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THE HOLY SPIRIT & PRAYER

In **John 14:16**, Jesus Christ says, "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever." Jesus announces to the disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit after He ascends to heaven. Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "another Helper." The word "another" means one just like or one that is similar to. The Holy Spirit would be like Jesus. Just as Jesus had been to the disciples, so the Holy Spirit would now take on that role. What Jesus was to the disciples outwardly, the Holy Spirit would be to them inwardly, "But you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (**John 14:17**).

As a believer, you have received the precious gift of the Holy Spirit. He lives inside of you. The Holy Spirit is your personal "Helper." He has entered your life to help you live the Christian life. The Christian life is life in the Spirit. You can do nothing spiritual apart from Him. You cannot live the Christian life apart from His presence and work. If you didn't need help, why did God grant you a Helper? The blessed and precious Holy Spirit indwells you in order to enable you to live the Christian life. He blesses you with the insight and power to walk in a personal relationship with God. You are in utter need of the Holy Spirit.

You need the Holy Spirit in order to pray. Now wait a minute. Slow down and read that first sentence again. Don't give it a passing glance and say, "Well, I already know that." Meditate on that statement. I long for this truth to sink into your heart and mind. It is only through the power and working of the Holy Spirit that you can pray and mature in prayer. There is no such thing as prayer apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. He and He alone can

lead and empower a person to enter the Father's presence, "For through Him we both have access by **one Spirit** to the Father" (**Ephesians 2:18**, **emphasis mine**).

Jesus opened the door for you into God's presence. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus provides you with access. You have the privilege of approaching the living God, your heavenly Father. That is why **Ephesians 2:18** that through Him (Jesus) you have access to the Father. Yet, notice also that you have access "by one Spirit." Jesus has opened the door into the Father's presence. You must now depend on the Holy Spirit to enable you and empower you to approach your heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit helps you take advantage of the access provided by Jesus.

This issue of *The Prayer Closet* will focus on the Holy Spirit and your prayer life. We will examine what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit's role in your prayer life. We will also consider some ways to develop your dependence on the Holy Spirit in prayer. It is my hope and prayer that you will receive fresh appreciation for and empowering from the Holy Spirit for your prayer life.

Three Basic Truths

The Word of God teaches three basic truths concerning the role of the Holy Spirit in your praying. These truths reveal the necessity of the Holy Spirit for prayer. They also point to the need for conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit in order to enter God's presence.

The first truth is that the Holy Spirit is the Author of prayer. He is the source of your praying.

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The Word of God says, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Galatians 4:6). Because you are a child of God through faith in Jesus, He has given you the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who lives inside of you empowers you to cry out, "Abba, Father." This phrase speaks of intimacy with God. It means "Daddy, Father."

The Holy Spirit gives you the assurance that God is your Father (Romans 8:14-15; 1 John 3:24, 4:12-13). Yet, He also enables you to have fellowship with your Father through prayer. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers you to cry out to God. He is the One who energizes you to plead with your Father. He is the One who invigorates your prayer life. He is the One helps you pour your heart out to your Father. True prayer is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in you through the Holy Spirit.

This is why the Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of grace and supplications" (Zechariah 12:10). The gracious work of the Holy Spirit stirs you to pray. He is the One who gives you the ability and the power to seek your Father. Without the Holy Spirit, there is no true prayer. With the Holy Spirit, you can pray to and seek your Father with limitless possibilities. He enables you to enter into the Father's presence and to spend quality time with Him.

The second truth is that the Holy Spirit is your personal Teacher concerning prayer. In Luke 11:1, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. He does this by giving them the model prayer. Throughout His time with the disciples, He taught them about prayer. When Jesus announces that He is going to the Father, He reveals that the Holy Spirit will take up where He left off, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit would continue to teach them how to pray. He would guide them in the truth of how to communicate with the Father.

The Holy Spirit is the One who teaches you how to pray. He has been sent to guide you in the truth concerning prayer. Not only does He empower you to pray, He also teaches you how to pray. No one is born into the family of God knowing how to pray. A believer must learn how to pray. A believer must grow in his or her ability to communicate with God. Prayer is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit

in you. The Holy Spirit teaches you how to pray as you yield yourself to Him.

Nothing can substitute for the work of the Holy Spirit in your prayer life. He is the One who must teach you. This is why it is crucial to spend time praying. I'm often asked, "What's the best way to learn how to pray?" My answer is, "To pray." As you pray, you are yielding yourself to the Holy Spirit. You are opening yourself up to His work in you as you pray.

You need to obtain materials to help you pray. You should use prayer guides and prayer pointers. These are instruments that the Holy Spirit can use to teach you. Yet, nothing can take the place of actually spending time in prayer. When you do this, the Holy Spirit can teach you. He can guide you in the truth concerning prayer. The Father has sent the Holy Spirit to be your personal Teacher concerning prayer.

The third truth is that the Holy Spirit is your Guide in prayer. The Holy Spirit empowers you to pray and teaches you to pray. Yet, His ministry does not stop there. He also guides you as you pray. He is able to lead you when you pray. He can lead you to pray the will of God, which will result in answered prayer (1 John 5:14-15).

The Word of God says in 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God." The Holy Spirit knows the things of God. He knows what is on the Father's mind and heart. This means that He knows what the Father's purpose is in all circumstances and at all times. He then is able to reveal the Father's purpose to us.

When you pray, the Holy Spirit can guide you to pray what the Father has purposed. He knows what the will of God is. When the text says that the Holy Spirit "searches all things, yes, the deep things of God," this does not mean that the Holy Spirit needs to seek knowledge of the Father. It means that He probes and understands the Father's purpose in order to reveal it to us. He can guide you to pray according to the Father's purpose. As you pray, He can reveal to you what to pray because He knows the deep things of God.

The Holy Spirit can guide you in prayer even when you don't know what to pray. The Bible says, "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (**Romans 8:26**). In your weakness, you are often perplexed about how to pray for others and yourself. Yet, the Holy Spirit intercedes for you. Notice that Paul says that "the Spirit Himself" prays for you. The Holy Spirit takes over and speaks in your behalf. He acknowledges your struggles, weaknesses, sighs, and groans and intercedes according to the will of God for you (**Romans 8:27**). The Holy Spirit knows your heart—He knows your desires. Even when you can't express what you're feeling, He can pray according to God's will for you. When you can't articulate what you need, the Holy Spirit can plead for you according to God's purpose. When you are so burdened about another person that you can't speak, the Holy Spirit can intercede for that person.

This should stir you and motivate you to pray. The Holy Spirit is your Guide in prayer. He can lead you to pray the will of God for people and for situations. And when you are burdened and don't know what to pray because of your weakness, the Holy Spirit can take over and pray for you. He can intercede according to the will of God for what is on your heart.

Practical Applications

These are the three basic roles of the Holy Spirit in your prayer life. How do these truths affect your prayer life?

- (1) *The Holy Spirit will supply you with the power to pray.* It is the Holy Spirit who empowers you to pray. He is the One who stirs you to seek God. He can strengthen you and enable you to pray fervently and faithfully. Paul speaks of being "strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man" (**Ephesians 3:16**). The Holy Spirit can provide you with the power to pray and to continue in prayer. He is the Source of power and strength for your prayer life.
- (2) *The Holy Spirit will teach you how to pray.* Your heavenly Father sent the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray. Your personal Teacher concerning prayer lives inside of you. He is always with you. He can instruct you on how to seek God. He can show you how to deal with problems in your prayer life. Remember the promise of Jesus in

John 14:26. This extends to guiding you in the truth about prayer.

- (3) *The Holy Spirit will reveal insights to you for your prayer life.* The Holy Spirit knows the mind of your Father. He understands the Father's purpose. He can guide you by revealing those things that you need to pray about. He can lead you to pray for particular people and needs according to God's will and timing. He can provide you with truths that you can use in pleading with God and interceding for others. The Holy Spirit is your Guide in prayer. He will lead you as you pray and follow Him.
- (4) *He will convict you of the sin that can hinder your praying.* The Word of God says in **John 16:7**, "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin." The Holy Spirit has come to convict you of sin and to lead you to repentance and confession. Sin hinders and renders your praying powerless and ineffective (**Psalms 66:18**). The Holy Spirit works to help you face and deal with the sin that will block your communication with God. He strives to help you confront the sin that will keep you from receiving answers from your Father.

Learning To Depend On The Holy Spirit

Since the Holy Spirit is utterly essential to your prayer life, it is crucial that you learn to depend on Him. Powerful and effective praying can only be done through His power. Therefore you must yield yourself to Him and depend on Him. The following are some suggestions that you might use to cultivate your dependence on the Holy Spirit in prayer.

- *Acknowledge the necessity of the Holy Spirit for prayer.* You learn to depend on the Holy Spirit when you realize the utter need for Him in your prayer life. I keep the main verses from the first section on a 3 X 5 card (**Galatians 4:6; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, Romans 8:26-27**). I place this card in my prayer journal. I then review these verses on a regular basis. The reason for doing this is to remind myself of my need of the Holy Spirit for prayer.
- *Confess your need of the Holy Spirit.* A healthy spiritual exercise is to confess to the Holy Spirit

how much you need Him. I find myself saying over and over again, "Holy Spirit, I need You." You might consider making this an essential part of your prayer. It moves you to a place of humility and prepares you to depend on and receive His power. You can confess statements like, "Holy Spirit, I can't pray without You," "Holy Spirit, You are the Source of my praying," "Holy Spirit, it is only through Your power that I can seek God," or "Holy Spirit, You are my Guide for prayer." The key issue is to confess to the Holy Spirit how much you need Him for prayer.

- *Get to know the Holy Spirit.* In order to depend on the Holy Spirit, you must get to know Him. It is crucial that you grow in your understanding of Him. Study what the Word of God says about Him. The Word of God reveals the titles and works of the Holy Spirit. These things give you insight into who the Holy Spirit is and what He does. Some believers have totally misunderstood **John 16:14**, "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." It is true that the Holy Spirit has come to glorify Jesus. That is one of His works. Yet, this does not mean that we are to ignore or neglect the Holy Spirit. There are numerous works on the person and work of the Spirit. You could even keep a "Holy Spirit" section in your prayer journal or a notebook. Whenever you read the word and the verse or verses speak of the Holy Spirit, you can record what the text is teaching about the Holy Spirit. Search the Word for its teaching about the blessed Holy Spirit. Labor to understand who He is and His work.
- *Worship the Holy Spirit.* The Holy Spirit is fully God. He is as worthy of worship as the Father and the Son are. Worship the Holy Spirit through the teaching of the Word concerning Him. Praise Him with His titles. Adore Him with His works. Give glory to Him for His deity. As you worship the Holy Spirit, it makes you more aware of His presence. It also prepares you to receive His work and His power into your life.
- *Plead for the release of His power into your life.* Ask for the fullness of the Holy Spirit in your life. Pray that you would be filled daily with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**). Plead that you will experience the working of the Spirit in your life, especially for your praying, "If you then, being

evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (**Luke 11:13**). By faith, believe and receive His power for your prayer life.

- *Confess your sin.* In order to receive the power of the Holy Spirit for prayer, you must be diligent to confess your sin to God. Keep in mind that He is the "Holy" Spirit. He hates sin and is opposed to it. He will not release His power into your life if you are tolerating and enjoying sin. Sin grieves the Holy Spirit. Since it is only through the power and work of the Spirit that you can pray, it is essential that you strive to deal with your sin.
- *Cry out to the Holy Spirit for insight.* Plead with the Holy Spirit to teach you how to depend on Him. Confess your desire to Him. Ask Him to help you depend on Him and not just your fleshly abilities and wisdom.
- *Pray for greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as you pray.* Ask God to make you sensitive to the Spirit's work in you, especially when you pray. Pray that He will help you deal with anything that would hinder your sensitivity to the Spirit. Plead that you will sense and know the Spirit's leadership in prayer in clear and distinct ways.
- *Obey the Spirit's leadings in prayer.* When the Holy Spirit grants you insight, act on that insight. When He leads you, obey His leading (**Acts 10:9-23**). If you need confirmation, ask for that confirmation. Yet, the key is to obey His leadings. When the Spirit leads, you must choose to believe Him and obey in faith. This will increase your sensitivity to the Spirit and will prepare you for greater insight. If you are not willing to obey the Spirit's leadings, then do not expect receive any leadings from Him. Determine in your heart to receive and obey His leadings.

The Holy Spirit's Textbook For Prayer

The Holy Spirit is your Teacher and Guide in prayer. Yet, how does He teach and guide you in prayer? In all my classes through college and seminary, each professor had me to buy a textbook. The professor would then use the textbook to teach and guide me in that subject.

The Holy Spirit has a textbook to show you how to pray. That textbook is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit who teaches you how to pray inspired the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). There is an inseparable connection between the Word of God and prayer. As you grow in your understanding of the truths of God's Word, it deepens your ability to communicate with God and to intercede for others. The Holy Spirit uses the truths of the Word to deepen and mature your praying to your Father.

How can you make the most of your textbook for prayer? The following are some suggestions to help you:

- ◆ **Saturate your life with the Word of God.** Read, study, meditate, and obey the Word of God. Expose yourself to the Word as much as possible. As you do this, the Holy Spirit will teach you and deepen your praying.
- ◆ **Memorize the Word.** I have found this to be the most helpful way to use the Spirit's textbook on prayer. He can bring to remembrance a verse or verses that correspond to a need or a prayer request. I can then plead that verse or verses before Him.
- ◆ **Keep a list of the promises of God.** In my journal I have a page called "The Promise Page." On this page I list the promises of God that I come across as I am reading and studying the Word of God. This helps me to keep a record of the promises that God has given and helps me to prepare myself to plead with God.
- ◆ **Use a topical Bible.** A topical Bible will list verses of Scripture according to a particular topic. The value of using a topical Bible is that you will have a collection of Bible verses concerning a particular subject. It will enable you to discern God's will concerning a subject and will equip you to pray about particular issues.
- ◆ **Study the prayers of the Scripture.** The Word of God is filled with a variety of prayers from biblical characters. Examine these prayers and see what truths they offer for your personal prayer life.
- ◆ **Pray through the Word of God.** You might consider taking a book of the Bible and pray through it. You can do this either verse-by-verse or section-by-section. Read the verse or verses. Then examine the text for the following:
 - What can I praise God for in this text?

- What sins do I need to confess from this text?
- What can I thank God for from this text?
- What requests do I need to make from this text?
- What can I pray for others from this text?
- What does God want to say to me from this text?

You can then use these truths to write out your prayers or to use in your prayer time. I have found this to be a valuable aid in prayer. It is helpful because it broadens and deepens my praying. It helps me from getting caught in a rut in my prayer life. It brings to my attention a variety of new ideas and concepts that stir and enrich my praying to my Father. If you would like to see examples of praying through the Word, check out "*The Devotional Board*" at The Prayer Closet web site.

Maintaining A Right Relationship With The Holy Spirit

In order to experience the work and power of the Spirit for your praying, it is important to maintain a right relationship with the Holy Spirit. The following Scripture prayers are designed to help you maintain a right relationship with the Holy Spirit. You might consider praying these on a regular basis. Or you could pray one a day in order to help you stay in a right relationship with Him.

Father, I pray that I would walk in the Spirit. I pray that I would not yield to the flesh but will depend on the Holy Spirit daily. I ask that my prayer life would be characterized by dependence on the Spirit (**Galatians 5**).

Father, I ask that I would not grieve the Holy Spirit. Deliver me from doing this. Enable me to remove from my life anything that would grieve Him and deprive me of His work and power in my praying (**Isaiah 63:10; Ephesians 4:30**).

Father, I plead that I would not lie to the Spirit. I ask that I will receive His conviction and would not make rationalizations or justifications concerning my sin. Help me to accept His conviction and to repent (**Acts 5:3, 9**).

Father, I ask that I would not quench the Holy Spirit. Deliver me from putting out His fire in my life. Enable me to receive His guidance and work in my life. I ask that His work and power would flow through me daily (**1 Thessalonians 5:19**).

Father, I pray that I would not resist the Holy Spirit. I ask that I would hear the Word of God and respond with obedience. I ask in the name of Jesus that I would be diligent to hear and obey the Spirit of God (Acts 7:51).

Holy Spirit, clothe me with power. Enable me to pray through Your power. I ask that my prayer life would be driven and guided by Your power and insight (Luke 24:49).

Holy Spirit, the Word compares you to water. Like rain for a dry ground, I plead that You would enrich and grow my prayer life through Your power and insight (Isaiah 32:15, 44:3).

Praying For The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Your Church

It is only through the work and the power of the Holy Spirit that the church can accomplish all that God has purposed. For this reason, believers need to pray for the Spirit of God to work in powerful ways in the body. The following Scripture prayers can help you plead for His powerful and essential work in your body.

Holy Spirit, we need You. This church cannot accomplish God's will without You. We can do nothing in our own wisdom and power. Holy Spirit, I ask You to release Your power and wisdom in this church. Have mercy on us, Spirit of the living God! I plead that You would work in powerful and unique ways in this body and through this body (Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 7:7-8).

Holy Spirit, the Word of God says that we worship by You, the Spirit of God. I ask that You would enable us to worship in spirit and in truth. Grant us a spirit of worship. Teach us how to worship (Philippians 3:3).

Holy Spirit, Jesus declared that You would enable us to be witnesses of Him. I plead that You would work in us and stir us to share our faith in Christ. Grant us the power and the wisdom to lead others to faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8).

Holy Spirit, You are the Giver of spiritual gifts. I ask You to empower the believers to discover and use their spiritual gifts. Enable each believer to use his or her gifts for the good and the edification of this body of believers (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would enable us to overcome sin. I plead that we would not fulfill the lust of the flesh because of Your power and work. I ask that we would walk in dependence on You daily (Galatians 5:16-17).

Holy Spirit, the Word of God declares that You grant help to believers. I ask You to help all the believers of this body will their own individual struggles. Grant them everything that is needed in their personal adversities (Philippians 1:19).

Holy Spirit, manifest and cultivate Your fruit in the lives of all the believers. Remove any obstacle to this by Your power and wisdom (Galatians 5:22-23).

Holy Spirit, release Your encouragement into this body of believers. Fill this body with the hope that only You can grant. Cause this body to grow in numbers and to live in the fear of the Lord (Acts 9:31).

Holy Spirit, enable this body of believers to grow in unity. I plead with You to remove any obstacles to our unity. Bring about healing and restoration in the troubled areas of this body (1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 2:19-22).

Holy Spirit, I ask You to sanctify this body of believers. O Spirit of holiness, make us holy! Cause us to hate sin and to love what is holy. Enable us to pursue holiness with our entire beings. Change this body and transform it by Your power (Romans 15:16; Hebrews 12:14).

Holy Spirit, teach this body the truth of the Word of God. Guide us in the truth because You are the Spirit of truth. Guard us from error. Enable us to understand and obey the Word of God (John 14:26; 1 John 2:20, 27).

Holy Spirit, lead this church to maturity in prayer. Stir the believers to pray by Your power. Teach this body how to pray. I pray that we would pray in Your power and wisdom. Use the praying of this body to transform lives (Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20).

Focusing On Jesus This Christmas

During the holiday season, it is easy to forget about the real meaning of Christmas. The hectic pace at this time of the year leaves little time for focusing on Christ. Yet, I encourage you this Christmas to focus on Christ. I urge you to make this holiday season a celebration of the Son of God. The following prayer guide is offered to help you do this.

December 1: Read **Revelation 1:8, 22:13**. Adore Jesus for being eternal. Thank Him that you can depend on Him at all times. Ask for greater ability to wait on Him and His timing.

December 2: Read **Hebrews 13:7**. Glorify Jesus for His unchanging character. Thank Him for always being what You need at the time You need Him. Pray that you will learn to trust Him more.

December 3: Read **Romans 8:35-39**. Praise Jesus for His love. Thank Him that nothing can separate You from His love. Pray that You will reveal His love to others on a daily basis.

December 4: Read **Isaiah 9:6**. Rejoice in the peace that Jesus gives. Honor Him today as your Prince of peace. Ask the Holy Spirit to place someone on your heart who needs His peace. Pray for this person.

December 5: Read **Matthew 20:28**. Praise Jesus for being the Servant who gave His life for you. Pray today that you will become a greater servant to others.

December 6: Read **1 John 2:1**. Thank Jesus for being your defense Lawyer. Adore Him for His continual mercy in your life. Pray that you will grow in righteousness.

December 7: Read **Philippians 2:9-11**. Glorify Jesus for His obedience to the Father's will. Plead that You will walk as He walked—in obedience to the Father.

December 8: Read **Matthew 9:36** and **Mark 8:2-3**. Adore Jesus for His compassion. Pray that You will have the compassion of Jesus. Ask Him to cross your paths with somebody who needs this compassion.

December 9: Read **Hebrews 7:25**. Thank Jesus for being your High Priest. Adore Him for making continual intercession for you. Pray that you will grow in your ability to intercede for others.

December 10: Read **Isaiah 40:3** and **Matthew 3:3**. Thank Jesus today for the ministry of John the Baptist. Pray that you will be like John the Baptist—preparing others to receive Jesus through your life and your words.

December 11: Read **Isaiah 53:4** and **Mark 8:17**. Praise Jesus today for being the Healer. Ask Him to increase your faith in His power to heal. Pray for those who need His healing.

December 12: Read **Psalms 147:3** and **Luke 4**. Glorify Jesus as the emotional Healer. Pray for someone today who needs His emotional healing.

December 13: Read **Mark 1**. Praise Jesus for five truths from this chapter.

December 14: Read **Mark 2**. Thank Jesus for five things that He does in this text.

December 15: Read **Luke 1**. Glorify Jesus concerning the truths you learn from this chapter.

December 16: Read **Matthew 1**. Adore Jesus for His virgin birth.

December 17: Read **Matthew 2:1-12**. Pray that you will model the wise men—worshipping and sacrificing for Jesus.

December 18: Read **Matthew 2:13-18**. Adore God for protecting and preserving Jesus throughout His life.

December 19: Read **Matthew 2:19-23**. Praise Jesus for fulfilling the prophecies concerning Himself.

December 20: Read **Luke 2:1-7**. Adore Jesus for His humility. Pray that you will grow in humility.

December 21: Read **Luke 2:8-19**. Rejoice today that God revealed the news about Jesus to the humble and outcast. Praise Him for opening Your eyes to who Jesus is.

December 22: Read **Luke 2:28-32**. Adore Jesus for being the Savior and the Light.

December 23: Read **John 3:15-17**. Praise Jesus for being the Savior who died. Rejoice in the eternal life that You have received through Him.

December 24: Read **John 14:1-7**. Glorify Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thank Him for the privilege of knowing and having access to the Father.

December 25: Read **Luke 19:1-10**. Praise Jesus for His mission—to seek and save the lost. Rejoice in His coming to seek you out and save you.

December 26: Read **John 10:1-10**. Glorify Jesus for the abundant life He came to give. Pray that you will experience this abundant life more fully.

December 27: Read **Luke 15**. Honor Jesus as the Friend of sinners. Thank Him for His friendship. Pray for a more intimate relationship with Him.

December 28: Read **Luke 8:22-25**. Praise Jesus as the One who can calm the storms. Ask Him to help you face the adversity in your life.

December 29: Read **Luke 9:26-39**. Rejoice in Christ's power over Satan. Plead for His help in overcoming temptation.

December 30: Read **John 5**. Acknowledge and praise Jesus as the righteous Judge of all. Pray that you will be prepared to stand before Him.

December 31: Read **1 John 3:2**. Exalt Jesus as the coming King. Pray that you will live the new year in light of His soon return.

New Prayer Products

The Kingdom Praying Devotional

This daily devotional will help you to pray for every nation of the world in one year. Each day's devotional provides you with prayer pointers for the particular nation. You are also given prayer pointers to pray for your church and area. This devotional will help you make a powerful impact on your world—across the street and across the seas!

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Committing Yourself To Prayer in 2003

The beginning of a new year is a ideal time to commit or recommit yourself to prayer. We would love to help encourage and equip you for this. We are offering our prayer journals at a special suggested donation through December. You can receive any one of these journals for a donation of \$8.00. Our prayer journals are three ring binders that encourage and equip believers to pray. The journals are:

Intimate Friendship-Helps you develop your prayer life by focusing on the essentials areas of prayer.

Every Day With Jesus-Helps you develop your prayer life by focusing on a particular topic for prayer each day of the week.

Communication With God-Provides a basic model to teach you how to pray. You also have an area to journal and keep Bible study notes.



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