

PRAYER GUIDE

21 days of
prayer

A HEART LIKE HIS

getting started

The goal of this campaign is to begin reframing our internal monologue from **selfish** to **selfless** and thinking of others first, like Jesus. We'll begin this by prayerfully asking and developing the art of noticing. This will come through sensitivity and relation with the Holy Spirit.

We were once all, and continue to be, someone who is on the other side of a stranger's kindness. More so, nearly every Christian's testimony includes stories of kind people who loved, or served, them without reason.

But, there is a reason. The desire to serve comes from the overflow of the Spirit inside of us.

We often serve those that we love without second thought. To serve and to love can feel interchangeable in that sense. But remember, we are called to love everyone. And when we serve others without the need for gratitude or recognition, it glorifies our Heavenly Father.

In Matthew 5, Jesus calls us "salt and light." Salt is an iconic seasoning and widely used preservative, you know it when you taste it. If we as Christians are salt, known for our flavor—what flavor are we currently portraying?

Interpreting our role through this analogy, we are called to be set apart.

We are called to be a light, offering people the hope and freedom found only in Jesus and preserving His teachings in this broken world. What if when people thought about Christians, they didn't imagine those who are judgmental and morally superior? Instead, recognizing them for the way they love others selflessly and reflect a heart like His.

We hope to convey this over the 21-day period through daily prayer, Scripture verses that reflect the sentiment of the campaign, and weekly action steps called *Love in Action*. We also encourage participants to dive in deeper. Read the full chapter and research the customs of that time period to gain the complete contextual and cultural understanding of the passages.

This campaign will run from Thursday, August 6, through Thursday, August 27. Monday through Saturday, during these 21 days, the church will be open at varying times for personal prayer time. On Thursday nights at Pray First, we will be kicking off each new week (see schedule on the following page). Finally, our *A Heart Like His* prayer campaign will culminate with a Worship Night on August 27.



THURSDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE:

August 6 - Week One:
Notice

August 13 - Week Two:
Love in Action

August 20 - Week Three:
Point Others Toward the King

August 27 - Worship Night at
6:30pm in Auditorium

DAILY CHURCH PRAYER TIMES:

Monday - Wednesday / 12:00pm-1:00pm
Thursday / 6:30pm at Pray First
Friday / 12:00pm-1:00pm
Saturday / 8:00am-9:00am
Sunday / During Services

Love in Action:

Practical ways to demonstrate the love of Christ every day.

It's easy to underestimate the power of a simple conversation, an encouraging word, or a thoughtful gesture. But throughout Scripture, God uses ordinary people doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. These *Love in Action* ideas are simple opportunities designed to help you practice living with open eyes, open hands, and an open heart. As you serve others, you'll discover that God is transforming you, too.

Throughout these 21 days, these challenges aren't meant to become another task on your to-do list. They're easy invitations to partner with the Holy Spirit. Don't worry about completing every challenge. Instead, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to the right person at the right time. One small act of obedience can make an eternal difference.

Pray with intentionality, stay attentive throughout your day, and be willing to respond when God nudges you. Sometimes the greatest miracle isn't the act itself—it's a heart that has learned to love like Jesus.

“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

- GALATIANS 6:9

WEEK 1

NOTICE

See the Need

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. - **PHILIPPIANS 2:4**

Love in Action / WEEK ONE:

Notice someone who may be overlooked.

Learn a person's name.

Ask someone, "How can I help?"

Thank someone whose work often goes unnoticed.

Send an encouraging text to someone God puts on your heart.

Sit with someone who may be alone.

Meet a need at home before being asked.

Ask God each morning, "Who do You want me to notice today?"

Bible stories that exemplify love in action:

The Good Samaritan:
Luke 10:25-37

Boaz Notices Ruth: Ruth 2

Jesus Sees the Hungry Crowd:
Matthew 13-21

week 1

WEEK'S VERSE

Thursday, August 6 | *Philippians 2:4*

Join us for Pray First at 6:30pm.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Prompt: Lord, open my eyes to the people around me. Help me notice needs I would normally overlook.



Friday, August 7 | Proverbs 16:2

People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives.

Prompt: Search my heart and reveal any selfish motives. Help me desire Your approval above all else.

Saturday, August 8 | John 3:27

John replied, “No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven.”

Prompt: Thank You for every blessing You’ve given me. Help me steward what You’ve entrusted to me for others.

Sunday, August 9 | Luke 10:33

Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. (recommendation: read the full story)

Prompt: Give me the compassion of the Good Samaritan. Help me recognize when you're calling me to stop and respond to a need.

Monday, August 10 | Matthew 9:36

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Prompt: Lord, help me see people the way You see them—not as interruptions, but as individuals You deeply love and created uniquely.

Tuesday, August 11 | Genesis 16:13

Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, “You are the God who sees me.” She also said, “Have I truly seen the One who sees me?”

Prompt: Make me attentive like You, Lord—the God who sees. Help me notice those who feel unseen. Show me opportunities to encourage and care for those around me.

Wednesday, August 12 | Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Prompt: Search me, Lord. Remove any obstacles that keep me from You and increase my sensitivity to Your Spirit.

WEEK 2

LOVE THROUGH ACTION

Use What You Have

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

- 1 PETER 4:10

Love in Action / WEEK TWO:

Give something away.

Use a skill to bless someone.

Meet a practical need.

Pay for someone's coffee or meal.

Volunteer for a task no one wants to do.

Complete an act of kindness without telling anyone.

Bible stories that exemplify love in action:

Dorcas (Tabitha) Making Garments for Widows: Acts 36-42

The Boy with the Loaves and Fish: John 1-14

Widow of Zarephath Sharing Her Last Meal: 1 Kings 8-16

week 2

WEEK'S VERSE

Thursday, August 13 | 1 Peter 4:10

Join us for Pray First at 6:30pm.

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Prompt: Show me how to use my gifts and resources to bless others this week.

Friday, August 14 | Colossians 3:23

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Prompt: Help me learn to serve wholeheartedly, knowing that every act of kindness is an act of worship, no matter how small.

Saturday, August 15 | Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Prompt: Jesus, You came to serve. Shape my heart to reflect Your humility and generosity.

Sunday, August 16 | John 6:9

“There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”

Prompt: Help me offer what I have, even when it seems small, trusting You to multiply it.

Monday, August 17 | Acts 9:36

There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha. She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.

Prompt: Lord, please create in me a heart like Tabitha. Faithfully using my gifts to impact others.

Tuesday, August 18 | 1 Kings 17:13

But Elijah said to the widow, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son.”

Prompt: As I continue to grow my trust in You, Lord, please teach me generosity even when sacrifice is required.

Wednesday, August 19 | Matthew 6:3-4

But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Prompt: Help me serve without seeking recognition. May my kindness point people to You.

WEEK 3

POINT OTHERS TOWARD THE KING

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as
you are already doing. - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

Love in Action / WEEK THREE:

Write a note of encouragement.

Speak life into another person.

Help someone take a step closer to Jesus.

Send a Scripture to encourage someone.

Invite someone to church or group.

Ask someone how you can pray for them and follow up.

Reach out to someone who may have drifted from church.

Bible stories that exemplify love in action:

Jonathan Encourages

David:

1 Samuel 15-18

Friends Lower the Paralytic to Jesus:

Mark 1-12

Abigail Encourages and Helps David:

1 Samuel

Week 3

WEEK'S VERSE

Thursday, August 20 | *Thessalonians 5:11*

Join us for Pray First at 6:30pm.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Prompt: Show me someone who needs encouragement today. Help me strengthen their faith.



Friday, August 21 | Proverbs 16:24

Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

Prompt: Help me to be mindful with my words in hopes that they bring life, healing, and hope to those around me.

Saturday, August 22 | 1 Samuel 23:16

Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.

Prompt: Lord please make me a friend like Jonathan—someone who strengthens others in their walk with You.



Sunday, August 23 | Mark 2:5

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”

Prompt: Please help me to remove any barriers that keep people from encountering Jesus.

Monday, August 24 | Romans 15:7

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

Prompt: Teach me to see, welcome, and value people the way Christ has welcomed me.

Tuesday, August 25 | Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Prompt: May my actions reflect only Your goodness and draw others toward You.

Wednesday, August 26 | Acts 2:46-47

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Prompt: Lord, please build a spirit of unity and generosity in our church. Use us to make an eternal difference in our community.

Join us for Worship Night at 6:30pm.

Prompt: Lord, help me stay devoted to prayer, attentive to Your Spirit, and ready to recognize every opportunity You place before me. Give me wisdom to live well, courage to share Christ, and grace-filled words that point others to You.

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