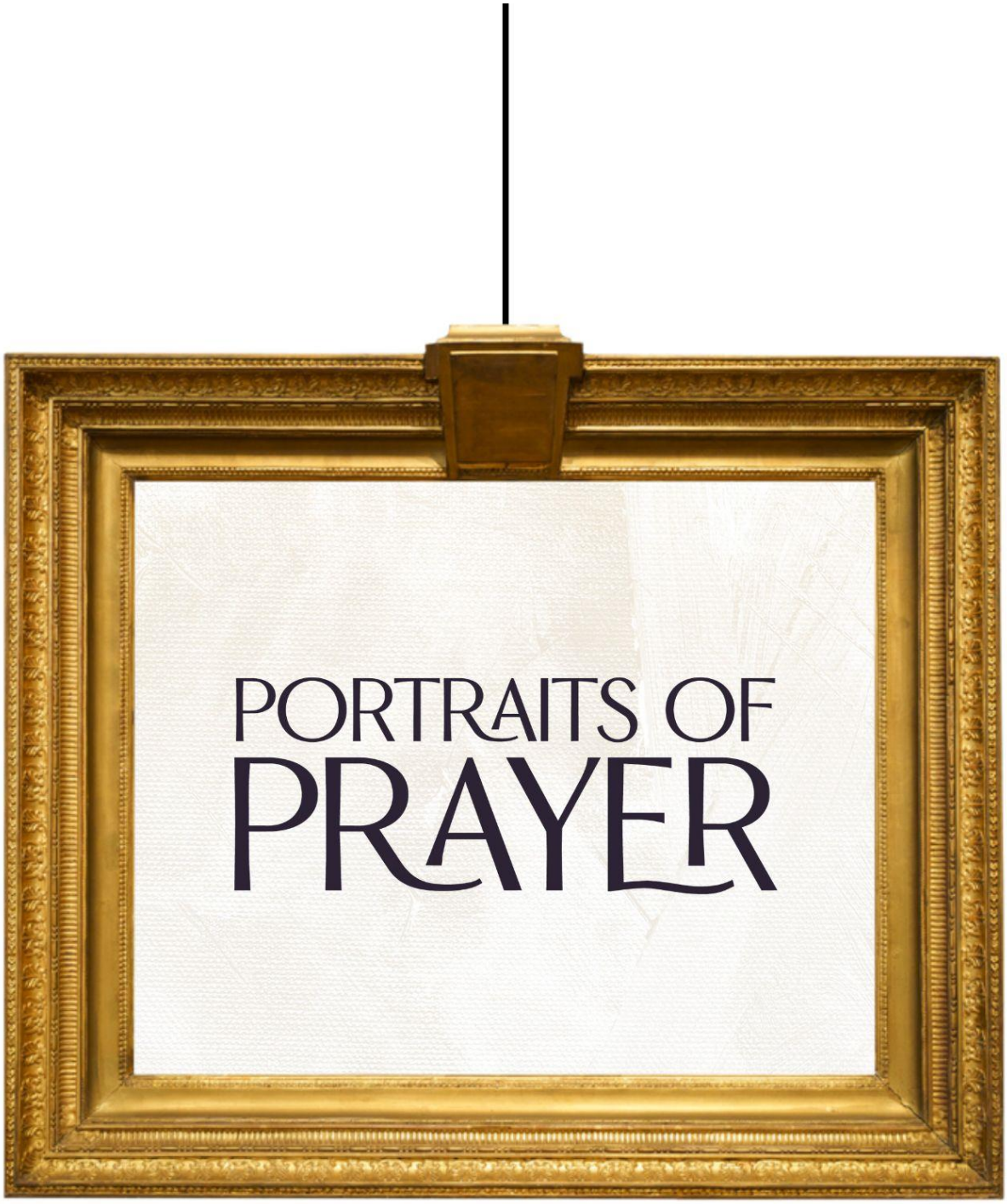


STUDY GUIDE

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 - NOVEMBER 29, 2026

November 1, 2026 – Prayers of Jesus

If we want to know how to do anything that will grow us in godliness, the first place we must look is to Jesus. On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed to the Father. This prayer is often called the High Priestly Prayer. In it, we are given insight into the heart of Christ as He prepares for the cross. He prays for His own glorification, for the protection and sanctification of His disciples, and for all who will believe in Him. He prays for you. What an astonishing reality that the creator God would be mindful of us and keep us in His prayers.

Read John 17:1–5

How does the cross reveal the glory of both the Father and the Son?

What does Jesus teach us about the nature of eternal life in verse 3?

Read John 17:6–12

Jesus repeatedly describes believers as those whom the Father has given to Him. What does this reveal about our salvation and security in Christ? How does John 10:27–30 help our confidence in His ability to keep us?

Read John 17:13–16

Jesus prays that His followers would experience His joy and be protected from the evil one. Why does Jesus ask the Father to protect us in the world rather than remove us from it?

Read John 17:17–19

Jesus prays for the sanctification of His disciples through the truth of God's Word. What does it mean to be set apart from sin and set apart for God?

Read Psalm 119:9–11 and 2 Timothy 3:16–17

What role does Scripture play in making us more like Christ? What ways can we incorporate regular rhythms of scripture reading and meditation in our lives?

Read John 17:20–26

Why is unity among believers so important to our witness?

Jesus expresses His desire that His people would be with Him and behold His glory. What does this reveal about His love for us and the ultimate purpose of our salvation? How should this future hope influence the way we live today?

Key Takeaways

- Not only do we pray to a Holy God, but our Holy God prays and intercedes for us.
- Jesus desires our holiness and unity.
- Our hope is ultimately in beholding the glory of Christ forever.

Prayer Prompt

- Thank God for sending His Son to accomplish the work of salvation and for the assurance that Jesus continues to intercede for His people. Praise Him that your security rests in Christ's faithfulness rather than your own strength. Ask the Father to sanctify you through the truth of His Word, exposing areas of sin and shaping your heart to reflect the holiness of Jesus. Finally, thank Christ for the promise that one day you will be with Him and behold His glory.

November 8, 2026 – Prayers of A Fisherman

While we don't have an immense catalog of prayers recorded from Peter in the scriptures, we see a life that is characterized by all the highs and lows of the Christian walk. It is undoubtedly true both his greatest successes and his greatest failures were times in his life where he had to be dependent on prayer.

Read Luke 5:1–8

After the extraordinary catch of fish, Peter falls before Jesus and confesses his sinfulness. Why do you think this miracle produced humility rather than simply excitement? What does Peter's response reveal about recognizing the holiness of Jesus?

Read Luke 5:8–11 and 1 John 1:8–9

How do confession and repentance prepare us to receive God's grace? Why is it important to remember that our acceptance before God is rooted in Christ rather than our worthiness?

Read Luke 5:10–11

Jesus calls Peter to a new purpose: catching people rather than fish. How does encountering Christ change the fundamental purpose of our lives?

Read Matthew 14:22–30

Peter begins walking toward Jesus but becomes afraid when he notices the wind. What do his actions teach us about faith, fear, and our tendency to focus on circumstances?

Read Matthew 14:30–33 and Hebrews 4:14–16

Peter's prayer is simply, "Lord, save me," and Jesus immediately reaches out. What encourages you about the brevity and urgency of Peter's prayer?

Read Acts 9:36–43.

Before speaking to Tabitha, Peter sends the others out and kneels to pray. What role should prayer play when we face a difficult situation?

God restores Tabitha to life, and many come to believe in the Lord. How can we pray boldly while humbly submitting to God's wisdom and will, even when He does not answer as we hope?

Key Takeaways

- Pray with humility; encounter grace.
- Pray for rescue; encounter mercy.
- Pray from faith; trust God's power.

Prayer

Come before God in humility, confessing your sin and thanking Him for the grace offered through Jesus Christ. Bring Him the circumstances in which you feel afraid, overwhelmed, or unable to save yourself, and ask for His mercy and help. Pray for a growing faith that depends on God rather than your own ability. Finally, ask the Lord to use your life as a witness so that others may come to believe in Jesus.

November 15, 2026 – The Disciple’s Prayer

We are often at a loss for words to pray. Through all of the trials and temptations of our lives, we are given by Christ words to pray through it all. In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches us to begin with God Himself, recognizing His greatness and surrendering to His will before bringing our requests to Him. It is only there when we can bring our needs to him. As we learn to declare God's greatness, surrender our will, and acknowledge our dependence on Him, rather than a means to receiving an earthly end, prayer becomes an expression of a growing relationship with our Father.

Read Matthew 6:5–8

Jesus warns against praying to impress others or using empty phrases. Why should we be warned of these things? How can we guard against allowing prayer to become a routine or performance rather than genuine communion with God?

Read Matthew 6:6 and Mark 1:35

Jesus encourages His followers to pray privately, and He regularly withdrew to spend time with the Father. Why is intentional, uninterrupted time with God important? What distractions or priorities tend to interfere with your personal prayer life?

Read Matthew 6:9 and Psalm 145:1–7

Jesus begins His model prayer by directing our attention to the Father and the holiness of His name. Why should we start with worship in our prayers?

Read Matthew 6:10

What does it mean to seek God's kingdom and surrender to His will? Why is it sometimes easier to ask God to bless our plans than to submit ourselves to His purposes?

Read Matthew 6:11 and Exodus 16:13–21.

What does daily dependence on God look like? How can remembering God's past faithfulness help us in the present?

Read Matthew 6:12, 14–15 and Ephesians 4:31–32

Jesus connects our prayers for forgiveness with our willingness to forgive others. Why is forgiveness such an important part of our relationship with God and with one another? Are there relationships in your life where bitterness or unforgiveness may be affecting your fellowship with God?

Read Matthew 6:13

Looking at the entire Lord's Prayer, which of its three emphases (declaring God's greatness, surrendering your will, or acknowledging your dependence) most needs attention in your prayer life?

Key Takeaways

- Declare God's greatness in your prayers.
- Surrender your will in your prayers.
- Acknowledge your dependence in your prayers.

Prayer Prompt

- Begin your time in prayer by praising God for His holiness, greatness, faithfulness, and love. Thank Him that through Jesus Christ, you can approach Him as your heavenly Father. Ask the Lord to reveal any areas of your life where your desires, priorities, or plans have taken precedence over His will. Surrender those things to Him, trusting that His purposes are always good. Acknowledge your dependence on God for your daily needs, and thank Him for the ways He has faithfully provided for you.

November 22, 2026 – The Praying Church

In Acts 4, the early church faced growing opposition as Peter and John were arrested and threatened for proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When they were released, the believers gathered and turned to God in prayer. This is what a praying Church does. They began by acknowledging God's greatness, interpreted their circumstances through Scripture, and asked for boldness to continue proclaiming the gospel.

Read Acts 4:18–24

The believers begin their prayer by acknowledging God as the sovereign Creator of heaven and earth. How does understanding God's sovereignty influence the way we respond to fear and uncertainty?

Read Acts 4:25–28 and Psalm 2:1–12

The early church interprets the opposition they face through the words of Scripture. How can we apply Psalm 2 to our lives today?

Read Acts 4:27–29

What comfort can we find in knowing that God can accomplish His purposes even through the sinful actions of others?

Rather than asking God to remove the opposition, the believers pray for boldness to continue proclaiming His Word.

The believers recognize that they are responsible for faithfully proclaiming the gospel, but only God can accomplish the spiritual work that follows. What does it look like to pursue God's mission with both intentional obedience and complete dependence on Him?

How can a church become overly dependent on its programs, resources, or strategies rather than the power of God?

Read Acts 4:31 and Acts 1:8

After the believers pray, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and continue speaking God's Word with boldness. What does this reveal about the Holy Spirit's role in empowering believers for ministry and witness?

Read Acts 4:32–35

Following this prayer, the early church demonstrates remarkable unity, generosity, and commitment to one another. How are corporate prayer, Christian fellowship, and the mission of the Church connected?

Key Takeaways

- The praying church trusts in God's sovereignty. When difficulties and opposition arise, we can approach God with confidence, knowing that He rules over all things and that His purposes cannot be defeated.
- The praying church seeks faithfulness over comfort.
- The praying church depends on the Holy Spirit. The mission of the Church cannot be accomplished through human wisdom, effort, or resources alone. We must continually depend on God's power to strengthen His people and accomplish His purposes.

Prayer Prompt

- Begin by praising God for His sovereignty, power, and faithfulness. Thank Him that He rules over all creation and that nothing can frustrate His eternal purposes. Ask the Lord to shape your perspective through His Word so that you would respond to life's challenges with faith rather than fear. Pray for boldness to speak the truth of the gospel with love, humility, and conviction, even when doing so is uncomfortable or unpopular. Ask God to strengthen our church through the power of the Holy Spirit, creating a greater dependence on Him in every area of ministry.

November 29, 2026 – The Praying Pastor

Throughout his letters, the Apostle Paul gives us remarkable insight into his prayer life. As a pastor, missionary, and spiritual father to many believers, Paul carried a deep burden for the spiritual well-being of the churches. Even while facing imprisonment, persecution, and personal hardship, he continually brought the needs of God's people before the Lord. The content of Paul's prayers can greatly help us to know how to pray for one another.

Read Ephesians 1:15–19

Paul tells the Ephesian believers that he continually remembers them in his prayers. What specifically does Paul ask God to give them? Why do you think Paul prays for a deeper knowledge of God?

Read Ephesians 1:18–23

How does a growing understanding of these spiritual realities strengthen our faith? Which of these truths do you most need to understand and embrace in your own life?

Read Philippians 1:3–8

What does this passage reveal about Paul's love for the Church? How should our relationships with fellow believers influence the way we pray for them?

Read Philippians 1:9–11

Why is it important for Christian love to be shaped by biblical truth and spiritual wisdom? How does Paul connect growing love with purity, righteousness, and readiness for the day of Christ?

Read Colossians 1:9–12

According to these verses, what should be the result of knowing God's will?

Paul specifically prays that believers would bear fruit in good works, grow in their knowledge of God, and be strengthened with endurance, patience, and joy. Why are endurance and patience essential qualities of spiritual maturity? How can we pray these things for someone who is walking through suffering, discouragement, or a difficult season?

What common themes do you notice throughout these different prayers of Paul?

How do Paul's priorities compare with the things we typically pray for when someone asks us to pray for them? What might need to change in the way you pray for your family, friends, and fellow church members?

Read Galatians 4:19 and 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Paul describes his concern for believers using the language of a parent longing to see Christ formed in his children. Who has God placed in your life that you should be praying for more intentionally, and which of Paul's specific requests could you begin praying for them this week?

Key Takeaways

- Pray that believers would know God more deeply.
- Pray that believers would grow in love and holiness.
- Pray with a genuine burden for the Church. We should cultivate a deep affection for God’s people and faithfully bring the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters before the Lord.

Prayer Prompt

- Begin by thanking God for the believers He has placed in your life and for the privilege of belonging to the body of Christ. Ask Him to give you a deeper love and concern for the spiritual well-being of your brothers and sisters in the Church. Following Paul's example, pray that they would grow in their knowledge of God, understand the hope and riches they have in Christ, and experience His power at work in their lives. Ask the Lord to increase their love for one another, giving them wisdom and discernment to live holy and fruitful lives.