

# 5 Day Devotional

GRACE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Day 1: The Longing to Pray

**Reading:** Luke 11:1-4

**Devotional:** The disciples didn't ask Jesus to teach them to preach or perform miracles—they asked Him to teach them to pray. They had witnessed the connection between Jesus' prayer life and His power. What transformed prayer from obligation to desire for them? They realized their desperate need. When we truly grasp who we are, whose we are, and why we're here, prayer shifts from something we should do to something we long to do. Today, reflect on what drives your prayer life. Is it duty or desire? Ask God to reveal areas where you've forgotten your desperate need for Him. The invitation to prayer is not a burden—it's a gift from a loving Father who invites you into His presence.

## Day 2: Remembering Your Calling

**Reading:** Ephesians 6:18-20

**Devotional:** Paul was imprisoned, yet his prayer request wasn't for release or comfort—it was for boldness to declare the gospel. He remembered who he was and why he existed. Many of us settle into ordinary lives, seeking comfort and avoiding pain, forgetting we're called to extraordinary kingdom purposes. We're called to love enemies, serve the least, and display resurrection power. When we take this calling seriously, prayer becomes essential, not optional. Consider: What would change if you truly believed you were called to transform your world with Christ's love? What risks would you take? What prayers would you pray? Don't settle for mediocrity when God has called you to participate in His kingdom work.

## **Day 3: Prayer and Power**

**Reading:** Acts 4:23-31

**Devotional:** The early church faced opposition and threats, yet they didn't pray for safety—they prayed for boldness and power to continue their mission. They understood that following Jesus meant doing things beyond their natural ability. They needed supernatural power, which came through prayer. Many of us avoid prayer because we've avoided the kind of life that requires it. We stay in our comfort zones, take no risks, and wonder why our faith feels powerless. True prayer flows from attempting things that are impossible without God. What is God calling you to do that terrifies you? What kingdom work requires His power, not yours? Step into that calling, and you'll discover prayer isn't a discipline—it's your lifeline.

## **Day 4: Gratitude as Foundation**

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Devotional:** When we walk closely with God, we realize that nothing is ordinary—every breath, every heartbeat, every good gift comes from Him. The world doesn't just spin; He sustains it. Your relationships don't just happen; He nurtures them. This awareness transforms prayer into thanksgiving. Before we ask for anything, we recognize all we've already received. Gratitude shifts our perspective from scarcity to abundance, from anxiety to trust. Begin each day with "Thank you, Lord"—for life, for breath, for His presence. As you cultivate gratitude, you'll find yourself loving Him more. And when you love someone, you long to talk with them. Prayer becomes not what you must do, but what you get to do—communion with the One who gives you everything good.

## **Day 5: Living in His Power**

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Devotional:** Paul discovered that God's power is perfected in our weakness. This is the great paradox of prayer: we come acknowledging our insufficiency and receive His all-sufficiency. The Christian life isn't about self-improvement or trying harder—it's about surrendering to His

transforming power. When we attempt to follow Jesus in our own strength, we fail and grow discouraged. But when we pray, admitting our need, His grace becomes sufficient. Stop striving and start abiding. Stop performing and start depending. The invitation to prayer is an invitation to exchange your weakness for His strength, your poverty for His riches, your inability for His unlimited power. Today, bring your inadequacies to Him. Let prayer be the place where your weakness meets His strength, and watch Him work through you in ways you never imagined possible.