

the Jesus Storybook Bible[®]

44 DAYS OF PRAYER GUIDE



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Welcome to the 44 Days of Prayer for the Jesus Storybook Bible.

This Prayer Guide is designed to be used with each chapter from the Jesus Storybook Bible. This Guide is just that, a guide to direct your prayers and worship to Jesus, our Rescuer in God's great Rescue Plan. It is our prayer and hope that as you and your family read each chapter, pray and worship together, that your love and knowledge of Jesus will grow each day so that you will know Him better and experience the great hope we have in Him (Eph. 1:16-19). *Blessings, Pastor Dave Meding.*

DAY 1: THE STORY AND THE SONG | PSALM 19:1-2; HEBREWS 1

Father, open my eyes and help me see Jesus, Your Son, on every page of Your story. - Amen.

DAY 2: THE BEGINNING: A PERFECT HOME | GENESIS 1-2

Loving God, Creator of all things, thank You for Your love for me, expressed in all that You have made and all that You have done. I love You. - Amen

DAY 3: THE TERRIBLE LIE | GENESIS 3

Father, forgive me for believing the lie that You don't love me and You don't want the best for me. You do! - Amen.

DAY 4: A NEW BEGINNING | GENESIS 6-9

O God, Your promises are perfect and good. You provide and care for me. Thank You for rescuing me from evil and giving me a new life. - Amen.

DAY 5: A GIANT STAIRCASE TO HEAVEN | GENESIS 11

Loving Father, though each of Your children are so very different, You love us perfectly, each and every one. Help me, God, to love everyone the same way You love them. - Amen.

DAY 6: SON OF LAUGHTER | GENESIS 12-21

*God, please forgive me when I laugh at Your promises. You make every one of them come true.
- Amen.*

DAY 7: THE PRESENT | GENESIS 22

Loving Father, may I love You as much as Jesus loves You. You are a good Father. - Amen.

DAY 8: THE GIRL NO ONE WANTED | GENESIS 29-30

Thank You, God, that like Leah, You could care less about my outward appearance. You love me with a never-ending kind of love. - Amen.

DAY 9: THE FORGIVING PRINCE | GENESIS 37-46

Jesus, You were punished for doing nothing wrong; yet Your Father took what was wrong and made it right. You are my Savior and my King. - Amen.

DAY 10: GOD TO THE RESCUE! | EXODUS 3-13

Father, time after time You have rescued me and my family. Thank You for being faithful. - Amen.

DAY 11: GOD MAKES A WAY | EXODUS 14-15

God, most of the time I feel so lost. Thank You for making a way for me by Your Son, Jesus. - Amen.

DAY 12: TEN WAYS TO BE PERFECT | EXODUS 16-17, 19-40

Thank You, God, for Your commandments and thank You for showing me how to live, how to love each other, and how to love You. - Amen.

DAY 13: THE WARRIOR LEADER | JOSHUA 3, 6

Holy God, forgive me for being unfaithful to You, even when You are faithful to me. You are faithful. Always. You keep Your promises forever. - Amen

DAY 14: THE TEENY, WEENIE...TRUE KING | 1 SAMUEL 16

Jesus, You are my Savior and my King. You are the chosen One. The King who will rule forever and ever. - Amen.

DAY 15: THE YOUNG HERO AND THE HORRIBLE GIANT | 1 SAMUEL 17

Father, Your Word promises that in my weakest moments You are the strong One who fights for me and saves me. Thank You for Your power. - Amen.

DAY 16: THE GOOD SHEPHERD | PSALM 51; 2 SAMUEL 7; PSALM 23

Jesus, You are my Shepherd. My good Shepherd. You lead me and You protect me. You love me perfectly like no one ever could, all the days of my life. - Amen.

**DAY 17: A LITTLE SERVANT GIRL AND THE PROUD GENERAL |
2 KINGS 5**

I love You, God. Thank You for washing away my sin and healing my broken heart, a heart that didn't love You or know You. But you know me and You love me and You sent Jesus to make me clean. - Amen.

**DAY 18: OPERATION "NO MORE TEARS!" | ISAIAH 9, 11, 50, 53,
55, 60**

Amazing God, Your Word promised long ago that You would send a Savior into the broken world to rescue us and make everything right again. Thank You for Your great promise! Thank You for giving us Jesus. - Amen.

DAY 19: DANIEL AND THE SCARY SLEEPOVER | DANIEL 6

O God, You who could close the mouths of lions and rescue Your servant Daniel, I ask that You close the mouths of those who seek to destroy Your Church, Your people, and rescue us for Your glory so that the whole world will know You are the only true and living God. - Amen.

DAY 20: GOD'S MESSENGER | JONAH 1-4; HEBREWS 1:1-2

God, there are so many times I don't want to do what You want me to do. Forgive me, God. Thank you for running after me with an everlasting love, even when, like Jonah, I ran away from You. You gave me a message, God, help me to speak Your message of Jesus. Always. - Amen

**DAY 21: GET READY! | NEHEMIAH 8-10; MALACHI 1, 3, 4;
EZRA 7**

Lord, when I get down on myself and feel You don't love me anymore, You always remind me that I am Your child and You will always, always, love me. No matter what! Forever! Please help me to tell others that You love them, too. - Amen.

DAY 22: HE'S HERE! | LUKE 1, 2

Father God, please help me to trust You more than what my eyes could see. Thank You for sending Jesus, our Promised Rescuer, Emmanuel, our God who came to live with us. - Amen

DAY 23: THE LIGHT OF THE WHOLE WORLD | LUKE 2

Keep me amazed, God, at all the things You've done that were never expected. Ever! You sent Your angels to simple shepherds to announce the birth of Your Son, Jesus, who would be my Good Shepherd and my Savior. Thank for You being so unexpected and surprising. - Amen.

DAY 24: THE KING OF KINGS | MATTHEW 2

Jesus, You didn't come to be important but to be a Servant. To be a King, but a different kind of King. A Servant King. The best kind. A King who loves us and a King who would die on a cross for us. Thank You, Jesus. - Amen.

DAY 25: HEAVEN BREAKS THROUGH | MATTHEW 3; LUKE 1, 3; JOHN 1

Loving God, I'm sorry for running away from You. Thank You for running after me - for catching me, and for loving me. Thank You, God. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my help and my Rescuer. - Amen.

DAY 26: LET'S GO! | MATTHEW 4; MARK 1; LUKE 4-6

Jesus, Your first followers left everything behind and went running after You. You called them and they followed You. Thank You for calling me too. Help me, Jesus, to trust You no matter what. To do what You've called me to do, to share Your story to everyone and help You change the world. - Amen.

DAY 27: A LITTLE GIRL AND A POOR FRAIL LADY | LUKE 8

Father God, I confess to You that sometimes things seem too impossible - even for You. Too broken, too sick, too late and too big. But You always make the impossible things possible! It's never too late for You. Thank You, God. Thank You for sending Jesus to heal the sick, to forgive our sins and make everything right again. - Amen.

DAY 28: HOW TO PRAY | MATTHEW 6

God, I love you. I know You love me, too. And you love my family and everyone in the whole world. Thank You, God. Help me to do what is right and forgive me please when I don't. I know You hear every word when I pray to You and when I ask and sing about Jesus. You are good, God. And You are always glad when I talk to You. - Amen.

DAY 29: THE SINGER | MATTHEW 6, 9; LUKE 12

Jesus, I worry about so many things, so many things that I believe are so important. But You remind me what is most important: You love me and God will always take care of me because I am a part of Your family. Help me remember that God made everything: including me. - Amen.

DAY 30: THE CAPTAIN OF THE STORM | MARK 4; MATTHEW 8

Jesus, I'm glad You created everything because everything obeys You. You call out and even the worst storms obey You. You are awesome, Jesus. Help me to trust You and know that You are always with me, everywhere and in everything. Help me also to call to You when I need help instead of trying to fix it on my own. I love and trust You, Jesus. - Amen.

DAY 31: FILLED FULL! | MATTHEW 14; MARK 6; LUKE 9

Jesus, thank You for taking what I have and making it enough. Enough to love You, to love other people and to love God. You've been doing that from the very beginning. - Amen.

DAY 32: TREASURE HUNT! | MATTHEW 13

God, You gave up Your Son, Jesus, to find me. Help me to seek You and run after You every day of my life. I am Your treasure and You are mine. - Amen.

DAY 33: THE FRIEND OF LITTLE CHILDREN | MATTHEW 18, 19; MARK 10; LUKE 18

Jesus, please forgive me when I think You're too busy or too tired for me, or I'm not special enough for You. I am. I'm Your child, Jesus. Thank You for loving me. And help me to see other people like You see them. They are Your children, too. - Amen.

DAY 34: THE MAN WHO DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS (NONE) | LUKE 19

Jesus, thank You for being my friend. My forever, never-giving-up-on-me Friend. You don't care what I look like, how tall or how short I am. You love me with a never-ending love. And thank You for changing me, and making You my friend, too. I love You, Jesus. - Amen.

DAY 35: RUNNING AWAY | LUKE 15

God, please forgive me when I don't think You love me or when I don't believe You want the best for me. You do! You are a good Dad to me, God. You always want the best for me and the best part is: You always want me to be with You, to spend time with You, to love You and to talk to You. Thank You for running after me and for never forgetting about me. I love You, Dad. - Amen.

DAY 36: WASHED WITH TEARS | MARK 14; LUKE 7; JOHN 12

Jesus, thank You for not looking at my outside. I'm not very good at keeping all the rules. Please forgive me. Thank You for looking on my inside. At my heart. I really love You, Jesus. And I love God, too. I don't have much to offer You, but I want to give You all I have. I trust You. - Amen.

DAY 37: THE SERVANT KING | MARK 14; JOHN 13-14

Jesus, You are God's Lamb. You died instead of us. You are our Rescuer. You were broken and Your death gave us life. Sometimes I don't know how that works, or why; but it does. I just have to trust You and believe You. Thank You for forgiving me and washing me of my sin. - Amen.

DAY 38: A DARK NIGHT IN THE GARDEN | LUKE 22; MARK 14; JOHN 18

I've never been as alone as You were, Jesus, when You prayed to Your Dad while You were in the garden. Your friends ran away when trouble came. I sorry, Jesus. Sometimes I run away, too. Thank You for obeying Your Dad. Thank You for taking on my sin and giving me Your life. - Amen.

DAY 39: THE SUN STOPS SHINING | MATTHEW 27; MARK 15; LUKE 23; JOHN 9

What a horrible day, God. The day that Your Son died on a cross for my sin, for the things I did. What a horrible, dark day! But You knew that this was the only way You could rescue me and the whole world. Thank You, God, for loving me that much. Please help me to love You the way You and Jesus love me. - Amen.

DAY 40: GOD'S WONDERFUL SURPRISE | MATTHEW 28; MARK 16; LUKE 24; JOHN 20

Jesus, You are alive! You rose from the tomb on the third day. You received a new life and You promised me that I'll have a new life, too. I trust You, Jesus. You take my old life, my old dead life full of sin and give me a brand new life. Just as if I never sinned at all! I can never thank You or love you enough for that. Thank You for rescuing me. - Amen.

DAY 41: GOING HOME | MATTHEW 28; MARK 16; LUKE 24; JOHN 14

Thank You for all your promises, Jesus. Every one! You promised me that You will be with me forever. It will never end. You also asked me to go into the world and share Your story: please help me to do that because I want my family, my friends and everyone else to be with you in Heaven, too. - Amen.

DAY 42: GOD SENDS HELP | ACTS 1-5; JOHN 15

Father God, thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit in our hearts to love You, to serve You and to help us tell others of Your Son, Jesus. Thank You, God, for giving us Your power, because we could never do this on our own. Help us, Holy Spirit. - Amen.

**DAY 43: A NEW WAY TO SEE | ACTS 6-9; 12-28; COL. 2;
ROMANS 8; EPH. 2**

Thank You, God, for Your free gift of Grace - that amazing free gift that I couldn't earn by doing things right or saying things right or by being right. You made me right, so I want to do what You want me to do, not because I HAVE TO, but because I WANT TO, because You love me. - Amen.

DAY 44: A DREAM OF HEAVEN | REVELATION 1, 5, 21, 22

Jesus, thank You for Your wonderful, life-changing, everyone-celebrate story. Thank You for Your promise that You will return someday and make everything new. Not just some things. Everything! Until You come again, I want to tell everyone of Your wonderful story. So come quickly, Jesus. I can't wait to be with You, forever. - Amen.

