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Learning to Pray Like Jesus

prayer guide

Week 2 - Sep 7 to Sept 13

- wccnc.org/prayer

Monday, September 7th



1. READ

Read Matthew 6:5-15. Focus on verse 10.

2. REFLECT

- Meditate on the three words "Kingdom," "will," and "come."
- Does your inner life match your outer life? Can you truly pray the prayer, "Your will be done"?

3. RESPOND

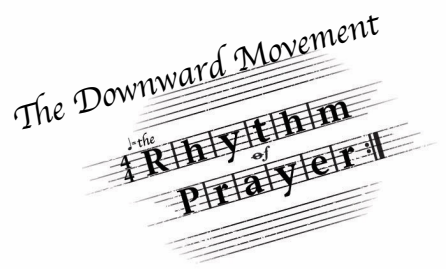
Begin your prayers today with:

"God, I pray today that your kingdom would come and that your will would be done in every area of my life. Teach me to value the things you value. I surrender my will to you. I say 'yes' to you and your plan for me before I even know the outcome because I trust that you know what's best for me. Just as you are on the throne in heaven, I place you on the throne of my life..."

4. RECORD

Write down one area of your life where you are still in charge of your own kingdom, where you value the wisdom of the world over God's word.

Tuesday, September 8th



1. READ

Matthew 5:1-11.

2. REFLECT

- Do you identify with any of the conditions in the Beatitudes that Jesus calls blessed?
- How are your values different than the ones on this list?

3. RESPOND

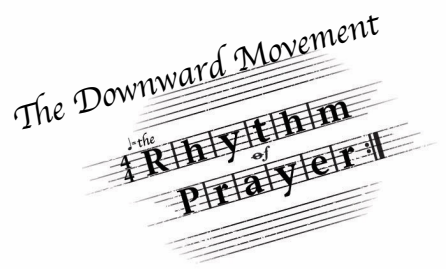
Begin your prayers today with:

"God I'm tired of my kingdom. I'm tired of my economy that only values the strong, the rich, the influential, the good looking, those that have it put together, the powerful. I want to see your kingdom values in place. God, I want your pattern of values to be the pattern of values in my heart, in my home, in my workplace, in my school, in my neighborhood, in my church, in my family, in my city, in my world"

4. RECORD

Write down one mindset you need to change to align your values with God's kingdom values.

Wednesday, September 9th



1. READ

Read James 2:1-5.

2. REFLECT

- What attributes are valued in our world?
- In what arenas of our lives do we show partiality based on social status, wealth, or looks?
- What would our behavior look like if we operated by the values of the Kingdom of Heaven?

3. RESPOND

Begin your prayers today with:

"God, please reveal to me my heart condition. Reveal to me the ways that I am seeking status and standing according to the world's values. Forgive me for seeking after the favor of the world more than seeking your favor. Forgive me for showing partiality to those around me. Forgive me for judging others by their social status or wealth. Forgive me for looking down on those who don't look like me. Forgive me for judging people based on their outward appearance and the way they present themselves. Teach me to love like you love."

4. RECORD

Write down the name of someone you show partiality to, either by giving them favored status because of their worldly influence or by looking down on them because of their social status. Take steps today to reorient your value system according to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thursday, September 10th

The Downward Movement
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Prayer

1. READ

Matthew 26:36-46.

2. REFLECT

- Meditate on the words, “Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”
- Reflect on the fact that Jesus willingly gave up his position in heaven to be our sacrifice.

3. RESPOND

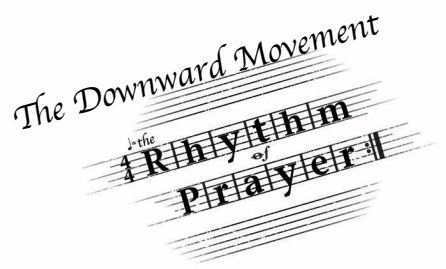
Begin your prayers today with:

“God, I put you completely in power over my life. I surrender control. I surrender power. I won’t act anymore without asking you whether it is your will for me. I won’t prioritize my comfort over your plans anymore. When I don’t know your will for me, I will ask. I will look to your word for wisdom and not to the world and not to my own wisdom. I confess that I’ve become an expert in rationalizing sin and rationalizing any behavior that makes me more comfortable and keeps me off the front lines of your kingdom. God I confess that to you today and I say, alongside Jesus, and with his power, not my will, but yours be done”

4. RECORD

What is something that God revealed to you today that you need to surrender to his will for your life?

Friday, September 11th



1. READ

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19.

2. REFLECT

- Focus on verse 17. How can we pray without ceasing?
- How can we better follow the Spirit's leading during the day so that the workings of the Kingdom of God begin to be evident to us in every area of our life?

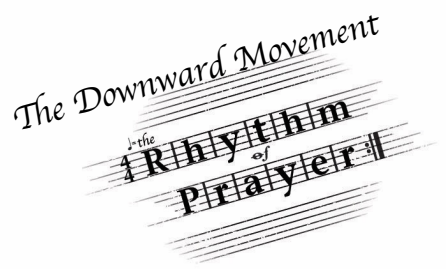
3. RESPOND

As you drive your daily routine today, pray that God's kingdom would come to those areas you pass. Schools, workplaces, government buildings, community organizations, the people you see walking and driving, neighborhoods and houses. Pray at your destination (whether it be a school, a house, a workplace, etc) before you exit your car. Pray that you would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit today and continue in prayer all day today.

4. RECORD

Write down the people or places God revealed to you as you drove today. Continue to pray for those places.

Saturday, September 12th



1. READ

Psalm 103.

2. REFLECT

- Focus specifically on verses 19-22. Reflect on the fact that God has dominion over all his creation.
- Focus on the words "Bless the Lord, O my soul" and whether there are any hidden places in your soul that you feel you cannot welcome God into.

3. RESPOND

Begin your prayers today with:

"God, I welcome you into my life. My soul, the deepest part of me - the truest part of me - longs to be made one with you. Thank you for your sacrifice that makes me one with you. Now continue to bend my will so that it is in line with your will. Teach me to surrender..."

4. RECORD

What is something that God revealed to you today that you need to surrender to his will for your life?

Sunday, September 13th



1. READ

Matthew 16:13-19.

2. REFLECT

- What part does the church have in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth?
- Reflect on verse 19. Have you considered the role God wants you to play in expanding his Kingdom here on earth?

3. RESPOND

Pray for God's church:

- Pray for all the churches in Wilson that will be holding services today. Pray that God's Kingdom would be on the move this morning and that many across Wilson county and surrounding areas would come to faith in Christ as the gospel is proclaimed.
- Pray for the services at WCC this morning. Pray that the gospel would be heard and responded to.
- Pray for all those in leadership positions across various ministries at WCC, that the confession of Christ as the Son of the Living God would be the main driving force behind their ministry.
- Pray for every believer at WCC to rise up and do ministry that would advance the Kingdom of Heaven in every arena of their lives.

4. RECORD

When you have finished praying, continue to record your learnings and requests in your daily prayer journal.