

## **40 Days of Prayer**

(Days 8-14)

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 8**

[Read Luke 8] **Focal passage:** Luke 8:4-15

**Prayer ideas:** Ask the Lord to reveal anything in your life that may be choking the growth of God's Word in you (worries, riches, or pleasures of this life). Confess and forsake it, and ask Jesus to bear good fruit through you.

### **Day 9**

[Read Luke 9] **Focal passage:** Luke 9:18-27, 62

**Prayer ideas:** Remember and acknowledge to Jesus that you are actually following Him, and seeking the increase of **His** kingdom, not your own. Ask the Holy Spirit to examine your life against Luke 9:23-24, and make any needed adjustments.

### **Day 10**

[Read Luke 10] **Focal passage:** Luke 10:25-37

**Prayer ideas:** Confirm your heart-filled love for the Lord. Ask for an opportunity to prove that love as did the Good Samaritan. When you encounter someone, ask, "Lord, what would You do for this person?" Ask yourself, "How would I want someone to love me if I were in this circumstance?"

### **Day 11**

[Read Luke 11] **Focal passage:** Luke 11:1-13

**Prayer ideas:** Ask Jesus to teach you more about prayer. What kinds of things would Jesus have us ask for? What kind of faith would He want us to have when asking? What does He want to give us?

### **Day 12**

[Read Luke 12] **Focal passage:** Luke 12:22-40

**Prayer ideas:** Ask the Lord to reveal to you how much time you spend worrying about finances and material things in comparison to your heart's concern for the kingdom of God. Seek ways to invest more into Christ's kingdom, thanking Him for His promise to provide all the other. Thank Him for his promise to return, and ask for His presence and strength to be ready, by doing what He has called you to do.

### **Day 13**

[Read Luke 13] **Focal passage:** Luke 13:1-9

**Prayer ideas:** Ask the Lord to reveal your own personal standard of righteousness. Do you compare yourself to certain others, or do you compare yourself to the standards in God's Word? What kind of fruit is Jesus looking to find on you (like the fig tree)? "Lord, have I repented? Am I bearing fruit?"

### **Day 14**

[Read Luke 14] **Focal passage:** Luke 14:12-24

**Prayer ideas:** Thank the Lord for inviting you to the feast of His life, knowing that spiritually, we were poor, crippled, lame, and blind. Ask for opportunities to share that same kind of invitation with others (see verses 13 and 23). Invite someone to draw close to Jesus by sharing what He has done for you.