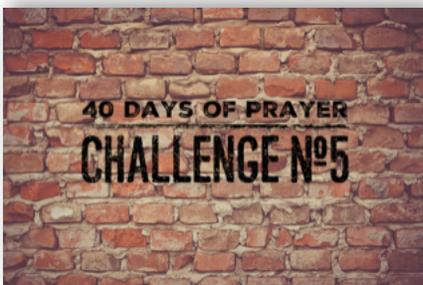


Week 1 of Challenge #5
Week of September 13-17
Chapter 17



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We are using Ann Spangler's book *PRAYING THE NAMES OF JESUS* beginning with chapter 17 – chapter 24 for challenge #5 which will run from September 13, 2021 - November 5, 2021. You can access the previous chapters of the book on our previous prayer challenge button. Please sign up again even if you've signed up in the past. We love knowing who is praying with us.

ALPHA AND OMEGA

In 1969, musician Larry Norman released a song about the upcoming rapture called "I Wish We'd All Been Ready." These are the lyrics:

*Life was filled with guns and war and everyone got trampled on the floor
I wish we'd all been ready
Children died, the days grew cold A piece of bread could buy a bag of gold
I wish we'd all been ready
There's no time to change your mind The Son has come and you've been left behind*

*A man and wife asleep in bed She hears a noise and turns her head, he's gone
I wish we'd all be ready
Two men walking up a hill One disappears and one's left standing still
I wish we'd all been ready
There's no time to change your mind The Son has come and you've been left behind*

A sobering reality: There will be those individuals on that day -those that have not professed faith in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life-left behind when He returns for His bride-the church. It would be crazy to try and predict the timing of 'the End' because the Word says that no one knows the day or the hour when the Son of God will appear. But we do know that He will. We do know about the how and the who of 'the End' return. The key is the who. Jesus says in Revelation 22:13, "I am...the Beginning and the End."

When I go to a cemetery to visit the grave site of a loved one and I look at the tombstones, there's a theme visible on each stone. There's always a birth date and a death date. Those dates are significant but what is even more significant is the "dash." The dash signifies the now. The dash signifies the purpose of the life lived from birth to death. The dash tells the story. And when I consider our Alpha and Omega, Jesus, I consider the dash of your life and the dash of my life. He's the A to Z. Let's begin and end each of our days on earth in worship to Him. One day we will see Him face to face and will worship Him for all eternity but why wait till then. Let's worship Him every day now from the rising of the Son till the going down of the same. As followers of Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, we discover that life is ALL about Him. The Word of God begins with Jesus in creation and ends with Jesus in His return. And everything we do in between should be about Jesus. Let's live today like it is the end. Jesus is coming again! Let's keep inviting all to come to the final celebration. And be ready for His return.

Additional daily reflections as we consider our ALPHA AND OMEGA:

Monday: Read Revelation 21:5-6. How do these verses encourage you?

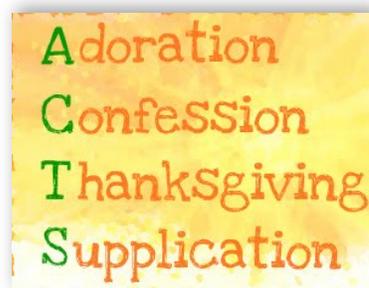
Tuesday: Read Revelation 1:7-8. Are you struggling to trust God with the unknowns in your life? How does this passage declare victory for you over your unknowns?

Wednesday: Read Colossians 1:15. Who is Jesus to you?

Thursday: Read Hebrews 13:8. In our ever-changing life situations, how is knowing that Jesus is the same forever, reassuring to you? How does that change your perspective?

Friday: Read Revelation 2:8-11. These verses encourage us to foster faith over fear; remembering that Christ rules over all. How can you seek Jesus and His kingdom first today, trading your fears for faith?

**EE Prayer Network
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September 13, 2021**



Adoration: praising God for who He is!

Alpha and Omega: Prayer of Adoration

Heavenly Father, You, reveal yourself in many ways. You are the first and the last. We know that Jesus is not apart from You, He is not even a part of You, He is You. He was with You in the beginning and will be with You till the end. You are adored as the one who is totally complete. We adore You for bridging the gap that separated us from You. You are the creator of all things and yet you love us personally.

You are He; You are the first,
And You are also the last. (Isaiah 48:12)

You, O God and Father of the Lord Jesus, are blessed forever. (2 Corinthians 11:31)

O God, the Son is the radiance of Your glory and the exact representation of Your being, upholding all things by His power word. After He cleansed our sins, He sat down at Your right hand, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (Hebrews 1:3-4)

Pause to express your thoughts or praise and worship.

Confession : If we confess He is faithful to forgive.

Alpha and Omega: Prayer of Confession

I confess that sometimes my ways are not your ways, O God. I need You to be my Alpha and Omega, my beginning and end, my all in all. I sometimes turn inward to myself to supply my needs and desires when it is Your grace that is sufficient for me and Your power is made perfect in my weakness. You are the all sufficient one.

All my ways are before Your eyes, O Lord,
And You examine all my paths. (Proverbs 5:21)

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

Thanksgiving- We are mindful, O Father, of your many blessings and we are filled with gratitude!

Alpha and Omega: Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, for being the before, the now and the forever after. You promised to never leave us or forsake us. Never! You are the only constant within and beyond our lives. You are, and You forever will be and we praise You. Your presence is always with us.

You, Lord God, will swallow up death forever,

And You will wipe away the tears from all faces;
You will remove the reproach of Your people from all the earth.
For You have spoken.
And it will be said in that day,
“Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for Him, and He will save us.
We have waited for Him, and He will save us.
This is the Lord;
We have trusted in Him.
Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”

Father, we look for the time when the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, will come down out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. A loud voice from the throne will say, “Behold, God makes His home with people, and He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God, and He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the first things have passed away. “ You, the One who is seated on the throne will say, “Behold, I will make all things new.” (Revelation 21:2-5)

Supplication- we bring our requests to you and we know that you hear and answer our prayers!

Alpha and Omega: Prayer of Supplication

Lord, keep us from anything meant to diminish Jesus’ true identity in us. Help us not to shy away from your Holiness. You fill the emptiness inside that we long to have filled. I want you constantly before me in everything that I do. Jesus, the one and only Son of the Father, You, came down to earth to pay the penalty for my sin and purchase a place for me in heaven. Your life, death and resurrection are truly miraculous and greatly to be praised. May You glory shine through me that my life may be an instrument of Your love to others. Amen.

I cry out to You, O Lord,
And say, “ You are my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.” (Psalm 142:5)

Ask God For:

- all of the plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2022.
- all of the plans associated with the **Equip America** on Oct 23rd in Austin TX, Jacksonville FL, Memphis TN and Blairsville GA. Pray all four cities in this EA Event will be open to the Gospel message. Pray for the four churches involved to be free from Covid and that each site will be blessed with Your presence.
- many on-site prayer warriors to cover each Equip America training.

- the world has so many competing voices, so many voices trying to direct our thoughts and our actions. May we learn to hear only your voice guiding us forward in the path you want us to walk.
- for the HFK's training at Brookstone Church in Weaverville NC that begins Aug 11 for 13 weeks!
- the tragic situation in Afghanistan, the ongoing pandemic, the fight over election integrity, the economic uncertainty in the U.S. and all the flooding and disasters that are right now challenging our country. Father, strengthen Your people to pray as You lead. Encourage us with the knowledge that You hear and answer our prayers.
- forgive us for not seeking Your direction on how to deal with Afghanistan in the best possible way, making the people on the ground a priority. We ask You to have mercy on Afghanistan and its people. We pray God, You, will remind them that they are not alone, but are part of the global body of Christ.
- forgive us; forgive our sins. Please forgive the sins of this nation. Help us seek You with all our hearts and soul. In Jesus name we pray.

(Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope For Kids, Mentoring for Multiplication)

SYFW	9/3-26/21	Vietnamese Alliance Church	Minneapolis MN
SYFW	9/11/21	International Bible Christian Fellowship	Lynnwood WA
SYFW	9/11/21	Trinity Lutheran Church	Atchison KS
SYFW	9/11/21	Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church	West Chester PA
SYFW	9/11/21	The Life of Liberty Church	Memphis TN
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SYFW	9/18/21	First Baptist Church	Clarendon AR
SYFW	9/18/21	Harmony Community Church	Peachland NC
SYFW	9/18/21	Mount Calvary Lutheran	Warner Robbins GA
SYFW	9/25/21	First Baptist Church	Rogers AR
SYFW	10/1/21	Providence Baptist church	Rockford AL
SYFW	10/2/21	Hope of Glory Baptist Church	Brownsville TN
SYFW	10/2/21	Shiloh Baptist Church	Brandy Station VA
SYFW	10/9/21	Moorewood Baptist Church	Leedey OK
SYFW	10/16/21	Friendly Hills Church	Jamestown NC
SYFW	11/13/21	First Baptist Church	South Otselic NY
EV2 Launch	10/15-16/21	Rio Life Community Church	Mercedes TX
EV2 Launch	10/28-29/21	First Baptist Church	Rogers AR
XEE	10/14-16/21	CC Palabra de Vida	Raleigh NC
EV2		Hutto Bible Church	Hutto TX
M4M		Hutto Bible Church	Hutto TX