

**DAY 23:**

You are blessed by God! (Ephesians 1:3) Not because of anything you have done, but because of what Jesus has done. No less than five times Paul tells us that all this is 'according to' God's love, God's grace, and God's abundant resources (vv. 3-12). All for His glory! He has done all this for you. As you go through your day, pause and give Him praise for His amazing grace.

**DAY 24:**

Jesus, You are Lord. You are God's Messiah, His Son, who came unto Your own but was rejected and crucified (John 1:11). You rose from the grave on the third day. You gave us Your Holy Spirit, the Father's deposit guaranteeing our inheritance with You forever (Ephesians 1:13-14). You are now seated at the Father's right hand, interceding for us (Romans 8:34). The righteousness I have is not from anything I have done but only what You have done for me. Jesus, You are my Savior and my God. Amen.

**DAY 25:**

Read Philippians 2:9-11. When you 'bow the knee' you are putting yourself under the submission and authority of someone else. Humbling yourself before Jesus is truly allowing Him to make all the decisions in your life. Spend this day in worship, naming names, identifying specific chapters in your life, and submitting all these to Him.

## PRAYER PLAN FOR PRAYING FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO KNOW JESUS

### WEEK ONE

**READ:** Luke 15:1-32; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 5:13-15

Know that God's desire is for all people to know Jesus. So, when we pray, we can come to Him with the confidence that He will hear and answer our prayers.

### WEEK TWO

**READ:** Isaiah 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

It's awesome to realize that God has called you by name to pray for people to know Jesus. Spend time thanking Him for this ministry of prayer, asking for His strength and power through His Spirit to share His message of love and forgiveness to those He has placed on your heart and mind.

### WEEK THREE

**READ:** Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 10:1-3; John 17:3

Pray that their passion and zeal be turned to knowing Jesus and loving Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

### WEEK FOUR

**READ:** Luke 4:16-19; Acts 4:12; Acts 2:37-39

It's not about us. Only Jesus can change someone's life. Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself to the people you are praying for and for Jesus to gift you with the joy of seeing their lives changed forever.



# PRAYER GUIDE

"With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?  
- Micah 6:6-8 (ESV)

## WEEK 1

### WHAT IS GOD'S JUSTICE FOR US?

#### DAY 1:

Spend a few moments reminding yourself the many moments God has been faithful and thank Him for His promises.

#### DAY 2:

As you thank Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross, worship with thanksgiving for the specific sins He has cleansed you from.

#### DAY 3:

Take time to confess those things you have continued to struggle with and have not yet turned over to Jesus.

#### DAY 4:

One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is His ministry of conviction of sin. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal those things to you that you may be unaware of or purposely blind to.

#### DAY 5:

Spend extended time in worship and thanksgiving, thanking Jesus for His unconditional love and forgiveness. His unearned and undeserving forgiveness (grace) has made you justified before Him (just as if you never sinned).

## WEEK 2

### SHOWING JUSTICE IN YOUR PRAYER LIFE

#### DAY 6:

Name one person who needs the righteousness of Jesus and commit that you will pray for that person by name for the next twenty days. Put that person's name on a card or post-it-note and put it in a prominent place.

#### DAY 7:

Read Galatians 6:2. Ask Jesus to provide opportunities for you to serve someone in a practical way that will afford you a moment to have a spiritual conversation.

#### DAY 8:

Are you a part of a small group or discipleship group? If not, pray that God would open a door and gift you with the opportunity to join yourself with other believers to help you grow in your faith. If you are, pray for each member by name that the Holy Spirit will grow each of you in the grace of knowledge of our Lord Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

#### DAY 9:

Read Mark 4:1-20. Pray for God's Word to have a spiritual impact on the lives of those who need Jesus who come into all our weekend services.

#### DAY 10:

Is there someone that you are in conflict with? Pray God's goodness and grace on their life and pray for the Holy Spirit to heal your relationship.

## WEEK 3

### SHOWING JUSTICE IN HOW YOU ACT

#### DAY 11:

Read Psalm 69:6. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything in your life that is dishonoring the name of Jesus, His Church, and His mission.

#### DAY 12:

Spend time in worship and thanksgiving recounting those times Jesus has rescued you from desperate and hopeless situations. Perhaps it was a sin issue, a health crisis or a relationship that needed to be restored.

#### DAY 13:

Has the Holy Spirit been placing on your heart and mind a person who needs help and encouragement? Pray for them by name that God will send His favor, protection and healing on their lives. Then ask the Holy Spirit to give you practical ways that you can begin to help and encourage them.

#### DAY 14:

One of the barriers of "doing justice" is our lack of awareness of the needs before us. We just don't pay attention. We are too busy with our own lives. Before you start your day or head out to your daily routine, ask God to "open my eyes and ears" to the lonely, the hurting, and the desperate.

#### DAY 15:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20. We are all members of the body of Christ, His Church. Each of us play important roles. Ask Jesus to reveal to you how you may use your Spiritual gifts to support and encourage the other members of His Body, the Church.

## WEEK 4

### SHOWING JUSTICE IN HOW YOU LOVE

#### DAY 16:

Read 2 Peter 1:3-9. Have you 'forgotten that you have been cleansed from your former sins' (v.9)? It may be that you have forgotten that Jesus has completely forgiven you by His grace and you are still paralyzed by guilt and shame. Or you have been living in self-righteousness, having forgotten what you have been forgiven of. Slow down, take a moment, and thank Jesus for His suffering on the cross, paying the penalty for your sin and clothing you with His righteousness.

#### DAY 17:

You have heard it said before, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Caring is a 'learned experience.' We learn to care when others have cared for us. Thank Jesus for those people in your life who have cared for you and remember that Jesus is our best 'care-giver' (1 Peter 5:7).

#### DAY 18:

In the 'Love Chapter' of the God's Word, 1 Corinthians 13, it says, "love is kind" (v.4). True kindness is also a 'fruit of the Holy Spirit' (Galatians 5:22) which means that it is produced by God's Spirit and it can't be manufactured or faked. Ask the Holy Spirit to grow God's kindness in your treatment of others then praise Him when He reminds you to do so.

#### DAY 19:

Read Matthew 6:6-14. 'Forgive us... as we forgive...' As the Holy Spirit brings to your thinking the person or persons who you need to forgive, pray for the Spirit to guard and protect the conversation you know Jesus wants you to have with this person very soon.

#### DAY 20:

Love is expressed by action (1 Corinthians 13:1). If I say 'I love you' but it is not demonstrated in how I serve you, I'm just making a lot of noise and it doesn't sound very good. Pray for Jesus to show you how to up your love quotient so that those you have been told of your love and devotion will witness your love and devotion, just as Jesus does for you.

## WEEK 5

### SHOWING JUSTICE IN HOW YOU WALK

#### DAY 21:

Read Matthew 18:1-4. There are other examples in God's Word where we are told to "humble ourselves" (James 4:10; Luke 14:11). A child's humility has its foundation in trust. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to trust Jesus. Jesus is trustworthy because He always keeps His promises.

#### DAY 22:

The first lines of Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life* are: "It's not about you." Life needs to be all about Jesus! A simple prayer you can pray all through your day as you approach every person or circumstance can be, "God, help me to make this about Jesus."