



## 40 DAY PRAYER JOURNAL WEEK 3

### DAY 1: Ephesians 3:14-21

**Believe it:** If you wish to strive for unity in the body of Christ, begin on your knees before God. Praying for those who you are struggling to get along with is the beginning of healing. Paul knelt down before God to remember the Ephesians and prayed that they might be complete in the ministry that they do.

**Prayer:** Remember another church in your community (from another denomination), and pray for their ministry.

### DAY 2: Philemon 4-7

**Believe it:** Paul prayed for the Philemon that he might be "active in sharing his faith." This letter is a call to Philemon to show the love of Christ by his actions. Sharing his faith is a lifestyle of witnessing that we are living in the power of Christ's resurrection.

**Prayer:** In a few moments, ask the Lord to show you how you might be active in sharing the faith. Commit your obedience to his will.

### DAY 3: Exodus 17:8-15

**Believe it:** Pastors of the church cannot do the ministry by themselves. Just as Moses had Aaron and Hur to lift up his hands when he got tired, so ministers of the Church need helpers to lift them up when they are weak. We need to pray on behalf of our ministers and their families that they might keep strong and remain focused on Christ for their strength.

**Prayer:** Lift up your pastors before the Lord.

### DAY 4: 1 Peter 4:1-2

**Believe it:** Peter zoned in on the fact that we must live our lives for the will of God. It is how we follow the example the Christ has left us. Therefore, pray for your youth group. Whatever you accomplish is not as important as the fact that you are doing the will of God. He responds to obedience and that is why we pray "let your will be done on earth as it is on heaven."

**Prayer:** Pray that your youth group will obey the will of God. Seek what the Holy Spirit desires to accomplish in your community through you.

### DAY 5: Proverbs 15

**Believe it:** The proverbs are wonderfully short and powerful verses. The Lord speaks through these phrases to ensure that his people are filled with his wisdom. That's it for today.

**Prayer:** Stop speaking for a few moments and listen. Read and listen. Then read some more and listen. Allow the proverbs to dwell in your heart.

### DAY 6: Philippians 4:4-7

**Believe it:** I love the phrase "the Lord is near." He is present at all of our functions, services, outreaches, meetings, meals and family times. He is present when we are alone. That is why we rejoice and bring all of our requests to him in faith.

**Prayer:** Pray for the needs in your family, among your friends, in your church, and your community.

### DAY 7: 1 Samuel 12:18-25, Matthew 5:13-16

**Believe it:** Samuel cuts to the matter with the people. Even though there was sin in their lives, it was important to not turn away from God but rather from their sin. Samuel commits to pray for them and teach them the way that is right. Jesus taught that Christians are salt and light and that others may see what he is like by observing us.

**Prayer:** Examine your life and confess your sins. Pray for your friends that they might see the Father in you.