



Daily Devotions

March 3 to April 12

Each day there is a short devotion from 40 Days Of Prayer. Take time to slowly meditate on the Bible passage while you reflect on “What Did You Hear?” and “What Did You Think?”

Then you have an opportunity to converse with God in prayer. You might like to record your prayers to enable you to experience God’s presence deeply. Writing your prayers also allows you to refer back to your prayers to see how the Lord responded to you.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER



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Monday March 4

40 Days Of Prayer Day 1

Your Lifeline to God

Prayer is God's idea. He created you to pray—it's part of your human makeup. Prayer keeps you connected to God, like a branch on a vine. It keeps you tapped into your source of life. It's your way of saying, "God, I need your help! I'm totally dependent on you." A branch that's separated from the vine cannot bear fruit. It simply withers and dies. But a branch that's connected remains strong and hardy through all the seasons of life, even the most desolate of winters. Stay connected to God in prayer. It's the only way to live.

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."

J o h n 15 : 5 – 7 (N I V)

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Tuesday March 5

40 Days Of Prayer Day 2

Stay in Touch

How do you stay connected to your best friend? Conversation. We love to talk to the people who love us most. What can you talk to a friend about? Anything! That's what friends are for. Prayer is conversation with God. And God is the best friend you will ever have. In fact, he chose you to be his friend. He wants to hear from you because he loves you. He cares about every detail of your life. There is nothing too big or too small for his attention. So, go ahead... talk his ear off. God never gets tired of hearing—or answering—your prayers.

Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

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Pray Your Way to Peace

Worry is focusing on your fears instead of focusing on God. And worry never solves anything; it just makes your problems look bigger. The more you worry, the less peace you have. But the Bible says prayer is the pathway to peace. It's the only way to put things into their proper perspective.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

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Thursday March 7

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Ask Your Father

Prayer is God's chosen method of meeting your needs. Some people think, "God knows what I need so I don't need to ask. He'll just give it to me when I need it." That's not true. The Bible teaches that there are some things God has promised to do only if we pray. What are you lacking right now simply because you've never asked God for it?

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

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Friday March 8

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Desire and Delight

God delights in answering the prayers of those who delight in him. What can you ask for? Ask for what you want. The Bible says, “*He fulfills the desires of those who reverence and trust him,*” Psalm 145:19 (TLB). He doesn’t just fill the needs—he fulfills the desires. Why? Because if you reverence God and find delight in him, your desires will line up with his will.

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P s a l m 3 7 : 4 (N I V)

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Saturday March 9

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The Penetrating Power of Prayer

Prayer is God's way of letting us partner with him to accomplish his purposes on earth. Jesus said we would do even greater things than he did. How is that possible? Simple. Through prayer. Like spiritual missiles, your prayers release the power of God into the most hopeless situations. They penetrate places where no man or woman can go, whether that's a closed, international border, or the hardened heart of a skeptic. Prayer makes the impossible possible. So pray!

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father."

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Sunday March 10

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Do Your Part

There are two parts to your partnership with God. Your part is the asking. God's part is the doing. But the ultimate purpose for the answer to your prayer is that God will be glorified.

Jesus said, "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

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Invincible Love

God loves you more deeply and compassionately than any earthly father could love his child. God loves you more tenderly and faithfully than any earthly mother is capable of loving her baby. Nothing can stop God from loving you. Not your failures, not your attitude, not your sins or stubbornness—nothing can stop him from loving you. When you truly know how much your heavenly Father loves you, it will radically change your prayer life. It will enable you to pray with more confidence than ever before.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Tuesday March 12

40 Days Of Prayer Day 9

Faithful Father

God is always faithful, always true, and always available. Even if you turn your back on God, he will not turn his back on you. God's love for you is not based on your performance; it is based entirely on his character. And God's character never changes. Therefore, God's love for you will never fail.

Even when we are too weak to have any faith left, God remains faithful to us and will help us, for he cannot disown us who are a part of himself, and he will always carry out his promises to us.

2 Timothy 2:13 (TLB)

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Wednesday March 13 40 Days Of Prayer Day 10

God is Always With You

No matter what you do, God's love for you never changes. You can count on him. You can pray with confidence because God is a caring, consistent, close, and competent Father. He promises to always stay by your side. Don't ever give up on your walk with him. He will never give up on his walk with you.

I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. I will not, I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let you down or relax my hold on you. Assuredly not!

H e b r e w s 1 3 : 5 (A M P C)

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40 Days Of Prayer Day 11

Thinking of You

God never stops thinking about you. Not for a moment. You are always on his mind. You are always the focus of his attention.

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!

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The Perfect Provider

God loves to meet your needs. That's why his name is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord Who Provides. You can come to God at any time of day, with any kind of request. He never gets tired of hearing your voice. There is no shortage of his abundance. There is no limit on what you can ask. He wants to bless your life, and he will give you what he knows is best.

Jesus said, *"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

Matthew 7:11 (NIV)

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40 Days Of Prayer Day 13

Beyond Your Imagination

God can handle any problem you bring to him. No task is beyond his ability. No question is above his wisdom. No need can exhaust his resources. Think of your most daunting challenge or fear. Not only can God handle it, he can do immeasurably more than all you could ask or imagine.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (GW)

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Sunday March 17

40 Days Of Prayer Day 14

Forever Your Father

Are you certain God is your Father? The Bible tells us that God created everybody, and God loves everybody, and God wants everybody in his family. But you're not in his family until you place your faith in Jesus Christ. Then God becomes your caring, consistent, close, competent Father, and you can pray with confidence the way Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." Have you received Jesus Christ into your life and accepted his gift of forgiveness and his invitation to join God's family? There is no greater hope than the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

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40 Days Of Prayer Day 15

Jesus' Model of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is the most famous prayer in the world. It is one of the greatest gifts Jesus gave us. It is not a magic spell or incantation. It's not meant to be prayed as a mindless ritual. Instead, the Lord's Prayer is a pattern for prayer that addresses everything you need in life. It's a ten-step pathway, and each step leads you to a deeper relationship with God. Pray it slowly, phrase by phrase, and let Jesus speak to your heart.

Jesus said, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

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Tuesday March 19

40 Days Of Prayer Day 16

Love Beyond Measure

God wants you to know how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love is. His love is long enough to last forever. His love is wide enough to embrace everything about you. His love is deep enough to pull you out of your deepest despair. His love is high enough to overlook every offense. God wants you to experience his love today by spending time with him in prayer.

May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it.

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Wednesday March 20

40 Days Of Prayer Day 17

Thanking God

God is your Creator who made you, your Father who loves you, and your Savior who forgives you. He is your Shepherd who guides and feeds you. He is your Shield who hides and protects you. He is your Counselor who gives you wisdom and direction. He is your Comforter who gives you strength and help. He is compassionate and patient with you. He is faithful and kind. He is merciful and forgiving. He is the best Friend you will ever have. Take a minute to tell God how much he means to you.

Give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

P s a l m 107 : 15 (N I V)

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Thursday March 21

40 Days Of Prayer Day 18

God's Plan is Best

Because God loves you and you love him, you can know that his plan is the best plan for your life. Even when life is tough and confusing, and you can't make sense of the troubles you're going through, you can be confident that God is watching out for you, and he is working everything out for your good. He promised he would!

We know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.

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Friday March 22

40 Days Of Prayer Day 19

Live for God's Purposes

Living for God's purposes isn't a one-time decision. Cooperating with him has to be a daily attitude of your heart. Seek him first in all of your everyday, ordinary decisions. Make the commitment now to live this day for God's purposes.

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

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Saturday March 23

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Our Comforter

God wants to comfort you in your grief. He wants to support and strengthen you when you feel like you can't go on. When you're hurting, sad, or afraid, pray the way Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Your will be done." Jesus was saying, "Even though I don't want to suffer, I believe you know what is best for me." In his hour of deepest suffering and grief, Jesus gave God his pain and sorrow, and surrendered to the will of God. God wants you to trust him with every part of your life—including your suffering—every day.

"Abba, Father," Jesus prayed, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

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Sunday March 24

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Daily Dependence

Jesus didn't teach us to pray, "Give us this day our weekly bread... or our monthly bread... or enough bread for a lifetime." He taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," because God wants you to depend on him one day at a time. If God met all your needs all at once, you wouldn't need to trust him anymore. In fact, you might never talk to him again. So Jesus told us to ask for what we need just for today, and not to worry about tomorrow.

Jesus said, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

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Trusting in Your Father

Each phrase of the Lord's Prayer represents a relationship of trust.

Our Father in heaven — You are my Father, I am your child. I trust your love.

Your kingdom come — You are my King, I am your subject. I trust your authority.

Your will be done — You are my Master, I am your servant. I trust your wisdom.

Give us this day our daily bread — You are my Provider, I am your dependent. I trust your faithfulness.

Forgive us our sins — You are my Savior, I am a sinner. I trust your mercy.

Lead us not into temptation — You are my Guide, I am a pilgrim. I trust your direction.

Deliver us from evil — You are my Deliverer, I am a captive. I trust your power.

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Freely Receive God's Forgiveness

God can always be trusted to forgive you if you will simply ask. There are no hurdles to jump, no dues to pay, no penalty box to sit in, no scales to even out, no begging or bargaining. And there is no waiting period where God says, "Let's wait and see if you really deserve my forgiveness." It only takes humility and honesty. But the payoff is well worth it. You are instantly, freely, completely, and permanently forgiven and justified. Justified means it's "just-as-if-I'd" never sinned.

If we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

1 John 1:9 (CEV)

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Freedom from Guilt

God doesn't want you feeling guilty. He wants you to be free. The only way to be free from guilt is to confess. When you confess your sin to God, you're not telling him anything he doesn't already know. He just wants you to own up to it. And when you do, he promises to forgive you then and there, no questions asked. And he never brings it up again. That's what grace is all about.

What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record. There was a time when I wouldn't admit what a sinner I was. But my dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration. All day and all night your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day until I finally admitted all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess them to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

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Thursday March 28

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Grace to Forgive

Forgiving someone who has hurt you can seem so unfair. But forgiveness isn't about fairness. Forgiveness is about grace. It wasn't fair that God forgave you, but he did. Now that you have been forgiven, God says, "I want you to forgive those who have hurt you. And I'll give you the grace to do it."

Be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.

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Friday March 29

40 Days Of Prayer Day 26

Release Your Hurts to God

Every time you replay a hurt in your mind, it hurts you a little bit more. Reliving a hurt only perpetuates the pain. But releasing the hurt and forgiving the offender is the path to inner peace. Every time the hurt comes back to your mind, bring it to God, ask for his grace, let go of the offense, and leave your hurt at the cross.

Love keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

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Saturday March 30

40 Days Of Prayer Day 27

Serve God by Serving Others

Temptation isn't only about doing the wrong things. It's also about not doing the right things. There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Our comforts can be just as dangerous as our catastrophes. God didn't put you on earth for your comfort. He put you here to serve his purposes. How do you serve God? There is only one way: You serve God by serving others, even when it's inconvenient. Whatever you do for others, God expects you to do it as though you were doing it directly for him.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters... It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

C o l o s s i a n s 3 : 2 3 - 2 4 (N I V)

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Sunday March 31

40 Days Of Prayer Day 28

The Ultimate Purpose for Prayer

The ultimate aim of prayer is that God will be glorified, no matter the outcome. The purpose for prayer is not to conform God to your way of seeing things. The purpose for prayer is to conform you to the kingdom, power, and glory of God. When you learn to seek God's kingdom, depend on God's power, and live for God's glory, that's when God's blessing begins to flow into your life.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

P s a l m 115 : 1 (N I V)

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Monday April 1

40 Days Of Prayer Day 29

Seeking God with All Your Heart

What does it mean to seek the Lord? It means to eliminate distractions and turn your focus on him, give him your full attention, and put yourself in a position to hear from him. Too often we say we are seeking the Lord, when the truth is that we are spending our time and energies looking everywhere else. We spend more time looking to popular culture, self-help books, social media, and TV talk shows than we do soaking in the Word of God. If you truly want to find God, to know him, and to hear from him, then you have to put your heart into it. What does your heart want today?

The LORD says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

J e r e m i a h 29:13 (NIV)

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Tuesday April 2

40 Days Of Prayer Day 30

Your Faith and God's Promises

The better you know the Word of God, the better you will pray in the will of God. Most of the answers you are looking for are already in his Word! The more you get into the Word—and the more the Word gets into you—the easier it will be to know not only what God wants you to do for him, but also what he promises to do for you. When you add your faith to God's promises, that's when miracles happen.

Jesus said, "If you stay connected to me and my words remain in your heart, you may ask any request you want in prayer, and it will be given to you."

J o h n 1 5 : 7

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Wednesday April 3

40 Days Of Prayer Day 31

Seek God First

God wants you to find him. He isn't hiding from you. He's not playing hard to get. He's waiting and available. But you have to seek him. To seek the Lord takes more than a casual glance. It requires concentration and focus. The Hebrew word for "seek" in today's verse means to look for someone early and earnestly. In other words, to "seek me diligently" means turn to God first, not as a last resort, and keep after him until you get an answer.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me.

Proverbs 8:17 (NKJV)

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Thursday April 4

40 Days Of Prayer Day 32

Praying with a Thankful Heart

When you ask God for something, ask with an attitude of gratitude. Thank God for his love and promises. Thank him for his kindness and faithfulness. Get specific. Make a list today of the things you are thankful for. Then, before you ask God for anything, take a few minutes to tell him thank you for what he has already done. The more you thank him, the more you will learn about his character. And the more you learn about his character, the more faith you will have when you pray.

I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and keep your commands.

D a n i e l 9 : 4 (N L T)

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Friday April 5

40 Days Of Prayer Day 33

God's Number One Characteristic

The world portrays God as a God of judgment. But God reveals himself first and foremost as a God of mercy. Mercy is his number one characteristic in the Bible. More than his sovereignty, omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, or any other fancy words about him; more than his anger or justice or judgment—more than anything else—the number one attribute of God in scripture is his mercy. All the way back, when he revealed his glory to Moses and gave him the Ten Commandments, God said, “This is my name: The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6, NKJV). Notice the first characteristic is mercy. God did not say, “I am the Lord God, just and righteous,” or “eternal and all-powerful.” He said, “Do you want to know who I am and what I’m like? I am merciful. Everything I do for you flows from my mercy.”

Lord God, you are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you.

D a n i e l 9 : 9 (C E V)

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Saturday April 6

40 Days Of Prayer Day 34

The Two Sides of God's Mercy

Prayer is not based on how good you are. It is based on God's mercy. What is mercy? The dictionary defines mercy two ways. First, mercy is "refraining from harm or punishment." And second, mercy is "unexpected kindness." So there are two sides to God's mercy. There's the forgiving side and the compassionate side. The forgiving side withholds punishment, even though we deserve it. The compassionate side goes the extra mile to help us with unexpected kindness. It is because of God's mercy that he invites you to ask for his forgiveness and help in your time of need.

O my God, listen to me and hear my request ... We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful.

D a n i e l 9 : 1 8 (N L T)

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Sunday April 7

40 Days Of Prayer Day 35

Do You Need a Breakthrough?

Do you need a breakthrough today—in a relationship, or your finances, or your career, or a habit? Does it seem like you have been praying forever, and nothing has happened? Don't give up. God knew about your need even before you did, and he has already started the process of answering your prayer. Though the answer has been delayed, it will come suddenly. Keep praying. Stay faithful. Stay watchful. Your breakthrough is on its way.

While I kept on praying and confessing my sin and the sins of my people, and pleading with the Lord, suddenly the angel Gabriel appeared in my vision and said to me, "Daniel, I've been sent to help you understand God's plan. The moment you began praying, an answer was given, and I'm here to tell it to you, for God loves you very much."

D a n i e l 9 : 2 0 - 2 3

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Monday April 8

40 Days Of Prayer Day 36

A Problem of Perspective

If you're feeling overwhelmed, remember how great God is. Problems shrink when God expands in your life. Fear is always a problem of perspective. You fear your problems because your God looks small. If God looks small, it's because he is far away. And if God is far away, guess who moved? Draw close to God in prayer, and see how your perspective changes. The closer God gets, the bigger he gets; and the bigger God is, the smaller your problems become.

O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.

2 Chronicles 20:6 (NIV)

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Tuesday April 9

40 Days Of Prayer Day 37

Motivated to Pray

Never let a problem intimidate you. Instead, let it motivate you to pray. Prayer must always be your first choice, not your last resort. Start by reminding yourself how great God is. Then remember what he has done and what he has promised. When you remember what God has done, it builds your faith for your current challenge. When you remember what God has promised, you can take him at his word.

Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, "If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us."

2 Chronicles 20:7-9 (NIV)

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Wednesday April 10

40 Days Of Prayer Day 38

God Is Never Overwhelmed

God always knows what to do and when to do it. He is never stumped or puzzled by your dilemmas. God has never been overwhelmed. He has never scratched his head or shrugged his shoulders or wrinkled his brow. He has never even said, “Hmmm.” When you don’t know what to do—and even when you think you do know what to do—always turn to God in prayer. He knows what is best.

You would not allow us to invade their territory when we came up from Egypt; so we turned away from them and did not destroy them. See how they are repaying us ... O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

2 Chronicles 20:10-12

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Thursday April 11

40 Days Of Prayer Day 39

The Courage to Do Nothing

Sometimes it takes more courage to do nothing than it takes to do something. Fear says, “Don’t just stand there! Do something!” But God says, “Don’t do something. Just stand there. Relax. I’ve got this.” There must be a sign in the throne room of heaven that says, “No freaking out!” When you put your life in God’s hands, your battles become his battles. If you think you have to fight all of your battles on your own, you are going to wear yourself out. It’s time for you to resign from being the general manager of your own little universe. God has been waiting for you to calm down and get out of the way so that he can do what only he can do. Remember, he’s God, and you’re not.

Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s... You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you... Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

2 Chronicles 20:15-17 (NIV)

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Friday April 12

40 Days Of Prayer Day 40

Thank God in Advance

The highest form of faith is thanking God before you get an answer. You might be facing a difficult crisis right now. When are you going to start thanking God for the miracle you have been asking him for? When it's over? Don't wait any longer to say thank you. Say it now. When you thank God for something he has already done, that's gratitude. But when you thank God in advance, that's faith. Thank God for what he is going to do, even though you don't know how he is going to do it. Sing victory songs before you see the victory.

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

H e b r e w s 11:6 (NIV)

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