

SEASON OF LENT

Your Change is Worth Fighting For!



TRUTH

The Lenten Season is not about giving up something just to pick it up again in 40 days. The changes we make during Lenten Season are to stay with us for a lifetime. This booklet of prayers was designed to help you as you change your life during this Lenten Season.

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Father, there is a song that says; "My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!"

Lord, if only I could be wholly yours! I know my life would be so much easier if I just belonged to you but I belong to my family too and they pull me in so many directions. I belong to my job and it requires my time and effort while I'm at work. I belong to my church, to groups and other organizations that all require my time, talents and abilities.

Father, help me to strengthen my faith in you and in the finished work of Christ Jesus, by reading my Bible more and watching TV less. Help me strengthen my faith in You by letting go of some things that You didn't tell me to do, I just decided to do, and let me use that time to go to Bible study or just spend quiet time with You in prayer and meditation.

Father, the more faith I have in you the more I become wholly yours. I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Isaiah 26:3

Mark 11:22

Romans 10:17

II Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 4:1 – 2

James 2:17 – 18

Historically, the Season of Lent was a time for preparation for baptism. People who had converted to the Christian faith, would be baptized on Easter (Resurrection Sunday).

The candidates for baptism took the 40 days, (46 days if you count Sundays) and began to prepare themselves spiritually for the lifelong change, as they purposed to dedicate their lives to Christ. The candidates would fast, pray, seek the Lord's vision for their lives and take inventory of their heart.

The candidates had to be honest about the sin in their lives. They had to be honest about what was in the forefront of their minds and what treasures they had stored up in their hearts. They had to earnestly repent of their sins and ready their hearts and minds for a lifelong transformation.

During the Season of Lent, we should do the same things. We should fast, pray and take inventory of our hearts. We should use the 40 days of Lent as a vehicle to change our lives for the better as we purpose to live and look more like Christ.

Sometimes we start down the path of change with strong conviction. The first 10 or 20 days may be a breeze but, as the days go on, we can find ourselves making excuses for making concessions for not being as diligent as were just a few days ago.

I was talking to a friend of mine, who decided to tackle changing how she spends money. She started off undeterred. She deleted MOST of her retail emails, she took her credit cards out of her purse and she stopped going to the mall for retail therapy. That was day 1 to 18. About day 19, things started to decline.

By day 23 she told me that she was “close to giving up and trying again next year.” I assured her, if she just pressed a little more, prayed a little more or fasted just a day or two more, her outlook would change.

God promises that if we keep our mind on him, he will keep us in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3). Fasting, praying and reading God’s word are the best ways to keep our minds stayed on Jesus.

Well, my friend made it to day 40 and over the past year, she has paid off all her credit cards, cleaned out her closet from all her unused clothes and donated them to people who need them. She is now in a place where she can fund her ministry in her community.

I’ve been in a place where I was ready to give up. Have you? Maybe you’re there right now. Don’t give up!

Use these prayers and words of encouragement for the next 40 days and watch your attitude turn around.

Living Above Mediocrity,

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First things first – What do you WANT to change?

DAY 1

In the Bible there is a lot of talk about the number 40:

- It rained 40 days and 40 nights while Noah and his family were in the ark (Gen. 7:12);
- The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2 – 5);
- Jesus was tempted for 40 days (Matthew 4:2);
- There were 40 days between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension (Acts 1:30).

There are more examples of the number 40 being used in scripture, but the significance of the number is this: after every 40 day/year period, there was a change in the earth and/or the person or people's lives. After 40 days/year period, nothing was the same as before.

As we embark on this 40 days of change, what aspect of your life do you want to be different when you're done? What do you want to stay with you forever and possibly even affect your offspring?

For me, it's working out and getting rid of clothes I no longer wear.

- I'm going to add an additional 30 consecutive minutes a day to my daily workout plan;
- I'm putting a trash bag in my closet and everyday I'm going to put one clothing article that I no longer want or no longer wear in the trash bag. At the end of Lent, I'm going to give the bag to people who need the clothes.

Those two piece sound easy right? But I know there are going to be days I don't want to work out, and I certainly am not going to want to add an additional 30 minutes. I'm going to pull some clothes out of my closet that I'm going to look at and remember when, where and why I buy article of clothing and then not want to let it go. But, if I want

to change, I must work at it every day or I'll just end up right where I am, just more frustrated with myself.

Right here and right now, decide what you want to change. Choose one thing to change (you don't want to overwhelm yourself by trying to do too much). Okay, so write your confirmation statement:

Over the next 40 days, I am going to change _____

_____. In order to see this

change manifest in my life, every day I will _____

_____.

_____ and _____

_____.

If I should falter I will start over from where I am and keep moving forward. I will see a change in this area of my life in 40 days.

DAY 2

Heavenly Father, I know that I have sinned against you and against your great love for me, but as of right now I want to give my life to you. I confess that I am a sinner and that I need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died to save me and I accept the salvation that His life bought for me. Forgive me Lord, wash away my sins and begin the process of making me whole and complete in you.

I believe in my heart and confess it with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and as of right now, He is my Lord.

Father, thank you for my salvation and for the Holy Spirit sealing me in you until the day Jesus returns. I know my salvation is secured, no matter how I feel or what I think, my salvation is completely secure in Christ Jesus. Thank you, Lord, Amen."

Scripture Reference:

Psalms 51:4

Psalms 119:11

Romans 5:8

Romans 10:9

DAY 3

Lord God, as I begin this Lenten season I don't want to simply give up things like soda, chocolate or television, just to take them up again when Lent is over. Lord, I want to make at least one change that will make my life better for the rest of my life.

Father God, I come before you repenting of my sins, those known and unknown. I purpose to live my life for your glory.

Search me Lord, for you know me completely. Cleans me Lord and I will be clean. Make me a usefully vessel for your work. Bring my will in line with your will for me and cause my heart to turn completely to you.

Lord, if there is anything in me that is not like you, begin the process of removing it so that I may reflect your Son Jesus in everything I do and, in every word, I say. Father, from this day forward let there be a change in me that brings glory and honor to you.

In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Scripture references:

Psalm 51:7

Psalm 139:23 – 24

II Timothy 2:20 - 21

I John 1:9

DAY 4

Father, I keep saying to want to change things that are going on in my life. Real change can only come through a change of my mind-set. Changing my mind-set will change every aspect of my life. I ask that you help me as I let go of the past; my old way of thinking and doing things, and move into a new way of thinking today.

Father, I am accustomed to doing things a certain way because I am use to thinking a certain way. Help me as I submit to the changes in my mind-set and my thought process, which you are going to usher into my life. Lord, I'm accustom to reacting certain ways. Help me to allow you to show me new ways to go about my daily life so that I can become the new creation You have called me to become and leave my old actions where they belong; in my past.

In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Isaiah 43:19

Philippians 2:5 – 7

Romans 12:2

II Corinthians 5:17

DAY 5

Father God, I'm use to allowing anger, low self-esteem, past hurts and pains to stop me from doing great things. I have allowed these issues to overtake me in so many areas, but today I say, "No more!"

I am fine just the way I am. During the next 40 days, I am going to allow myself to love me the way you love me. With all the cracks and creases life has left in me, I'm still wonderfully created by you Lord, and I will no longer let all that other stuff dictate who I am and what I can do.

I am free to operate in the truth of your plan for me. I will live above mediocrity. I move forward in Christ Jesus. I pray, believing, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Psalms 139:14

Jeremiah 29:11

Isaiah 43:18 – 19

Romans 8:5 – 8

Romans 12:2

II Corinthians 5:17

DAY 6

Father, on days like this, when things seem so cloudy and uncertain, I find comfort and strength in knowing that your plans for me will prevail over everything else. By faith I believe no assault that anyone can level on my character, my finances or my overall well-being can stop what you have ordained for me.

I say to my internal and external foes, "Your plan to bring me harm has failed. I have my victory already in hand, because I know through Christ I am more than a conqueror. I have already won, because God will fight for me. There is no scheme or plan that you can bring against me that will thwart the plans that God has for me."

Lord, my enemy has won a few battles, but by faith, I say I've already won the war!

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Scripture References:

Proverbs 19:21

Psalms 139:16

Genesis 50:20

Romans 8:28 – 37

Job 42:2

II Chronicles 20:15

DAY 7

Holy God, it is my sincere desire to mature in my walk and my faith in you. I want to become all that you have purposed me to be and be an active participant as you fulfill every promise you have made to me.

Sometimes it seems that I allow things that concern me and cause me distress to linger in my life. It feels like no matter how much I pray; these issues vex me. I know this is a part of the maturity process but Lord, it is so difficult!

Father I ask that you strengthen me so I do not allow fear; fear of what other may think or say, fear of what I have or haven't done, to stop me from growing in you. Do not allow me to fall into the trap of pride and think I can come up with solutions on my own. Keep me mindful of how much I need you.

Help me as I allow patience and perseverance to have their perfect work. Remind me not to move until I hear from you. I will rest, rely and recline my whole self on you, knowing that you not only care for me, but care about everything that concerns me. I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Psalm 55:22

II Thessalonians 3:3

Psalm 119:75

II Timothy 2:11 – 13

Psalm 145:13

James 1:2 – 4

Ephesians 4:13

James 2:17 – 18

Hebrews 6:1

I Peter 5:6 – 7

DAY 8

Father, I want to ask for forgiveness. Over the course of my life, I have not focused on you, your goodness or the kindness that you have shown me in the land of the living.

I have focused on the things of this world, my financial shortfalls, my hopes and dreams that seem unachievable for me. I've focused on what I don't have much more than I've focused on the good that you provide for me every day of my life. For this, I apologize and ask for your forgiveness.

Today, I commit to focusing on you and the love, grace and mercy you show me, my family and my friends every day.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Scripture References:

Micah 7:18

Psalms 142:5

DAY 9

Father God, please forgive me for not being diligent and working on the assignments you have placed in my life.

Lord, you have set me free from the law of sin and death, and yet I choose to live as if I am still bound to the dead things of this world. You have freed me to walk in the fullness of your word, and yet I'm content watching the foolishness of the world on TV and the internet rather than chasing after you.

Help me walk in the freedom that Jesus won for me. Free my mind and my spirit to have a fuller relationship with you through Christ Jesus. Free my mind and spirit to please you rather than man. Free my mind and spirit from being concerned about the world's view. Free me to be single focused on your view.

Father, help me walk in the freedom that comes from knowing that all my sins are forgiven. There is no guilt or shame that can control me unless I decide to remain bound to my sins that you've forgiven me for committing. I have been set free by the Son of God; therefore, now and forever more, I am free! In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Scripture Reference:

Proverb 10:4

I Chronicles 4:10

Romans 8:1 – 3

Galatians 1:10

I Timothy 4:14 – 16

Proverb 6:6-9

John 8:36

DAY 10

Father in the midst of everything I've gone through, everything I'm going through and everything that I will face in my future, I'm glad to know that you have already caused me to be victorious.

Father, have given me victory in every area of my life. Victory in relationships with my family; they aren't perfect, but I love them and they are the family you gave me; therefore, they are the perfect family for me. You have given me victory in on my job; some days are better than others, but I'm thankful every day to have a job.

You've given me victory in my finances; I may not be overrun with money right now, but I'm not begging on the street. I'm victorious in how I view myself. I'm not all I want to be, but I'm working on becoming all you purposed me to be.

I won't wallow in self-pity, depression or anxiety. I will rise up and live above mediocrity because I have been made victorious through Christ Jesus. Thank you, Lord, Amen.

Reference scriptures:

Psalms 18:35

Psalms 44:3

Psalms 44:6 – 7

Proverbs 2:6 – 8

I Corinthians 15:57

DAY 11

Father, during this Lenten season I have worked at looking and acting more like Jesus. This goal is a lifelong journey. One diligent step at a time will make a difference in what I do on a daily basis.

Father, today and every day I will endeavor to live above mediocrity and above the fray of the common; not because I better than anyone else, but you didn't create me to be mediocre or common. You placed your greatness in me, made me extraordinary and more than an overcomer. Some days I stumble and fall, but your greatness still resides in me.

Lord, because of the greatness you placed in me by the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible for me. Everything that you've given me to achieve is mine to succeed in and prosper from.

Starting today I will not dwell in the negative. I have control over my mind, my will and my ambitions. I will see the good in everything and rejoice in everything that you allow to come into my life.

Father, starting today, I purpose to operate in and through Christ Jesus to achieve my optimal best in everything you've blessed me to do. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Matthew 17:20

John 14:26

Romans 8:28 – 30

Philippians 4:4 – 8

Philippians 4:13

Philippians 4:19

I John 4:4 – 6

DAY 12

This is the day that You, Father God, have made and I will rejoice and be glad in it!

Father, I'm going to celebrate myself today. If no one says anything good or positive to me or about me, I will say good and positive things about myself. I am great and mighty in your sight. There is nothing too difficult for me to grasp, understand and then carry out.

Yes, I've failed in the past. Yes, I've come up short. Yes, I've made bad decisions. And yes, I blow it from time to time. But I thank you for your grace and mercy. I will fail again, but I will put you first and place my wholehearted trust in you. Then, I will be victorious in everything you set my hands to do. I will conquer every place that you set my feet. Nothing will be impossible for me.

I stand ready to achieve the greatness you have locked in my DNA. I am ready, willing and able to do everything you have purposed me to do.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!

Scripture References:

Psalms 118:24

Luke 1:37

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In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!

Scripture References:

Psalms 118:24

Luke 1:37

DAY 14

Father things seem to be getting worse instead of better. Our leaders are at each other's throats, citizens are pursuing violence as a way to get their point across and people in our country are still losing jobs, their homes and their hope. The stress that can build through all these facts is enough to make an average person give up.

But we're not average! We are a royal priesthood! Great and mighty to achieve great things in your name and through your power! So, we shall press on!

We will not grow weary of doing good, but we will show the love of Christ everywhere we go. We will not faint, but we will allow our lives to be a beacon of hope to those who have lost their way.

We will move forward in victory! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Isaiah 40:30 – 31

Galatians 6:9

I Peter 2:9 – 10

DAY 15

The one thing we can never recover is time. Once it's gone, it's gone never to be seen again. Whether it's a minute, an hour or even a second, time is fleeting as it moves by us and into eternity. Today Lord, I give you my time. Help me to be productive. Help me do the things I need to do and not just focus on the things I want to do. Help me not to be lazy or sluggard, but to move out and do what you have ordained me to do today.

Father, my time is a valuable commodity that you have given me to fulfill all the task of my day, and then, to find sweet sleep at the end of my work. My time is not intended to be wasted or killed. Forgive me for wasting my time and help me to move into a new level of time management. Help me manage my time by the task you give me to complete and not by my lazy tendencies.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Proverbs 13:4

Psalms 39:4 – 5

Proverbs 26:14 – 16

Proverbs 3:24

Romans 13:11

Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 12:14

Psalms 90:12

DAY 16

Lord, thank you for loving me so much you have marked out my path. My path includes good times and bad, times of happiness and times of sorrow. My path includes times of agreement and disagreement with other people, even people I love.

Thank you for thinking so much of me that you designed my past to give me everything I need in the way of character building, moral soundness and ethical standards. Thank you for maturing my character to the point that it can keep me where you have positioned me today and will position me in the future.

Father, thank you for calling me your child, a joint heir with your only begotten son Christ Jesus and a co-worker with you. When I am in doubt about my current situation and circumstance please remind me that your plans for me are perfect, even though I'm imperfect and I live in an imperfect world.

When my days seem hazy and uncertain, remind me that your word is my guiding light and nothing or anyone can change the plans you have for me. When fear and doubt creep into my heart and mind and paralyze me from carrying out your commands for my life, remind me that I have all authority in the earth. Because of the gift of salvation, you've given me, I am more than a conquer through Christ Jesus.

Hallelujah, thank you Lord God. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

Scripture references:

Proverbs 10:9

John 1:12

Romans 5:3 – 5

Romans 8:16 – 17

I Corinthians 3:9

I Corinthians 15:33

Philippians 2:12 – 13

DAY 17

Father, your word says whatever I say and believe I will receive. I believe that your word is truth and that your word can never fail. So today I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that I am everything you say I am. I declare that I am extraordinary!

Your word says I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ my Lord. I am the head and not the tail. I am the first and not the last. I am above and not beneath. Your word says that I am like an olive tree, flourishing in the house of God. I am like a tree planted by the rivers of water; evergreen and abounding with fruit, and because I trust in You Father, I am blessed and highly favored. Through Christ I have overcome the world therefore, nothing is impossible for me.

Lord today and every day I will confess what you, say I am. I will rehearse your word over my life and I will recite your blessings as I walk before you and wait to see you perform your word in my daily life. I will purpose to live up to your expectations of me.

I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Deuteronomy 28:13 – 14

Psalms 52:6 – 9

Jeremiah 17:7 – 8

Mark 11:22 – 24

John 16:33

Romans 8:37 – 39

DAY 18

Father God there are so many voices vying for my attention. Often the voices I need to pay attention to are drowned out by the loud voices that I should pay the least amount of attention. Help me Lord!

Father the external loud voices are usually people who want something from me. These voices usually come from marketers and advertisers who want to tell me how I should look, how I should feel or what I should eat, drink or wear. They want me to know what their pill or drug can do for me. All these voices lead me to believe I'm just now good enough the way I am.

Father, on the other hand, my internal loud voices are usually my low esteem, my past failures, my fears and doubts, which all lend themselves to my ability to have paralysis through analysis. I end up getting stuck where I don't want to be but I can't move because all I hear are the loud voices screaming at me. Help me Lord!

Father God these voices yell at me daily! I often listen to them more than I listen to your still small voice that is gently whispering your truth to me. Help me Father to pull away from all the loud voices so I can hear from you through your word, through prayer and meditation.

Father, I want to set aside time during the day to shut out all the loud voices just so I can hear from you. This is my sincere, earnest and heartfelt pray I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

1 King 19:11 – 12

Matthew 14:23

John 10:27

Romans 10:17

DAY 19

Holy God, it is my sincere desire to become mature in my walk with you. I am determined to become all that you have purposed me to be according to your plans. I will not allow the fear of what other may think, what I've done in the past nor what I may not have done or have not done stop me from growing in you and asking you for what is rightfully mine in you.

Lord, keep me from the pride of this life and the lust of what I see, hear and feel. Do not allow me to fall into the trap of pride. Keep me ever mindful of how much I need you. All the glory for anything that goes on in my life I give to you and you alone Lord, I don't want it nor do I seek it, but it is for you that I live and by you that I have my being; therefore, all glory and honor that comes to me is due to you.

I will always, by prayer and specific request, let everything I need to know unto you and I will allow patience and perseverance to have their perfect work. I will not move without hearing from you, because only you know how, when and what way I'm to go.

I rest, rely and recline my whole self on you, knowing that you not only care for me, but can take care of every need I have.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

I Corinthians 10:31

Galatians 5:16

Ephesians 4:11 – 14

I Peter 5:7

I John 2:16

DAY 20

Lord, I thank you for the history I have with you. You have been with me from the beginning and you appointed everything in my life. My life, at every turn has your fingerprints on it. There is nothing about me that you don't know.

During this time of inward reflection, Lord, help me to remember my life was set apart by your appointment and your will. You have purposed everything that has happened in my life and everything you have ordained for me shall come to pass.

Help me not to view my hardships, trials or tribulations as permanent. I don't want to deal with problems and challenges in my life as if they are permanent fixtures. Help me to view the difficulty with a Christ-like understanding and Godly wisdom, knowing what you have already done for me.

Let me stand resolute in the truth that everything will work for my good, because I love you and have been called into order. I have no need to worry or fear, for Jesus is my very present help in the time of trouble.

Thank you, Lord, for your words of assurance and your acts of loving kindness that you shower on me daily from heaven above. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Jeremiah 1:5

Romans 8:28

I Corinthians 2:16

DAY 21

Lord God, most days it feels like I have to fight all day. I have to fight to find joy, fight to find peace and fight to hear you voice above all the madness of the world.

As I move through this Lenten Season, help me to remember that no matter what comes my way that I have my joy in you. You have given me your peace and that I need to slow down and sit quietly before you so I can hear from you.

Scripture references:

Psalm 19:8

Psalm 28:7

Psalm 46:10

Psalm 118:14

Nehemiah 8:10

John 14:27

DAY 22

Father, forgive me for allowing myself to grieve the Holy Spirit, which seals my eternal salvation, when I fall back to what I was before you took over my life. Forgive me Father, for allowing my fear of what others may think stops me from doing what you have anointed me to do. Forgive me Lord, when I am disobedient to your word for the sake of "getting along".

I know you have not given me the spirit of fear, but a spirit of love, of power and a sound self-controlled mind. I know that you have called me out of my life of sin in order that I may be your witness; a witness that your never-changing love can turn a life around.

As I continue to change through this Lenten season, please help me to allow the Holy Spirit to work on my spirit person as I work on my human person. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Ephesian 4:30

II Timothy 1:7

DAY 23

Thank you Jesus for protecting me with your precious blood from the enemy's snares and pitfalls. Uphold me Lord, in your righteous right hand, as I walk out the life you have set before me. Under gird me as I walk by faith, in the trustworthiness of your word and not by sight, feelings or emotions.

Father God, cause me to be steadfast and immovable as I allow you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to tear down the strongholds in my life that cause me to be disobedient to you. Thank You Lord for the victory! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Psalm 27:1 – 5

Proverbs 22:5

II Corinthians 10:4

DAY 24

I Corinthians 12:4-6

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in men.”

For the first time in my life I decided to grow a vegetable last year. I was talking to the farmer where I purchased my flowers and told her what I wanted to do and she suggested a table top tomato plant. She said they were easy to grow, easy to maintain and I could put them someplace where I would see them every day so they wouldn't die on the vine.

She was correct on all points: table top tomatoes are easy to care for and maintain, plus they sat on my deck so I see them every day and I can watch them as they flowered, fruited and matured right before my eyes. If only our spiritual gifts were as easy to grow, maintain and watch. Maybe then so many Christians wouldn't allow our gifts to die on our spiritual vines.

There have been several times I almost gave up writing Prayers for Today and Words for Today. I often thought “no one reads them any way” or “what I'm doing isn't helping anyone” or, and here's the best excuse I had for giving up this portion of my ministry, “who am I to try to help people live a fuller life in Christ. I struggle with stuff every day; how can I help them?”

During these times of defeat, I'd still write the Prayers for Today and the Words for Today but I'd keep them for myself, determined never to send them out. Then, I'd get an email from someone saying, “hey, where's the daily reading?” Sometimes I'd know the person but often times I didn't. I realized that what God had me doing in this portion of my ministry was important and helpful to people other than just me. If I continued to be selfish with what God had given me, then the fruit that other people needed would die on the vine in my spiritual garden.

We all have spiritual fruit which grows out of our gifts. EVERYONE has at least one gift, according to I Corinthians 12:11, given to us by the Holy Spirit and, the Holy Spirit made the determination of who got which gift.

Sometimes we allow our fruit to die on the vine because we don't value the gift we've been given. Don't compare your gift(s) to someone else's gift(s). Work in your gift and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you. Selah!

"All these are the works of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

I Corinthians 12:11

DAY 25

Father God, this morning I want to thank you for not giving me what I deserve. I deserved judgement for my actions against you but you gave me your unfathomable love.

I deserved to be isolated from your goodness and kindness but instead, you gave me your friendship. I deserved eternal damnation but through your son, you purchased my salvation. I deserve to be treated like your enemy but instead, you treat me like your favorite child.

My disobedience to your word and my reluctance to live holy before you should have disqualified me from your grace but instead, your grace and your mercy has abounded to me.

My words seem to be inadequate to thank you for not giving me what I deserve or treating me the way I deserve to be treated. I so appreciate the love, grace and mercy you show me every day. Help me to show that same love, grace and mercy to people in my life. I pray in Jesus name. Amen!

Scripture references:

Psalm 103:10

I Corinthians 15:10

Ephesians 2:4 – 10

DAY 26

Heavenly Father, I know that you've bound up eternity in my heart, but I'm not sure what destiny you have for me. I want to fulfill all that you have in store for my life, but I don't know what it is. Please show me what it is you want me to do and what purpose I have in life.

Lord, I'm relying on you to bring my eternity into reality as I put you and the Kingdom of God first, knowing that everything I need will be given to me as the needs arise.

I put my hope in you and the Spirit of Christ that lives in me. I am able to do exceeding and abundantly more than I could ever give myself credit for by the power that lives and works in me.

Your word that I have hidden in my heart will be a light unto my feet and a light unto my path. The Holy Spirit will lead me and guide me into all truth and I will not lean on my own understanding but in all my ways acknowledge you Lord and you will make my crooked paths straight.

I pray believing, in Jesus name. Amen

Scripture references:

Psalm 119:105

Proverbs 3:3 – 5

Ecclesiastes 3:11

John 16:13

DAY 27

Lord, you have not given me a spirit of fear, but of love, power and a sound mind – the mind of Christ. Therefore, through Christ, I am capable of anything, ready for anything and prepared for anything. Every provision I need you've already given to me.

During this season of change, please help me to view myself as you view me. Lord, I am a victorious child of the most high God. Thank you, Father. In Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Philippians 4:19

II Timothy 1:7

DAY 28

Lord, you have given me gifts, talents and abilities. I haven't worked in them or utilized them to the fullness of my capabilities. I have been more concerned about what other people might say about me or do to me, then I have been with obeying you. Forgive me.

Lord, please help me to see my gifts, talents and abilities as you see them. Help me Father, to understand the great power you placed in me at the time I accepted you. The power that allows me to be self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency that abides in me.

Lord, renew my mind so that I understand that there is nothing too difficult for you to perform through me if I yield all my members to you. Help me to be strong and courageous as I press towards the mark of your higher calling for me.

Thank you, Lord, Amen.

Scripture references:

Acts 1:8

Acts 5:29

Romans 12:2

I Corinthians 12

Philippians 4:13

DAY 29

God, the Father of heaven and earth, show me what I have in my life that I can give to you to help your people.

Lord, help me to see beyond the obvious and look past what I see with my natural eye. Help me Savior, to know and understand that I have been ordained, by you, for service. I have gifts, talents and abilities that can be utilized by you to help further your kingdom here on earth.

Then Lord, after you have shown me what it is that I have that you want to use, give me the courage to use it for you. Give me your strength and endurance and I will fulfill your will for my life. I believe that you will and thank you for your faithfulness to your word for me in my life. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

Joshua 1:6 - 9

I Corinthians 12

James 4:7

DAY 30

Father, the widow in II King 4 only had some oil in her home to take care of her debts. But, she trusted the man of God and was able to see the supernatural preformed in her life.

So many of your children, myself included, are in need of a supernatural manifestation of a financial blessing. We have looked all over trying to figure out a better way to make ends meet but, we often overlook that which you have already placed in us.

Father, whatever oil you have given me for my house, I now pledge to use it for your kingdom building purposes. I will no longer sit back and watch and wonder what I could do, or lament over what I haven't done, but I will press forward to the higher mark in Christ Jesus.

I will seek your face Lord, your face I will seek for the purpose of bringing me closer to you so that in all things in my life you may be glorified, I may be edified and the enemy will be nullified.

I do not operate in the spirit of fear disguised by reasons, logic or excuses, but I walk in the knowledge of the power that has dwelled in me for the purpose of doing your bidding.

Thank You for investing in me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture references:

II King 4:1 – 7

Psalm 86:12

DAY 31

Father God, in the Name of Jesus I thank you for being my friend. I know that you're my friend because of the finished work of Christ Jesus. I know that Jesus came to give me all the qualities necessary to allow me to come into friendship with you. But you are not my peer.

You are my friend because of your great love for me, not because of anything I've ever done. You are my friend because you created me to be like you, but not to be you. You're my friend because life can be hard and cruel and I need someone to whom I can turn and put my trust.

Thank you, Lord, for your friendship, your love, your compassion your mercy and your grace. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Scripture references:

James 2:23

DAY 32

Thank you, Lord, that you supply your grace to me in abundance. I never have to worry about your love or concern for me because I know your grace covers me. It is by your grace and your mercy that I see another day.

My day is full of promise and possibility because of your grace. From morning until night your grace is given to me for my good. For this, I am thankful. Bless the name of Jesus and in his name I pray. Amen.

Scripture Reference:

Romans 5:17

DAY 33

Let God Delight in You

...” If the Lord delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumbles, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.”
... Psalm 37:23 – 24

If I take this passage of scripture and break it down into the Hebrew, it would read like this:

23 “If the companionship (steps) of a good (righteous) man or woman are set-up, established, fixed, appointed, sure, prosperous, confirmed (ordered) by the Self-Existing, Non-Created, Eternal One (Lord Jehovah): and the Lord Jehovah is pleased with (delights) in the good (righteous) man or woman course of life (way)

24 Though the good (righteous) man or woman may fall away, becomes overwhelmed, is overthrown (stumble), he or she will not be completely destroyed, waste away or sent reeling (fall); for the Self-Existing, Non-Created, Eternal One (Lord Jehovah) will bear up, take hold of, establish, sustain (uphold) the good (righteous) man or woman with his power, means, direction (hand.)

If you are in Christ you are the righteousness of God (II Corinthians 5:21), having been made good/righteous by the atoning blood of Jesus. So, since our righteousness is not a question, what is?

The question is, does your ways delight the Lord? And, is your life on a good course?

Once you accept Christ as Savior, there is only one way to delight the Lord; put your life on the good course. There is only one good course of life; the one that God set out for us when he us.

Psalm 139:16 says, "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be..."

God's plan for your life is what will delight him and position him to uphold you in the times of difficulties and stress. God's will for your life will bring you success and favor with God and with man, through Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Check you steps. Are they in line with God's will for your life? If not, you need to make a course correction so that God will keep you from falling.

"Walk in all the ways that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess." Deuteronomy 5:33

DAY 34

Father, give me the boldness to proclaim your goodness to the lost people of this world. Help me to live my life in such a way that others may see how good, kind, merciful and loving you are – not only to and for me, but to everyone who believes that Jesus is your one and only son.

Father I realize that I as begin to talk to others about you, they are going to begin to look at how I'm living my life, help me not to give you a bad name because of my behavior. I know I won't be perfect but help me to walk closer to you and more obediently so that my life gives you glory, even in difficult times and situations.

Thank you, Lord, to your goodness and your grace, in Jesus name I pray, amen.

Scripture Reference:

Matthew 22:37

John 3:16

Romans 12:2

DAY 35

Father God there are so many voices vying for my attention. Often the voices I need to pay attention to are drowned out by the loud voices that I should pay the least amount of attention. Help me Lord!

Father the external loud voices are usually people who want something from me. These voices usually come from marketers and advertisers who want to tell me how I should look, how I should feel or what I should eat, drink or wear. They want me to know what their pill or drug can do for me. All these voices lead me to believe I'm just now good enough the way I am.

Father, on the other hand, my internal loud voices are usually my low esteem, my past failures, my fears and doubts, which all lend themselves to my ability to have paralysis through analysis. I end up getting stuck where I don't want to be but I can't move because all I hear are the loud voices screaming at me. Help me Lord!

Father God these voices yell at me daily! I often listen to them more than I listen to your still small voice that is gently whispering your truth to me. Help me Father to pull away from all the loud voices so I can hear from you through your word, through prayer and meditation.

Father, I want to set aside time during the day to shut out all the loud voices just so I can hear from you. This is my sincere, earnest and heartfelt pray I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

I King 19:11 – 12

Matthew 14:23

John 10:27

Romans 10:17

DAY 36

Father, there is a song that says; "My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!"

Lord, if only I could be wholly yours! I know my life would be so much easier if I just belonged to you but I belong to my family too and they pull me in so many directions. I belong to my job and it requires my time and effort while I'm at work. I belong to my church, to groups and other organizations that all require my time, talents and abilities.

Father, help me to strengthen my faith in you and in the finished work of Christ Jesus, by reading my Bible more and watching TV less. Help me strengthen my faith in You by letting go of some things that You didn't tell me to do, I just decided to do, and let me use that time to go to Bible study or just spend quiet time with You in prayer and meditation.

Father, the more faith I have in you the more I become wholly yours. I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Isaiah 26:3

Mark 11:22

Romans 10:17

II Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 4:1 – 2

James 2:17 – 18

Day 37

Father, Your Word says I should seek Your counsel first, but seeking Your counsel takes so much time. Seeking Your counsel means I have to stop what I'm doing, read Your Word, think about what You're conveying to me and then I have to internalize it. Lord seeking Your counsel takes effort and time.

The world system is constantly giving me its counsel without my asking for it. I don't have to stop what I'm doing; I can just keep watching TV, listening to the radio or reading books that have nothing to do with my relationship with You and the world system keeps pouring its counsel into my ears. It may not be good counsel but they just keep it coming!

I've come to the realization that the world system does not have my best interest at heart. I need Your counsel and the input from other people who operate in Godly wisdom because I'm tired of making decisions that don't give me what I want or worse, end up being bad decisions.

Lord God, I'm ready to make the effort to listen to Your counsel. I know that listening to You and those who operate in Your wisdom will propel me forward so I can make good decisions and become who You have purposed me to be from the beginning of time. Father God, help me! In Jesus name I pray and say, amen.

Scripture References:

I King 22:5

Matthew 7:13

Psalms 73:24

Mark 1:35

Proverb 8:14

Hebrews 4:11 - 16

Proverb 12:15

Proverb 15:22

Day 38

Father, I began this Lenten Season as a journey to know you better. Some days I stayed the course, other days I stayed away allowing other things to distract me from my journey. No matter what, I learned that getting and maintaining a relationship with you through Jesus Christ is a lifelong journey. I will mess up along the way, but if I stay the course, I'm still on the right path.

Along the way to finding out more about You, I found out more about me. As much as I love you, I still fall short but You knew I wasn't going to be perfect, that's why You sent Your Son to be my ransom; to take all my sins and carry them to the cross.

As much as I want to do everything you want me to do, my faith is lacking in so many areas. That's why you sent Jesus, as a man, to show me the importance of prayer and obedience. In His humanity Jesus didn't want to go to the cross, but out of obedience to You, He went anyway.

I want to be bold and courageous in the things you have purposed for me to do but I allow the things of my past to interfere with my future. That's why you sent your son to be the anointment for your forgiveness for me, one time for all time. Now, I need to forgive myself the way you forgive me.

On this Good Friday I look at the cross that Jesus died on a little differently. It wasn't something He did for everyone; it is something He did just for me. Thank you, Jesus, for dying in my place and becoming sin for me so I can have everlasting life through you.

I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture References:

Matthew 26:36 – 39

Romans 10:8 - 11

Romans 6:12 – 14

Hebrews 9:14 - 15

Romans 10:4

Hebrews 10:8 – 10

Day 39 - Good Friday

Father, when I'm faced with difficult situations and circumstances my humanity comes to the surface. I know your word says that you haven't given me the spirit of fear but sometimes I am fearful.

Father Almighty, when I am dealing with the illness of a loved one, I feel fearful of losing them. When I faced with the loss of income, I am fearful of losing my home, car or other possessions that I need. When I'm confronted with the loss of a friend because they don't want to hear the truth, I become fearful because my relationship with them is important to me. Forgive me Father, but I'm only human.

I know that as long as I am alive a certain level of fear is going to surface from time to time but, I refuse to allow fear to control my mind or my emotions. That's why I run to you and find shelter in Your Word.

Your Word reminds me that you are Elohim, the creator of heaven and earth; you are the God of everyone and everything! Nothing is greater than you. No illness, no financial shortfall; nothing is greater than you!

When I run to Your Word my fears are relieved because you reminds me of your unfailing love and greatness. Thank You for being my fortress, my refuge in difficult times and my very present help in the time of trouble. Thank You!

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Scripture References:

Psalms 46

Proverbs 30:5 – 6

John 1:1 – 4, 14

II Timothy 1:7

Day 40

Father, your word says whatever I say and believe I will receive. I believe that your word is truth and that your word can never fail. So today I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that I am extraordinary. I am everything You say that I am.

Your Word says I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ my Lord. I am the head and not the tail. I am the first and not the last. I am above and not beneath. Your Word says that I am like an olive tree, flourishing in the house of God. I am like a tree planted by the rivers of water; evergreen and abounding with fruit, and because I trust in You Father, I am blessed and highly favored and through Christ I have overcome the world therefore, nothing is impossible for me.

Lord today and every day I will confess what You say I am. I will rehearse Your Word over my life and I will recite Your blessings as I walk before You and wait to see You perform Your Word in my daily life. I will purpose to live up to Your expectations of me.

I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture references:

Deuteronomy 28:13 - 14

Psalm 52:6 – 9

Jeremiah 17:7 – 8

Mark 11:22 - 24

John 16:33

Romans 8:37 – 39

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