

This 40-day devotional, starting March 5, 2025 is designed to help you draw closer to God, surrender your heart, and prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Each day features a short prayer and a corresponding verse from the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible.

Each day, we will seek God individually, lifting up prayers for our church, our country, our families, our finances, our health, and every need we carry.

Additionally, every Monday morning beginning March 10th at 6:30 AM, we will gather online for corporate prayer, uniting our hearts in faith as we intercede for one another and trust God for His provision, healing, and guidance. The call-in number is 712-451-0842.

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# Week 1: Surrender & Repentance

- Day 1. **Lord, soften my heart.** Help me to surrender completely to You, letting go of pride, fear, and control.
  - Ezekiel 36:26 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh."
- Day 2. **Forgive me, Father.** Cleanse me of my sins and renew a right spirit within me.
  - Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."
- Day 3. **Teach me humility.** Let me follow Jesus' example of selflessness and service.
  - Philippians 2:3 "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."
- Day 4. **Break every chain.** Set me free from anything that keeps me from fully living in Your grace.
  - John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."



- Day 5. **Renew my mind.** Replace my anxious thoughts with Your truth and peace.
  - Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
- Day 6. **Lead me in righteousness.** Help me to walk in obedience to Your Word each day.
  - Psalm 23:3 "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
- Day 7. **Open my eyes, Lord.** Show me the areas in my life where I need to grow in faith.
  - Psalm 119:18 "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

# **Week 2: Drawing Closer to God**

- 8. **Increase my hunger for You.** Let me long for Your presence more than anything else.
  - Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."
- 9. **Speak to my heart.** Help me to recognize Your voice and follow Your leading.
  - John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."
- 10. **Strengthen my faith.** Even when I don't understand, help me to trust You completely.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
- 11. **Teach me to pray.** Let my prayers be deep, honest, and aligned with Your will.
- Luke 11:1 "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."



- 12. Fill me with Your Spirit. Guide me and empower me to live for You each day.
- Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."
- 13. Help me to fast with purpose. Let my sacrifices draw me closer to You.
- Matthew 6:17-18 "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy
  face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in
  secret."
- 14. Be my refuge. In times of trouble, remind me that You are my safe place.
- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

# Week 3: Compassion & Forgiveness

- 15. Give me a heart of compassion. Help me to love others as You love them.
- Colossians 3:12 "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering."
- 16. **Teach me to forgive.** Remove bitterness and fill me with grace for others.
- Ephesians 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."
- 17. **Heal my wounds.** Lord, restore the broken places in my heart and make me whole.
- Psalm 147:3 "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."
- 18. **Use me for Your glory.** Show me how to be a light to those around me.
- Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
- 19. **Help me to serve.** Let me see opportunities to bless others each day.
- Galatians 5:13 "By love serve one another."
- 20. Guard my tongue. May my words bring encouragement and not harm.



- *Proverbs 18:21* "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."
- 21. Give me patience. Teach me to wait on You with faith and trust.
- Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength."

#### Week 4: Gratitude & Surrender

- 22. **Thank You for Your mercy.** Remind me that I am never too far from Your grace.
- Lamentations 3:22-23 "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed."
- 23. **Fill my heart with gratitude.** Help me to recognize Your blessings in every season.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks."
- 24. **Teach me contentment.** Let me find joy in You rather than in earthly things.
- Philippians 4:11 "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
- 25. Help me to let go. Release me from attachments that distract me from Your will.
- Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- 26. Align my desires with Yours. Make my heart long for what pleases You.
- Psalm37:4 "Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires
  of thine heart."
- 27. Give me a heart of worship. Let my life be a song of praise to You.
- John 4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Read full chapter"
- 28. **Jesus, be my everything.** May nothing in my life be more important than You.
- Colossians 3:2 "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."



### Week 5: Strength & Endurance

- 29. Strengthen me in trials. Help me to persevere when life is difficult.
- James 1:2-3 "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations."
- 30. Fill me with courage. Let me stand firm in faith, no matter what comes my way.
- Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of a good courage."
- 31: **Help me to carry my cross.** Give me the endurance to follow You even when it's hard.
- Luke 9:23 "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."
- 32. Let me reflect Your love. May my actions be a testimony of Your goodness
- 1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."
- 33. **Give me self-control.** Help me to resist temptation and walk in holiness.
- Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law". The fruits named are not our fruits, but of the Spirit in us. If we bear these fruits we show that we have the Spirit.
- 34. **Be my rock**. In every storm, remind me that I am secure in You.
- Psalm 18:2 "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."
- 35. Prepare my heart for Easter. Help me to meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus.
- Romans 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."



# Week 6: Victory & Resurrection

- 36. Thank You for the cross. Jesus, I am in awe of Your sacrifice for me.
- Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
- 37. Fill me with resurrection joy. Let me walk in the victory of Your love.
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 38. Make me a new creation. Transform me into the person You've called me to be.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
- 39. **Help me to live with purpose.** Let my life bring glory to Your name.
- Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
- 40. **Jesus, I give You my whole heart.** Lead me, shape me, and use me for Your kingdom.
- Luke 9:23 "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."