

40 Days of Prayer: Week 1

Welcome to 40 Days of Prayer: EE Prayer Guide Week 1! For those of you that are new to EE (Evangelism Explosion), we are a ministry with a vision of Every nation equipping every people group and every age group to witness to every person. Our sole purpose is Equipping believers to multiply in and through local churches worldwide. We believe in the power of prayer to accomplish our vision and purpose. The EE USA Prayer Network believes that when God's people pray great things happen. We envision a great spiritual awakening in America when all believers unite, in one accord, in prayer believing that God will do great and mighty things.

We are elated that you have connected with us and we will dive in deep over the next 40 days to intercede on behalf of the ministry of EE, local churches, cities, states, pastors, our nation America, and the unbeliever. During our 40 Days of Prayer, we will use a model of prayer that gets us praying through the scriptures. If you have purchased Donald S. Whitney's book, *Praying the Bible*, you will discover for the first time or be reminded or encouraged on how and why you might find praying through the bible to be a refreshing approach to your prayer life. Every Sunday we will post the weekly prayer guide. However, you have chosen to unite with us in prayer, whether it be individually or in community, we hope that we will all find power in praying together.

In the first chapter of *Praying the Bible*, Whitney identifies that many Christians get bored with their prayer life. And the problem is possibly: our prayer method. Whitney mentions that prayer without variety eventually become words without meaning. It's normal for us as believers to pray about the same old things most of the time. What we say about the same thing we pray regularly can become redundant and eventually boring. When boredom sets so does lack of prayer.

In the second chapter, of *Praying the Bible*, Whitney identifies a solution to boredom with prayer. Almighty God, invites His children to pray. And one way to a fulfilling prayer life is the method prescribed in *Praying the Bible*: learning to pray the words of the Bible.

In recapturing these chapters, ask yourself these two questions.

What is God trying to say to you in the first two chapters of *Praying the Bible* on the problem and the solution for your prayer life?

What are you going to say to God about your prayer life?

Prayer Guide Week One of 40 Days of Prayer for January 10– February 18:

Using Psalm 10 to start our Prayer Prompts for this week:

Lord, sometimes I question where you are in the midst of our present suffering and the prevailing wickedness. I confess that my mind can wander away from your promises and focus on the circumstances in front of me. And sometimes I wonder why? Why do the wicked seem

to arrogantly prey on the weak and get by with it? Why do the evil boast and live greedily, turning their backs on you, Lord? Why do they seem to prosper?

God, arise, lift your hand. You are Lord over all things. You know everything. After my many questions, I am reminded of just how mindful you are and how in control you are, of all things. You are our helper. You call evil doers to accountability. You are the King Eternal! You hear our cries, defending the fatherless and oppressed. Lord, help me to be mindful of your reign and sovereignty over all things.