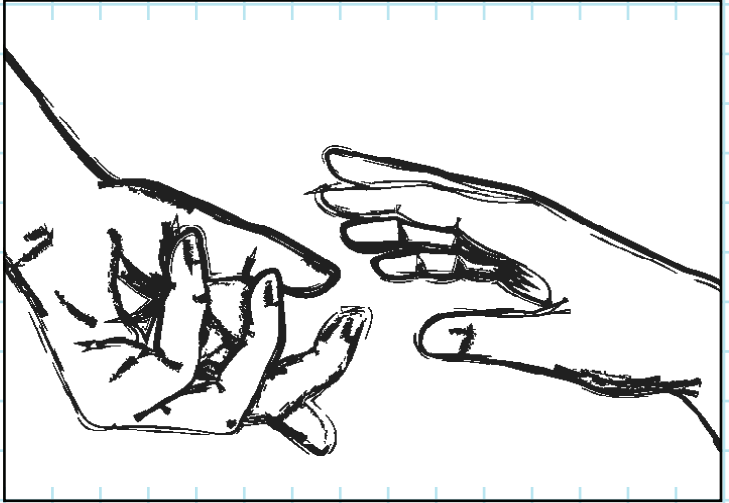


CLOSE TO GOD

A study in Psalm 15

Fall Week
of Prayer
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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This devotional is designed to give purpose and structure to your prayer life. It is a tool designed to help you get more comfortable with prayer so that it becomes more natural, effective, and enjoyable for you to experience. The most important goal of this guide is to help you consistently grow in entering God's presence through prayer.

Each day during Week of Prayer, use these pages to take notes from each day's prayer service in real time. Use the prayer points that each speaker asks us to pray for, following the guide to write your daily prayer entries. This guide follows the "ACTS" acronym, which is based on Jesus' model of prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13. If you are unfamiliar with how to use this acronym, we can help you with that! Turn the page to see how to use the ACTS model to guide your prayer time.

Even after Week of Prayer is over, we encourage you to continue referring to this guide. Reflect on the notes, the prayers, and the things you learn over these seven days as a model to continue meeting with God each day.

You can use any sort of journal to continue this practice. As a quick tip, we also recommend adding a section at the end of your journal (or the end of each week, month, etc.) to jot down answered prayers. Our hope is that as we approach the end of the year (and even into the new year) you will witness God do extraordinary things in your life—"exceedingly and abundantly more" than you could ever imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

JESUS' MODEL OF PRAYER

“This, then, is how you should pray:
‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”

MATTHEW 6:9-13 (NIV)

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us how to pray more than he teaches us what to pray. A closer evaluation of this prayer from Jesus reveals a guide, or model, for your daily conversation with God. You can follow the acronym, ACTS:

ADORATION - Acknowledge God's greatest attributes and creations. (Matthew 6:9)

Say: *“God, I adore you for _____.”*

CONFESSION - Cleanse your heart before God. (Matthew 6:12-13)

Say: *“God, I am sorry for _____. Please forgive me.”*

THANKSGIVING - Have a spirit of gratitude. (Matthew 6:10)

Say: *“God, I am so thankful for _____.”*

SUPPLICATION - Tell God what you need in this season. (Matthew 6:11)

Say: *“God, if it is your will, I need/want _____.”*

DAY 01	MY RELATIONSHIP TO GOD
SPEAKER: Pastor Christian Newsome	DATE: 8/26

“O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?”

PSALM 15:1

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TODAY'S PRAYERS

Adoration: God desires for you to be with Him and He enjoys the act of prayer more than we do. What words describe how this truth makes you feel?

Confession: When in your life (what days, people, events, occasions) does your spirit most drift from the presence of God?

Thanksgiving: What activities, people, and moments throughout your week allow you to focus on God's presence more clearly?

Supplication: Where in my life, family, relationships, daily life, or soul do I desire more to be "right with God?"

DAY 02	RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT
SPEAKER: Pastor Mike Evans	DATE: 8/27

“He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;”

PSALM 15:2

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TODAY'S PRAYERS

Adoration: Read John 16:7-11 and take some time to praise God for His Holy Spirit, our Advocate, the one who fills and empowers us to live a God-honoring life. Write out two to three sentences, starting each with, "God I praise you for how your Spirit helps me..."

Confession: Write three to five things that distract or keep you from hearing the "still small voice of God" in your daily life. Admit to God that you need His help to turn up the dial to hear from Him when He is speaking to you.

Thanksgiving: Thank God that He never stops speaking to us through the Scriptures, through His creation, and through others. Thank Him for a couple of ways He has moved in your life recently.

Supplication: Ask God to clear your mind so you can see (and hear) Him more clearly. Ask Him to help you "feel with his heart, touch with his hands, and see with his eyes" today.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

Adoration: Adore God by writing down and thanking Him for three to five of His “relational” characteristics towards you. (For example: loving, forgiving, ever-present, comforter, etc.)

Confession: Confess any situations where your tongue has caused you to slander or harm people in your circle of influence, those you live in relationship with, or those closest to you.

Thanksgiving: Thank God that He created you as a relational being to live in community with others. As challenging as relationships can be, praise God that His plan was never for you to be alone.

Supplication: Ask God to help you be a positive voice of influence in the lives of those around you. Write the name(s) of a specific neighbor or friend God is leading you to reach out to and encourage with a positive word today.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

Adoration: Adore the way God loves and sees us all with honesty and truth. What are three to five things you are most thankful for that God accepts and loves about you?

Confession: Write down any relationships (personal, professional, and spiritual) you have made with people of lower character and allowed to influence you. Confess those relationships to God and ask Him to help you seek relationships with people of good character.

Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus that He does not love you for the things the world loves (or does not love) you for. List a few of the specific things Jesus loves you for that you feel the world does not love you for.

Supplication: Ask God for new eyes to see people as He sees them and for the strength to keep our word, even when it costs us greatly. Write down any specific names that come to mind.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

Adoration: Praise God that the world is His and all that it contains (Ps. 50:10-12). Praise God for the truth that He can provide for your every need and use you to bless others.

Confession: When in your life have you missed a prompting from God to be generous to someone? Ask Him to forgive you and to soften your heart to His voice.

Thanksgiving: When has God used someone to bless you in some way? (List ways God has demonstrated this principle in your life and thank Him.)

Supplication: What areas in my heart and life do you need God to help you in when it comes to money, trust and generosity? (List them.)

TODAY'S PRAYERS

Adoration: Praise God that He is an “unmovable rock” that is higher than you! List four words that describe God’s strength.

Confession: What are three words that represent the mourning you feel when your heart drifts from God’s presence? (*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*)

Thanksgiving: Thank God that when you drift from Him you can always return, and that when you return, He meets you halfway. List two or three specific times in your life that this has been true.

Supplication: When in your life (what days, people, events, occasions) does your spirit most *need* the presence of God? List as many as you can think of and ask God to be present in these things.



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