

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDES FOR CHURCH REVITALIZATION



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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever taken an inventory of your prayers? You probably pray for people who are sick, your church and its leaders, the lost, missionaries, and the grieving. You may pray that our society will improve. I have been a pastor for over fifty years and in most of the prayer meetings I have attended, these are the things that are usually shared. You should be praying for these things. You should pray for your own needs: your problems, desires, and family. Also include praise to God for who He is, thanks to Him for all He has done for you, and confession of your sins.

The Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 6:18 “. . . always keep on praying for all the saints.” In the Bible a saint is not a super Christian but any Christian. Paul means our fellow believers. You pray for their material, physical, and emotional needs. Yet many believers pray very little for their fellow believers’ spiritual needs. There is seldom a prayer shared for fellow believers to grow in their faith, in Christlikeness, and in becoming effective disciples of the Lord Jesus.

“What should we pray for our fellow believers?”

The Bible gives an answer. In this devotional guide you will find what Paul prayed for the members in some New Testament churches. In Philippians 4:9a Paul said, “Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.” Paul’s prayers for his fellow believers provide a pattern for us as we pray for one another.

Imagine the renewal your church will experience if such prayers are prayed and answered.





20-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT BELIEVERS:

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20-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT BELIEVERS:

“Praying for Fellow Believers”

Gleanings from select scripture passages in the Books of Ephesians and Colossians

by Dr. Ken Harmon



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Day 4 Know the Vastness of Christ's Love
Ken Harmon

Read Ephesians 3:17b-18

" . . . that you, . . . may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth . . . "

In these verses Paul wants us to grasp the meaning of the breadth, depth, length, and height of Christ's love. It is wide enough to reach the woman taken in adultery, an unclean leper, questioning Nicodemus, the hungry multitude, little children, those who crucified him, and Simon Peter who denied him. His love is wide enough to wrap his arms around you and draw you out of your sin, deliver you from hell, and bring you to himself.

His love was long enough to go to Bethlehem, to Jerusalem, to Gethsemane, to the cross, into the grave, and out of it.

His love is deep enough to reach the most foul, mean-spirited sinner and make him or her a child of God. It is deep enough to reach you in your sin, despair, rebellion, or darkness and draw you into his forgiveness, hope, obedience, and light. It is deep enough to go with you as you walk through the valley of the shadow of death—as you face your own death or when you lose a loved one.

His love is high enough to raise you up so that you can be more than you ever thought you could be, do more than you ever thought you could do, and love more than you ever thought you could love. It is high enough to raise you up and make you God's blameless, beloved child.

Prayer

Pray that everyone in your church will know how wide, long, high, and deep the love of Christ is.

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Day 7

Knowledge and Discernment

Ken Harmon

Read Philippians 1:9

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, . . ."

The knowledge here refers first to knowledge about God. We know about God because of what the Bible teaches us about Him. We also know about God from our experiences with Him. We do not understand much about God until we have experienced God's forgiveness of our sins and His making each of us his child. Then we understand the depth of God's love.

If you have experienced the love of God, you can then show God's love to others. How do you see others? Do you see them through the eyes of God's love or through the eyes of jealousy, envy, or anger? If you have experienced the love of God through the mercy and grace He has given you, then you see others through the eyes of love and extend to them mercy and grace.

We are also to love with discernment. If you really love someone, you try to understand them. We should be informed about their real needs, their desires, and their feelings, opinions, and concerns. Think about the different ways Jesus loved people. He expressed His love to the leper by touching the "untouchable," to shunned Zacchaeus by eating with Him, to the woman caught in adultery by not condemning her and advising her to sin no more, and to the hungry multitude by feeding them. We should always be willing to show abounding, discerning love toward others.

Prayer

Pray that the members of your congregation, yourself included, will abound in an understanding, sympathetic, and accepting love for each other.

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Day 8 Approve What is Excellent
Ken Harmon

Read Philippians 1:10a

". . . so that you may approve what is excellent, . . ."

Yesterday we thought of discernment in relationship to people. We are to discern their real needs so that we can love them effectively. Today we are thinking about discerning value in ideas and behaviors. Though we are not to be judgmental of people, we are to judge ideas and behaviors. Some ideas and behaviors are valuable, and some are not. Some are good and some bad, some true and some false, some add to life, and some take away. We are to confirm, test, and make sure something is true, moral, and beneficial.

Paul reminds us to approve what is excellent. The Greek phrase translated "approve what is excellent" can mean "to prove by testing the things that differ." You cannot approve what is excellent unless you can distinguish the things that differ. The idea is to be able to distinguish what is vital. Sometimes the believers in Philippi had quarrels with each other. More than likely, as was true in the church at Corinth, they were quarreling over inconsequential matters. Paul is giving a call to approve what is excellent, what really matters.

Does your church experience quarrel that really do not matter? Many do. Churches quarrel over the color of carpet, who should clean up after a social, and even Christmas decorations. Things that do not matter a bit to a lost world or even to the Lord Jesus.

Prayer

Pray that you and your fellow believers will not get caught up in inconsequential arguments that hinder both the work and the fellowship of the church. Pray that instead there will be approval of what is excellent in Christ's eyes.

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Day 9

Be Pure and Blameless

Ken Harmon

Read Philippians 1:10

"... be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ..."

There had once been gold in the area of Philippi. Since other metals can be alloyed with gold, the value of an object made with gold can vary according to the actual amount of gold in the object. Pure gold is highly valuable.

As believers, our lives are to be pure. We want pure air to breath, pure water to drink, pure food to eat. Why, then, do we fill our minds and lives with what is impure, sinful, and polluting? The Bible depicts the church as the bride of Christ. Yet sometimes we flirt with other gods and engage in immoral behaviors. Would you want your intended mate to be impure?

We are also to be blameless. If we are honest with ourselves, that seems almost impossible, because we know we are not without fault. Remember that we are made blameless before God because we have accepted Jesus as our Savior. See Colossians 1:22. Now consider Philippians 2:14-15, "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ...". To be blameless do not grumble or dispute with others, causing disruption in the fellowship of the church.

Remember, we are living in light of the day of Christ, that is, His return. When He comes back, He should find us ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb and living in harmony with one another.

Prayer

Pray that you and your fellow church members will be pure for Christ and blameless in our relationships with one another.

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Day 14

Fully Pleasing to Jesus

Ken Harmon

Read Colossians 1:10a

"... fully pleasing to Him: ..."

In John 8:29b Jesus said, "I always do the things that are pleasing to Him [God the Father]." He set the example for us. Paul told us in Ephesians 5:10, "try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." In 2 Corinthians 5:9 he said, "we make it our aim to please Him."

As I am writing this it is only three weeks since my wife died. God gave us 51 wonderful years together. She was truly the Proverbs 31 wife who was "far more precious than rubies." Because I loved her, it was my goal to please her. Because she loved me, it was her goal to please me. If we love Jesus, it will be our goal to please him.

What does pleasing Jesus involve? Using the Bible, you could probably make your own list. In the ESV translation of Colossians 1:10 there is a colon after the phrase "fully pleasing to Him." I think Paul was suggesting it pleases God to do the things he listed next: bearing fruit in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with God's might, having endurance, patience, and joy, and giving thanks to God.

In 1 Timothy 2:1-3 Paul says that praying is pleasing in God's sight. Keep praying for your fellow church members as you continue through this guide, for that is surely pleasing to our good and gracious God.

Prayer

Pray that you and your fellow church members will make it your goal to please Jesus.

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Day 17 Strengthened with God's Power
Ken Harmon

Read Colossians 1:11

"... strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, ..."

You may have seen a Soap Box Derby on TV. It is a youth racing program. The cars race downhill since they are completely unpowered, relying on gravity to move. Contrast that with the Indianapolis 500 or NASCAR races. The cars that race in them have hundreds of horsepower.

Even after we become believers, Satan wants us to spend our lives coasting down-hill. But following the Lord Jesus is an up-hill race. Where do we get the power to live in a way that pleases him and bears fruit for him?

Here is the good news—God supplies the power. Ephesians 1:19-20 tells us that Jesus' followers have "the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him for the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ..."

Just think, we have resurrection power! The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is able to make us alive together with Christ and empower us to live triumphantly for Him. No longer do we need to slowly coast downhill. We have race-car-engine power to enable us to live lives that count for Christ, both in the church and in the world.

Prayer

Pray first that you will open yourself to the power of God in every part of your life. Ask that those in church with you will open themselves to God's power. Imagine what a church full of empowered believers would be like.

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Day 19

Patience
Ken Harmon

Read Colossians 1:11

" . . . so that you may have . . . patience . . . "

Two thoughts come to mind when we think of patience. One has to do with patiently waiting on the return of the Lord Jesus. James 5:7-8 instructs us, "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

The second has to do with how we relate to others. We are to be patient with them. People, even our fellow church members, can be grumpy, unpleasant, thoughtless, and even cruel. Later in Colossians Paul writes, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, . . . patience, bearing with one another, . . ." (Colossians 3:12-13a). We are to be willing to "put up with" one another in the best sense of that idea.

Think of how many times you have disappointed or failed the Lord Jesus through what you did that you should not have done or did not do what you should have done. He has been patient with you over and over. Show that same patience to your brothers and sisters in Christ

Prayer

Ask God to grant you and your church family patience to wait in hope for the Lord and strength to be patient with each other.

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Day 20

Joy

Ken Harmon

Read Colossians 1:11b-12b

" . . . with joy; giving thanks to the Father, . . . "

A boy was visiting his grandfather. His grandfather was known as a very religious man, and was strict, rigid, and dour. After being in his presence awhile, the boy wandered out to the barn and the first animal he saw was a long-faced mule. The boy said, "I see you have grandpa's religion too."

Too many church members see their religion as a burdensome obligation rather than the joyful experience the Bible shows it to be. Look at a concordance and be amazed at how many times the Bible speaks of joy or being joyful.

Here are just a few examples: "In your presence there is fullness of joy," Psalm 16:11; "God my exceeding joy," Psalm 43:4; "reap with shouts of joy," Psalm 126:5; For the ransomed of the Lord, "Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads," Isaiah 35:10; Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" John 15:11; Paul said to the Thessalonian Christians, "You are our glory and joy" 1 Thessalonians 2:20; and Peter said, "Though you do not see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible" 1 Peter 1:8. Even when we are filled with sorrow, Jesus reminds us our sorrow will be turned into joy (John 16:20), and that we can even rejoice in persecution (Luke 6:23).

Look around you in a worship service and evaluate the amount of joy you see. Examine your own life; how much joy is there?

Prayer

Pray that your life, the lives of your church family, and your whole church will be filled with joy.



14-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT GRACE:

“God’s Grace & The Believer’s Acts”

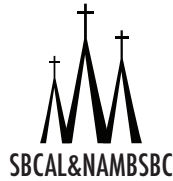
Gleanings from select scripture passages in the Book of Romans
Gleanings from select scripture passages in the Book of Acts

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10-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT CHURCH VITALITY:

“Christ and His Church”

Gleanings from select scripture passages in the Old Testament and New Testament

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Day 6 Christ's Plans for His Church
Rick Fisher

Read Isaiah 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways', says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts'."

Christ not only has purposes for His Church but plans for accomplishing them. The challenge is that we do not think like God does. Christ promised He would build His church. His desire is to be actively involved in every aspect of church life. Christ is the Head and He wants to direct His church!

The challenge is when we use our thinking, it is no higher or better than the fallen world's way of thinking. As we seek what is on the mind and heart of God, He reveals His purposes and plans to us (Jeremiah 33:3). The Holy Spirit within each of God's people then guides us into the will of God. We begin to do God's will, God's way! He will show us how to do what He has purposed for us to do.

One of the marks of a church God uses is that in all things the people *pray first*. The Holy Spirit then works to move us from *people-centered* thinking to *God-oriented* thinking. We then have the opportunity to trust God to guide us into the right paths.

Prayer

Father, we acknowledge and confess our tendency to try to do Your work the world's way. Forgive us and cleanse us of our self-centeredness. We want to know Your plans so we can live and minister in ways that will bring Your blessings and produce abundant fruit. (John 15:7-8; 17:20-23; I Peter 4:7-11; Acts 4:29-31; Matthew 16:15-18; Proverbs 3:5-6)

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Day 9

Christ's Provision for His Church

Rick Fisher

Read Philippians 4:19

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Do we really believe the truth found in this verse? Do live with a daily awareness of this truth, facing decisions with this truth guiding and shaping our lives? Recently, I spoke with a leader whose organization felt God was leading them to take a step of faith to expand their staff in order to engage a specific group of people but there was no financial provision available. Practically, the answer was "no". However, God had spoken clearly and when God speaks, the next thing we do reveals what we really believe about His power and provision. The leadership team decided to take this step of faith. Within the next 30 days, they received more than enough funds to secure the staff expansion well into the future.

Is there a reason for God to provide if we are not following His agenda? As Henry Blackaby has often stated: "God did not promise to supply our good intentions. He promised to provide for our obedience". His provision can come in a variety of ways: leaders, finances, circumstances and more, but there is nothing that is beyond the capacity of His provision!

My experience has been that when a congregation seeks the mind and heart of God, senses what is on His agenda and moves to make adjustments to they can obey, God releases His power and provision in ways that are beyond anything the church can imagine. The Risen Christ bases His plans for His church not on our resources, but on His ability to provide what is needed for our obedience.

Prayer

Father, forgive us for failing to trust You for the provision to accomplish what You purposed for us. Too often we have trusted in our abilities and resources. We commit to say "yes" to everything You place in our hearts to do for You, regardless of the circumstances or challenges. (Ephesians 3:20-21; Hebrews 13:20-21; I John 3:22; Revelation 3:8)

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Day 10 Christ's Future for His Church
Rick Fisher

Read Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

The Risen Christ asked John to send messages to each of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation 2-3. With each message, Christ revealed that He was present in His church and that He knew priorities and works of each one. However, He also knew the solution for each church to have a vibrant and effective future. Regardless of the sin that had hindered them, Christ had a plan for a future filled with hope. We do not know the future. However, if we live in a love relationship with Christ, we have access to the One who does know, and He knows the plans He has for His people today and tomorrow. Just as with the churches in Revelation, much of the future Christ has for us requires us to make adjustments in order to see His provision and blessing.

I am aware of a church that was growing in number, but the leadership sensed they were not impacting their community in positive ways for the Kingdom. The leaders invited the congregation to enter an extended time of specific prayer over several weeks. Each week, they sought God's heart and mind, asking Him to reveal where He was at work in the community and where they should join Him. At the conclusion of the season of prayer, God had revealed three specific areas of His activity. The church moved quickly to adjust both priorities and resources. God honored their obedience by using this church to impact hundreds of lives in their community in years to come.

Let the Risen Christ set the agenda for your future. Obey Him with the confidence and understanding that He can provide all that is needed for you to accomplish whatever He leads you to do.

Prayer

Father, we know the Risen Christ has been appointed as Head of this church. He knows the future that would bring the Kingdom more fully to the people and area where you have planted our lives. We desire to glorify You by being obedient to what is revealed to us as we pray. (Luke 9:23-25; Psalm 32:8; I Corinthians 2:9-11; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 12:1-2; Romans 12:2; 15:13)



7-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT HEART:

“A Prayerful Longing to See God’s Glory”

Gleanings from select scripture passages in the Book of Nehemiah

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7-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT THE WALK:

“Healthy Practices of the Believer”

Gleanings from select scripture passages in the Book of Ephesians

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Day 5 Fifth Prayer for the Church: The Worthy Life
Bob Lowman

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:2

When it comes to relationships with others, especially in the church, Paul insists that there be a balance between profession and practice. In other words, if you are a born again Christian, you need to live like one. In Ephesians 4:1-6, Paul outlines four qualities and one activity necessary in living a worthy life as a follower of Jesus.

The first quality is humility, consider others more important than us. By practicing humility, we position ourselves to experience the power of God.

The second quality is gentleness, one of the fruits of the Spirit. In case you're wondering why gentleness is so important, have you ever been in a difficult situation and someone was really nice to you, encouraging you, gently caring for you? Remember how good that felt? That's why.

The third quality is patience, another fruit of the Spirit. This is love that is willing to wait. In churches today, impatience frequently causes division, hurt, and damage. Patience brings unity and strength.

The fourth quality is forbearance, or bearing with one another in love. As an old saying goes, "to live above with the saints we love, that will be glory; to live below, with saints we know, that's a different story." This quality is a readiness to live with the faults and idiosyncrasies of others, knowing we have our own.

When Jesus prayed for us in John 17, He prayed that we would be one, united, so the world would know He has come. Unity is the ultimate goal for the church. We must be united to be effective in reaching others for Christ.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me live a life worthy of Your calling to me. Help me to live with humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance, following Your lead to maintain unity in the church. Thank You for making this possible. Amen.



7-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT THE HEART:

“2 Chronicles 7:14”

A focused look at 2 Chronicles 7:14

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7-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE ABOUT THE HEART:
"2 Chronicles 7:14"

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Day 1

God's Recipe for Revival

Tim Sieberhagen

Read II Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (NIV)

We desperately need our nation to turn back to God, but it must begin in the church. The call of God in this verse is addressed to those who are known by God's name. It is a call to turn back to him. The hope of the world does not lie in human government, civic organizations, or self-help groups. Jesus said the church would represent the hope of the world. Revival can only occur when we do what God requires. Before God can reform our nation, the church must get its own house in order.

This verse begins with the word "IF". Everything that follows hinges on that one word. God is both willing and able to heal our land, but the fulfillment of this promise will not occur until His conditions are met. When the conditions are met, God will honor his promise.

Jesus promised that he would build his church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. We have forgotten what powerful things we can do when we stand beside our omnipotent partner. It's time we remember again.

Prayer

Pray that we will fulfill the requirements of God so we can see revival in our land.

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Day 3

The Power of Prayer
Tim Sieberhagen

Read II Chronicles 7:14

*"If my people, who are called by my name, **will humble themselves and pray** and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

No revival has ever occurred without prayer. Priscilla Shirer says, "Prayer is the portal that brings the power of heaven down to earth. It is kryptonite to the enemy and to all his ploys against you." Our prayers move the heart and hand of God. Since God is all-powerful, there is no limit as to what prayer can do.

Christians are feeble in their own strength but become mighty when they pray. William Cowper said, "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon their knees." No wonder our enemy works so hard to keep us from praying!

The power of prayer does not flow from us; it is not special words we say or the special way we say them or even how often we say them. The power of prayer comes from the all-powerful Savior who hears our prayers and answers them. Prayer places us in contact with Almighty God, and we should expect almighty results.

Jesse Penn-Lewis writes, "If there was a revival of prayer among the people of God, there would soon be a revival of blessing in the world." Will you commit to ask God for a revival of prayer in your life and the church?

Prayer

We repent of our lack of prayer and pray that God may lead us to seek Him again.

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Day 7

Let Revival Begin
Tim Sieberhagen

Read II Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

God has an answer to every problem America faces. All we need is His favor and His guidance. But it all depends on the Church: "if My people who are called by My name...." We must respond to that call and encourage others to do likewise. That is where the solution begins. God is not waiting for unbelievers in America to get their act together. America's future depends on what the Church does. If the Church is nothing more than a polished reflection of the fallen culture, then it will have little positive impact. If the Church takes the right action, revival will take place that transforms the culture.

The recipe for revival has never changed. The Scripture makes it clear that the answer will not be found in the White House, the courthouse or the schoolhouse but it will be found in the church house, in your house and in my house. Will you respond to the call? Will you be part of the answer? The promises are there, waiting to be fulfilled, **IF** we meet God's requirements.

Prayer

Ask God to enable you to become an instrument of revival in this generation.



7-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE AFTER THE VOTE:

“Now What?”

Gleanings from Ephesians 1:3-10

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7-DAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDE AFTER THE VOTE:
"Now What?"

NOTES

Horizontal lines for taking notes.

Day 5

As Sons and Daughters
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Read Ephesians 1:5-6

"He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

There are certain things that we do for our kids that we would never do for anyone else. For example, if someone showed up at your house at night and knocked on your door and asked if they could crawl in the bed with you because they've had a bad dream, you would call the police or. However, if one of your children comes to your bedside and tells you the same thing, you invite them in, cuddle them, and tell them that they are safe.

The blessings of God for the purpose of holiness and blamelessness in love are given to his sons and his daughters. We are not strangers who are left to try and figure out what we were to do and how we are to do it. We are God's children which means we have access to come to him at every point in life.

The process of revitalization can feel very lonely. Sometimes, because of changes that have been made, you may find yourself saying goodbye to people you love and have known for a while. It can feel like a very lonely, very difficult, often emotional process. However, we are reminded by Paul that this process is not done in isolation, but it is done in the presence of and in participation with our heavenly Father who loves us and has not abandoned us. What about you? Do you feel the presence of God in your life? Can you sense his nearness? Would you say that you would be able to come to God as a child goes to their parent in the night? Regardless of however you feel, this is true.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your love and for making Yourself available. Help me to sense Your nearness and give me the boldness to come to You with everything that weighs heavy on my shoulders. Amen.

