Be amazed that the demons knew very clearly who Jesus was (is). Pray for those around you who need His healing touch.

Day 5

[Read Luke 5] **Focal passage:** Luke 5:17-26

Prayer ideas: Thank the Lord that He has power to forgive our sins! Whereas we do not believe (as they did) that all sickness is due to sin, each of our need to be forgiven of sin is undeniable. Pray for forgiveness! May the Lord seize us with amazement by cleansing our sin and giving us the ability to walk with Him spiritually in a way that brings glory to His name.

Day 6

[Read Luke 6] **Focal passage:** Luke 6:24-31, 35-36

Prayer ideas: Pray for a content, Christ-like heart to “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (6:27-28). Lord, help us to treat people in the same way we want to be treated.

Day 7

[Read Luke 7] **Focal passage:** Luke 7:36-50

Prayer ideas: Ask the Lord to help you honestly see how you express your appreciation for Jesus’ love and forgiveness? Since Jesus is not here in person as in our focal passage, you may consider how you minister to His Body of believers (the Church) or remember what Jesus said, “inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me” (Matthew 25:40).