

40 Days of Prayer

(Days 15-21)

Praise the Lord for our privilege to talk with Him!

Remember to carefully listen to Jesus' Spirit speak His Word to your heart.

Even though there are selected "focal passages" in each chapter to examine with potential prayer ideas, let the Lord speak to you through any of the verses, according to the needs He sees in your life and to the purposes He desires to fulfill through you.

Then, respond to Him in faith, obedience, and thanksgiving.

Let's continue:

Day 15

[Read Luke 15] **Focal passage:** Luke 15:11-23, 32

Prayer ideas: Spend as much time as you can in Luke 15:20. Fall on your face, be amazed and wonder, and thank your Heavenly Father for His indescribable love for you. If you relate more to the older brother (Luke 15:25-32), praise the Lord for never having to endure the extreme of the far country. Pray for those who are there now. Forgive and restore them in Christ as you are given opportunity.

Day 16

[Read Luke 16] **Focal passage:** Luke 16:13, 19-31

Prayer ideas: Talk with God about your loyalty to dwelling with Him and to serving in His kingdom in comparison to your loyalty to your earthly realm. Make any needed adjustments so that there is no question which you love most.

Day 17

[Read Luke 17] **Focal passage:** Luke 17:1-4

Prayer ideas: Confess and forsake anything in your life that may be a stumbling block to "little ones." Pray for brothers and sisters in Christ who are in some bondage to sin. Lovingly rebuke them as led by the Lord, encouraging them to repent as you have. Forgive! Forgive! Forgive!

Day 18

[Read Luke 18] **Focal passage:** Luke 18:9-14

Prayer ideas: Stand before the Lord (spiritually), and declare your own righteousness using the biblical standards we've seen thus far in Luke's gospel. If your "score" was derived from comparisons to other "certain" people, or your argument was based on good works, try again! Keep trying until you end up in verse 13.

Day 19

[Read Luke 19] **Focal passage:** Luke 19:1-10

Prayer ideas: Zacchaeus, upon experiencing the grace of Jesus to know him, to know his name, and to be willing to fellowship with him... made a bold commitment of generosity and one of restitution (x4). In light of Christ's grace in your life, what commitment of your riches will you voice to Jesus today?

Day 20

[Read Luke 20] **Focal passage:** Luke 20:9-18

Prayer ideas: Reaffirm with the Lord what type of service you render in assisting in bearing fruit (produce) in God's vineyard. Pray that when Jesus comes looking for fruit from us (personally, our church, Christianity), that He finds more than excuses and rejection.

Day 21

[Read Luke 21] **Focal passage:** Luke 21:32-38

Prayer ideas: If Jesus had come back last night, would you have been caught off guard? Pray through verses 34, 36, and 38. Ask Jesus to reveal to you what you need to do specifically to be ready for His return.