

Day 1 The people who are Blessed

Read Matthew 5:2-16

Call to Prayer

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus redefined blessing for those who belong to God's kingdom. Those who are blessed are not the self sufficient but those who are 'poor in spirit' and humble, and totally dependent on God. They confess their sins, mourn and repent, and receive God's comfort. They 'hunger and thirst for righteousness.'

As you read, pray, and fast today, allow Jesus to change your understanding of what it means to be blessed. No matter what circumstance you currently face, you are blessed if you are a child of God.



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Ways to Pray

- *Ask the Spirit to reveal how God has blessed you in 2023 thus far. In a journal, write a list of every blessing and say thank you.*
- *What does it mean personally for you to hunger and thirst after God? What are you willing to give up to have more of God?*

Let us pray this prayer each day, together with the PCC family.

***“Our father in heaven,
as we humble ourselves, fast & pray, please...
make us more aware of our need for You...
increase our desire & capacity for You...
make us more sensitive to Your voice...
grant breakthroughs in our families, relationships, work/business...
Send revival to our church....”***



Call to Prayer

In the **first 11 chapters of Romans**, Paul lays out the **fundamentals of the Gospel**. Then in **Romans 12**, Paul explains how to live in light of the glorious grace Jesus offers us.

Life in the kingdom is only truly possible with a yielded heart, a renewed mind, and a life lived through the gifts of grace that God has for you.

Today, **may you be transformed through surrender**. **May you experience power as God equips you for your day**. **May you not be overcome with evil, but may you overcome evil with good**.



Ways to Pray

- *Personalize Romans 12:1 as you pray it. Try praying this verse while kneeling or raising your hands to God. Let your posture show that you are offering your body to God.*
- *Ask God to fill you with His Spirit to fervent in spirit, and continue steadfastly in prayer.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where He wants you to use the grace He has given you.*



Call to Prayer

In Mark 5, Jesus performed some of His greatest miracles — but not before He and His disciples encountered a violent storm crossing a lake.

The disciples' fear of perishing was greater than their confidence in Jesus' presence. They panicked, but Jesus commanded the storm to be still and it obeyed. Nothing could sway Jesus' plans.

Often, miracles come on the other side of a storm. As you continue to pray and fast, may you feel Jesus' presence with you.



May you be filled with confidence and peace, knowing that He is your protector and the good shepherd who cares for you especially when you find yourself in circumstances that are totally beyond your control.

Ways to Pray

- *Ask God for the comfort, peace, and protection that can only come from His presence.*
- *Cast your anxiety on Jesus. Tell the Lord that you trust Him, even in the storm.*
- *Ask God to teach you something specific through this time of fasting. What is He calling you into? What does He want you to do?*



Call to Prayer

In Matthew 3, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus. The world's greatest rescue story is about to unfold, and John tells the world, "**Get ready!**"

As you read and pray, remember John's call. The religious elite of the day trusted in their traditions and lineage to save them. When Jesus returns to rule and reign, that will not be His criteria. He will be looking for those who trust in Him.

So let us repent of sin and help others turn to Jesus.



May the Holy Spirit remind each of us that King Jesus is coming back, and our mission, much like John's, is to prepare the way for His coming.

Ways to Pray

- *Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin you've yet to repent of. Confess those sins and ask for forgiveness.*
- *Ask the Lord for opportunities to share who He is and encourage others toward repentance.*
- *Pray for the church today to have the same boldness that John did. May we be willing to live differently, preparing the way in our actions as well as our words.*



Day 5 Check your spiritual temperature

Read Rev 3: 14-22

Call to Prayer

In Revelation 3:14-22, Jesus challenged the church to acknowledge their true spiritual condition. Let us check our spiritual temperature. It is easy to become self sufficient and slip or slide into the same condition as the Christians in Laodicea without even realising it. Jesus would rather have us hot or cold.

As we read, pray, and fast today, let us be open to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and ask God for the grace to humble ourselves and repent.



Day 5 Check your spiritual temperature

Read Rev 3: 14-22

Ways to Pray

- *Ask God for the grace to repent of any spiritual laziness.*
- *Ask God to revive us so we are spiritually 'hot' in our faith and love for Jesus.*
- *Ask God to reveal where we have become self sufficient, and return to a total dependence on Him.*



Day 6 This is how we fight our battle

Read 1 Peter 5

Call to Prayer

In **1 Peter 5**, after setting a high standard for church leaders, **Peter instructs everyone to live rooted in humility – something we all need.**

Humility has never been more important. In a time when differences of opinion threatens to cause division in the church, **humility allows us to remain united. Humility allows us to hear other's perspectives. Humility comes from knowing we don't have to fight our own battles, push our own agenda, or make a way for ourselves.** We can leave all that to God because He cares for us.



Today, may you know the peace and security that comes from humbling yourself in God. May God restore you. May He confirm and strengthen you. May He establish you, all for the glory of Jesus.

Ways to Pray

- *Ask God to help you live in humility today. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you can take the path of greatest humility and serve others.*
- *Take a stand against the enemy by submitting to God in prayer and worship.*



Call to Prayer

In Eph. 4 Paul appeals to believers to live a life that is worthy of the calling they have received. He appeals to us to make every effort to keep (preserve) the unity given by God when He brought us into one body - as members of the body of Christ.

We can never create this unity, but we are responsible to preserve this unity by choosing to humble ourselves, being patient and bearing with one another in love, especially those who hold different opinions from us. As we read, pray, and fast, let us humble ourselves and preserve the unity.



Ways to Pray

- *Make Eph. 4: 1-3 your prayer for yourself, and your church family.*
- *Ask God to convict you in any area where you have failed to live a life worthy of His calling in Christ.*
- *Open your ears to hear His voice, then pause for a few moments to listen. Write down what you feel He is saying to you. Ask for His strength to obey His Word.*

