

40 Days of Prayer Challenge #2

Week 3 of Challenge #2

For the week of March 21-March 27

- ⇒ Even if you are a return prayer warrior, please sign up again! We'd love to know who is connecting with us in this challenge.
- ⇒ Read days 15 to 21 in Draw the Circle – one reading each day and use the questions given below to reflect on what you've read. Also, use the scripture provided to keep you praying the Bible.
- ⇒ Choose one day a week to connect with your prayer people. Make your time together enjoyable and effective. Whatever day you meet, challenge each other to reflect upon what you have read and pray the bible scripture together. Then take time to intercede on behalf of the ministry of EE, churches, pastors, cities, states, our country and unbelievers. These requests will be listed below and can also be found on the *Click and Pray* feature of the homepage.

Mark Batterson says, “By definition, praying hard is hard. In God’s kingdom, prayer is the heavy lift. But prayer is the difference between “good ideas” and “God-ideas.” It’s the difference between closed doors and open doors. It’s the difference between impossible and possible. But you can’t just pray like it depends on God. You also have to work like it depends on you. What I mean by this is this: you can’t just talk the talk---you also have to walk the walk.”

Are you praying hard? I love the illustration from the book of Genesis that Batterson reminds of, the one in Genesis where it took only a few minutes to get from God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah to make them “into a great nation” to the fulfillment when Sarah “bore a son to Abraham in his old age.” But Abraham and Sarah weren’t reading it, they were living it. Those 25 years -the few minutes from the promise to the fulfillment -had to feel like an eternity. Abraham endured through this long-awaited promise because in hope he believed. This week..... let’s do more than just “pray for!” This week let’s actually “pray through” our “hope against hope” life situations that require this kind of “pray through” intercessory prayer.

-----Daily Prayer Challenges-----

- Sunday, Day 15: “Prayer is the difference between you fighting for God and God fighting for you.” Read Psalm 35:1, 23. What do these verses say about the way God contends for you when you are fighting for His cause? Read Psalm 35:1, 23 again. Use these passages to talk to God about any battles you should surrender to Him and allow Him fight on your behalf.
- Monday, Day 16: “God always has a holy surprise up His sovereign sleeve.” Read Acts 12:5-16. How did God surprise the believers who had been praying.? Read Acts 12:5-16 again. Talk to God and ask Him to surprise you and then when He does, go out shouting and glorifying His name.
- Tuesday, Day 17: “God is never early, God is never late. God is always right on time.” Read Numbers 23:19. What does this verse say about God and His promises? Read Numbers 23:19 again and ask God to help you pray (As Long As It Takes) ALAT!
- Wednesday, Day 18: “If you don’t get out of the boat, you’ll never walk on water.” Read 2 Chronicles 20:15-17. How did the Lord encourage His people in the face of an overwhelming army that was marching against them? Read 2 Chronicles 20:15-17 again. “Knowing that it’s God’s victory to win, keep praying.” Keep your eyes on HIM, through every battle
- Thursday, Day 19: “Our prayers don’t die when we do.” God answers them forever. Read Psalm 141:2. How are our prayers like an offering to God? Read Psalm 141:2 and ask God to help you to be an answer to someone else’s prayer to further His kingdom. Thank God for his wisdom and timeless answers.
- Friday, Day 20: “If you are looking for excuses, you will always find one.” Read Hebrews 11:8-12. How did God honor Abraham’s faith when he answered God’s call “even though he did not know where he was going”? Read Hebrews 11:8-12. Read the scripture again asking God to guide you as you trust His plan for steps of faith.
- Saturday, Day 21: “God is not a genie in a bottle, and your wish is not His command. His command better be your wish.” Read James 1:5-6. How are we being instructed to pray in these verses? Read James 1:5-6 again and ask God to sanctify your desires to match the wonderful dreams He has for your life.