

Day 1 - January 23, 2022

In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Daily Theme - Delight In Divine Help

Scripture - John 14:15-17, Psalm 37:4

This week in the 100 Days of Prayer, we want to concentrate and pray about being in tune with the Holy Spirit and focusing our prayers to see His power displayed.

I can only imagine the apprehension the disciples felt when Jesus told them that He was leaving; after they had spent three years with Him, watched Him die and be resurrected. I'm sure at this point after His resurrection they felt that nothing could stop them. But Jesus instead announces His departure, and He promises a presence that will carry them to do great things.

We need to delight in the Divine Help that is the Holy Spirit, just as the disciples and early church had to do. But where does that start? A launching place may be Psalm 37:4 as David tells us, "Delight yourself also in the LORD and He shall give you the desires of your heart." As we find delight in God, our perspectives change and His desires for His creation become our desires. As we pursue God and take refuge in Him, we find fulfillment and contentment.

The disciples quickly discovered what it means to delight in the Divine Help of the Holy Spirit and it empowered them to bring Jesus to the world. Let's remember that Jesus didn't leave us orphaned, His departure from earth opened the door for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Let's celebrate that!

Themes To Pray Over

- Praise God that you are not a spiritual orphan, you have the Holy Spirit and a community of faith to journey with.
- List the items, people and situations in your life that are a blessing from the God. Thank God for them.
- Pray for a daily renewal of enthusiasm and praise for your relationship with Jesus.

A Prayer for Us All

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times when I have delighted myself in wrong things. Keep me from being consumed by the heartbreak of this world, and help me to keep the eyes of my heart on Jesus and to delight myself in the things of God. Align my thoughts to Your thoughts, I pray, and my will to the will of God. May the desires of my heart unite with Your perfect will and eternal purposes, for Your everlasting praise and glory. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Heart Question

- How do you express your excitement of the Divine Help of God?

Additional Resources

- <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/psalm-37/>
- <https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/37/Psalm-37-4.html>

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Day 2 - January 24, 2022

In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Daily Post - Holy Spirit Priorities

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Make no mistake, the Holy Spirit is God and is active in your life. He fulfills many roles in our spiritual lives and the honest reality is that we place Him on the sidelines too often. Today, we want to focus on where He resides and what He is active in.

Look at what Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3,

1 - You are God's Temple

2 - The Holy Spirit dwells in you (as God's Temple)

3 - God cherishes that Temple (you)

4 - That Temple is Holy (YOU are Holy!)

The truth found in those 2 verses should make us drop to our knees with a prayer of thankfulness.

But wait, there is more! Look at the other roles the Holy Spirit plays in your life.

- He teaches (John 14:26)
- He convicts you of sin, it's good to have a conscience (John 16:7-8)
- He is the source of power and wisdom (1 Cor. 2:10-11)
- He guides to truth and next steps in our lives (John 16:13-15)
- He gifts us to His church (1 Cor. 12:7-11)
- He seals you and marks you as His own (Ephesians. 1:3)
- He helps you in your weakness (Romans 8:26-27)
- He made you new (Romans 8:10-11)
- He brings good fruit to your life (Galatians 5:22-25)

The priority of the Holy Spirit is to show this world the need for Jesus and to empower you to become more like Jesus. The question is, will you partner with God's plan in that?

Themes To Pray Over

- Pray that you can recognize at least priority of the Holy Spirit today for your life and/or for His kingdom
- Pray for a better personal understanding of what it means to have the Holy Spirit indwell you
- Thank God for His Spirit that leads, comforts and challenges you.

A Prayer For Us All

Heavenly Father, Help me begin to understand the incredible privilege and the serious consequences of having Your Spirit indwelling my body and I pray that I may live worthy of the calling to which I have been called. I pray that I live my life from this day forward as unto the Lord, in Whose name I pray, AMEN

Heart Question

- How do your priorities today and the priorities of the Holy Spirit differ?

Additional Resources

- <https://www.faithgateway.com/jesus-in-me-week-8-trusting-in-the-priority-of-the-holy-spirit/#.YegZfC2caxA>

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Day 3 - January 25, 2022

Weekly Theme - In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Today's Theme - The fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The goodbye session when you leave someone's home may take a while as you all gather inside the door for an extended conversation before departure. The conversation may continue a bit longer with some laughter, gentle banter and if it will an extended period of time before you see someone again, there may be some tears and bear hugs. The goodbye words are important and will leave a lasting impression.

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians he concludes with a blessing and he includes all three members of the Trinity. Paul blesses them with the grace of Jesus, followed by the love of God and finalizes the blessing with a prayer for the fellowship of the Spirit to be with them.

His prayer and hope is they will set aside divisions, repent of sin, and be united together as one family in Christ. That union is driven by the Holy Spirit and experienced by the church as the members submit to Him. What a beautiful fact that every believer permanently receives the Holy Spirit at their conversion (2 Corinthians 1:21-22) and leads us in our prayers and direction in life. It's no wonder that Paul blesses the church with these words about the fellowship of the Spirit.

Paul's good-bye words leave a great impression and a reminder for us to enjoy the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in the context of our community of faith.

Themes To Pray Over

- Pray over your community of faith, celebrating that Holy Spirit is the one who draws you into fellowship with each other
- Pray that in our future interaction with our church family, we remember and value each other because the Holy Spirit indwells in each of us. As we value each other, we value the Temple of God.

A Prayer For Us All

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great love for me. Thank You for the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit and thank You for sending the Lord Jesus to be the sacrifice for my sin. I pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit would be with all Your blood-bought children - today and until the coming of Christ in the clouds for His church. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

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Day 4 - January 26, 2022

In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Daily theme - Spiritual Help While Under Attack

Scripture - Ephesians 6:12, 1 Peter 5:8, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (listed below)

We are just a 1/4 of the way through these 100 Days of Prayer and the reports are coming in from our church family with the realization that we're on the front lines of battle. Satan has mounted an attack and is attempting to derail the Hope Fellowship family with discouragement, distraction and illness; anything to take the focus off our Lord and our need for Him. You may have experienced unique situations in the past 25 days that seem bizarre and there has been the temptation to throw in the towel. This is to be expected and we need to pause and be reminded of the promises of Scripture.

To think that we don't encounter a spiritual battle is to ignore the warning of Scripture. Listen to Paul; ***'For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*** Ephesians 6:12). Peter also gives us a warning of this battle; ***'Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.*** 1 Peter 5:8-9'.

In both the Old and New Testament we see assurances of God's help. ***'Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.*** Isaiah 41:10 . ***'Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.*** 2 Thessalonians 3:3.

And where does that help stem from? The Spirit of God, with you to battle through illness, overcome discouragement and shed the distraction to focus on the life God calls you to. Pray to see the power of the Holy Spirit unleashed in your life!

Themes To Pray Over

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to go ahead of your day to shield you from Satan's methods
- Pray for the ability to discern the unseen spiritual forces you encounter
- Pray for a spirit of courage and thank God for the victories ahead of you that only He provides

A Prayer For Us All

Almighty God, thank you for giving me victory over Satan through the sacrifice of your Son, his resurrection from the dead, and his promised return to take me home to heaven. Please strengthen me and empower me to overcome temptation and resist the deception of the evil one. O Lord, it is only You that I want to worship, serve, and obey. To You belongs all glory forever, and ever, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Heart Question

- Are you able to identify some aspects of Satan's attack on you in these past 25 days? What are they?

Additional Resources

- <https://www.intouchcanada.org/watch/sermons/facing-a-satanic-attack>

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Day 5 - January 27, 2022

Weekly Theme - In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Daily theme - The Holy Spirit Teaches All things

Scripture - 1 John 2:27

A young child's world grows every day by freely asking questions and exploring. We could learn from their example. Ask questions, listen (albeit, maybe listen a little bit better than they do) and take the time to learn something new.

What a thrill to learn and experience that once we are saved, we have the promise of the permanently indwelling Holy Spirit abiding in us. Think about that word permanent; the Holy Spirit is ALWAYS with us. What a joy to realize that when we are born from above and anointed by the Spirit of truth, that He will teach us what we need to know. As we abide in Him, rest in His love and trust His Word in every area of our lives.

If you neglected to open your bible and read 1 John 2:27, please stop and do that now.

This verse has been twisted in many ways over the years but John is simply saying that there is no illumination to be discovered that is additional to the inspired Word of God. The Scriptures were given to us from God for our learning. And together with the indwelling Holy Spirit living in our heart, we have all we need for our spiritual directives and development - as long we obey Christ's command to abide in Him and He in us. May we take this to heart as we die daily to our own desires and live each moment only for Him.

Themes to Pray

- pray to not only remain in fellowship with Christ, but to have that fellowship deepen
- Thank God that He only teaches you truth and will not lie to you.
- Pray for continued discernment from His Spirit and His Word for your life and for our church

A prayer for us all today

Our Father, thank you for this amazing phenomenon of a teaching Spirit within us. We cannot get over the joy and the thrill, the awe that grips our spirit, when we think of this mighty teacher, the Spirit of God himself, the One who knows the mind of Christ, indwelling us and willing to teach us, step by step, as we go along. Make us willing to hear, having eyes to see and ears to hear. Let it penetrate to that depth of spirit by which we shall understand and grasp these amazing riches in Christ Jesus, for we ask in his name, Amen.

Additional Resources

- <https://www.lockhaven.com/news/religion/2021/01/finding-faith-six-ways-the-holy-spirit-transforms-our-lives/>

Journal

Day 6 - January 28, 2022

Weekly Theme - In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Daily Theme - The Holy Spirit Pours in Grace and Power

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

Did you have a childhood friend who was a constant companion? Same class, same clubs, same teams, same street? Maybe the face of that constant friend changed from one chapter of your life to another, but I'm sure you can remember the name of someone who you did everything with. Regardless of the activity, that person was right there beside you, making memories. Jesus had that consistent presence in His life...and we are blessed to experience it as well.

As Sinclair Ferguson writes: From womb to tomb to throne, the Spirit was the constant companion of the Son. As a result, when he comes to Christians to indwell them, he comes as the Spirit of Christ in such a way that to possess him is to possess Christ himself, **just as to lack him is to lack Christ**. (*Emphasis mine*).

It's vital that we understand this, because the Holy Spirit effects our transformation. When we embrace Jesus, we are given His Spirit and the Holy Spirit remakes us after Christ's likeness, changing us. We are dependent on the Spirit for **every inch of progress** in our pursuit of holiness and transformation. All that we are is not of our own doing, it's the power and grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We just need to be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to pour into us. Do you have a humble heart to allow that to happen?

Themes To Pray Over

- Thank God for the progress you've experienced, in who you know are compared to what you once were
- Pray for a deeper understanding and awareness of the grace you've received from the Holy Spirit
- Celebrate the constant companion you've had with the Holy Spirit

A Prayer For Us All

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your written Word and the glories it contains. Help me not to become too familiar with its truth that I become complacent. Help me to read Your word with child-like expectation and a deep-seated sense of awe. May I increasingly see the beauty of Jesus radiating from its pages and I pray that as I gaze on His loveliness, I too will start to be transformed from glory to glory - this I pray in Jesus name, AMEN.

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Day 7 - January 29, 2022

Weekly Theme - In Tune With The Holy Spirit

Daily Theme - Praying In Unique Circumstances

Scripture - Mark 16:14-20

The Scripture passage that you read today has been debated for centuries, as it doesn't appear in two of the earliest New Testament manuscripts but it does appear in countless copies after. What is evident, is that it was regarded as inspired and therefore authoritative early in the history of the church. What is also debated time and again is 'are these events listed in this passage occurring today by the power of the Holy Spirit?'

As I walk a fine line down this theological topic, my intent is not to start debate but to concentrate on ***the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives***. The power of the Holy Spirit protected the apostles and authenticated their message of the gospel. That same Holy Spirit is active in our lives today and showing His power, although that power appears to manifest itself in different fashion.

My objective in writing today's devotional is for us to begin to pray that miracles of transformation will happen in our lives, our families, our church and our communities. Our Saviour Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit and we read of His arrival in the book of Acts. We see in the lives of the apostles how the Spirit gifted, led and empowered them. You have experienced a transformation in your life (assuming you have humbled yourself to claim Jesus as your Saviour) and it is the power of the Holy Spirit that has orchestrated that.

As we pray, let's pray that God's power is displayed in ways that leave no doubt as to His authority!

Themes To Pray Over

- Celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit you read of in Scripture and you've experienced in your life
- Pray for opportunities to speak of Christ in your life and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare those on the receiving end of those God-speaks
- Pray for the miracle of others coming to Jesus

A Prayer For Us All

Oh, God, today help us to live with faith. May it not be said of us that our faith is too small. Help us to trust You, to see in You, Your infinite power. May we experience Your infinite glory, greatness, grander, majesty and Your infinite ability. Keep us, oh God, from trusting in our power. Help us to trust in Your power. Help us to pray accordingly as we pray, even right now. God, help us to realize we're talking to You, the king of the universe that has all authority and all power, who's sovereignly ruling and reigning over all things. Help us not to underestimate You in our praying. As we pray for others, as we serve others, help us to do that cognizant of Your power. Amen.

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