



# Prayer & Scripture

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## A 30-Day Prayer & Scripture Experience

Dear Alameda Family,

As we endure a season of social upheaval due to the coronavirus, it is extremely important that we Christians root ourselves in prayer and Scripture so that we can remain confident and calm, and so that we can recognize the opportunities that exist within this challenge to make Jesus known to others. For that reason, I am encouraging our members to use this guide as a resource for praying intentionally about the cultural moment we're living through and for staying connected to God's Word. This is also something that we can be doing together while we are physically apart.

For the Scripture experience, we will use four Discovery Bible Study themes that we've already developed and posted on our church website ([alameda.church/resources/dbs](https://www.alameda.church/resources/dbs)). These themes - Discovering Discipleship, Parts 1 & 2; Withholding Nothing; The Good Life - will help us clearly understand what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus Christ in "the age of the coronavirus." Each day, read one passage listed on the DBS bookmark and journal your answers to the questions (listed on the other side of the bookmark) in a notebook; and every week during this 30-day period we'll do a "check-in" on our social media platforms, including Facebook Live, so that we can share what we're learning with one another.

For the prayer experience, let's pray about the themes that are listed on this guide. Each theme is an effort to be intentional about the specific challenges related to this pandemic and the efforts that are being made to limit its spread.

My hope is that this 30-day experience will keep us connected to God and each other during this time of "social distancing." I also hope that it will help us use our time wisely and productively so that our confidence in God will be made stronger by the end of this next 30 days. So, let's do this...together!

I love you all,  
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- Day 1 (March 22) Prayer Theme: That God would bring an end to this pandemic  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 1 (Luke 4:1-13)
- Day 2 (March 23) Prayer Theme: That God's Spirit would fill us with strength and courage as we endure this pandemic  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 2 (Luke 5:1-11)
- Day 3 (March 24) Prayer Theme: That God would give our world, national, community, and health leaders wisdom  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 3 (John 4:28-30)
- Day 4 (March 25) Prayer Theme: That we would have a spirit of cooperation with our leaders and our neighbors  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 4 (Acts 17:16-34)
- Day 5 (March 26) Prayer Theme: That we would have a spirit of patience  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 5 (Acts 4:23-31)
- Day 6 (March 27) Prayer Theme: For healing and protection for those who are most susceptible and vulnerable to this virus  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 6 (Acts 21:1-14)
- Day 7 (March 28) Prayer Theme: That God would provide for those who are most impacted by the financial hardship that this pandemic is causing  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 7 (Acts 18:1-11)
- Day 8 (March 29) Prayer Theme: That God would calm our anxieties about how long this will last  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 1, passage 8 (Luke 15:11-32)
- Day 9 (March 30) Prayer Theme: That God would guide our students and teachers through the school challenges they are facing  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 1 (Mark 7:14-23)
- Day 10 (March 31) Prayer Theme: That God would comfort school seniors whose last year is being disrupted  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 2 (Matthew 19:1-12)
- Day 11 (April 1) Prayer Theme: That God would help those who are quarantined or self-isolating to find ways to stay connected to friends and family  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 3 (Matthew 5:33-37)
- Day 12 (April 2) Prayer Theme: That God would give our church leaders wisdom, courage, and creativity as they guide the church through this event  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 4 (Matthew 5:43-48)
- Day 13 (April 3) Prayer Theme: That God would inspire Alameda members to continue to serve and love one another while we are apart  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 5 (Luke 18:9-14)
- Day 14 (April 4) Prayer Theme: That God would use this pandemic for his glory and purposes and to bring others into His Kingdom  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 6 (Luke 15:11-24)
- Day 15 (April 5) Prayer Theme: That we would have grace for and with others  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 7 (Matthew 26:39-42)

- Day 16 (April 6) Prayer Theme: That God would use this event to bring us greater clarity about our priorities, relationships, and purpose in life  
Scripture & Journal: Discovering Discipleship Part 2, passage 8 (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Day 17 (April 7) Prayer Theme: That God would bring about a revival of His church at the end of this pandemic  
Scripture & Journal: Withholding Nothing: Living Out the Sermon on the Mount, passage 1 (Matthew 4:17-23)
- Day 18 (April 8) Prayer Theme: That God would draw us closer to Him and that our hearts would be open to God drawing us near  
Scripture & Journal: Withholding Nothing: Living Out the Sermon on the Mount, passage 2 (Matthew 5:3-16)
- Day 19 (April 9) Prayer Theme: That God would also protect our mental and spiritual health in this time of “social distancing”  
Scripture & Journal: Withholding Nothing: Living Out the Sermon on the Mount, passage 3 (Matthew 5:17-26)
- Day 20 (April 10) Prayer Theme: That God would help people (and ourselves) see ever more clearly their (our) need for Jesus  
Scripture & Journal: Withholding Nothing: Living Out the Sermon on the Mount, passage 4 (Matthew 6:5-15)
- Day 21 (April 11) Prayer Theme: That God would grow our love for Jesus and our capacity to love others  
Scripture & Journal: Withholding Nothing: Living Out the Sermon on the Mount, passage 5 (Matthew 6:25-34)
- Day 22 (Easter) Prayer Theme: Thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus and our own future resurrection from the grave  
Scripture & Journal: Withholding Nothing: Living Out the Sermon on the Mount, passage 6 (Matthew 7:21-27)
- Day 23 (April 13) Prayer Theme: That God would increase our passion for the Gospel of Christ  
Scripture & Journal: The Good Life: Finding Ultimate Joy in Christ Alone, passage 1 (Philippians 4:4-9)
- Day 24 (April 14) Prayer Theme: That God would open our eyes to the opportunities we have to share Christ with others and give us courage to do so  
Scripture & Journal: The Good Life: Finding Ultimate Joy in Christ Alone, passage 2 (1 Peter 1:3-12)
- Day 25 (April 15) Prayer Theme: That God’s Spirit would fill us with peace  
Scripture & Journal: The Good Life: Finding Ultimate Joy in Christ Alone, passage 3 (John 15:9-12)
- Day 26 (April 16) Prayer Theme: That God would help us see how He uses our struggles to grow us into the image of Christ  
Scripture & Journal: The Good Life: Finding Ultimate Joy in Christ Alone, passage 4 (James 1:2-18)
- Day 27 (April 17) Prayer Theme: That God would help us root our identity and security in Him  
Scripture & Journal: The Good Life: Finding Ultimate Joy in Christ Alone, passage 5 (Hebrews 12:1-3)
- Day 28 (April 18) Prayer Theme: Thanksgiving for the wisdom, guidance, and hope we receive from God’s Word
- Day 29 (April 19) Prayer Theme: Thanksgiving for the Alameda church family
- Day 30 (April 20) Prayer Theme: That God will bring a renewal and revival of His church