

How to Pray for the Church

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The early church was full of health, power, holiness, and fruitfulness. They were a conquering Church of prayer, and they were prayed for often by the apostles, who cared for them. Here are 31 Prayers of Power from the New Testament that were prayed over the early church by Christ and the apostles.

DAY 1: Pray that God would keep, protect and preserve them. *“Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me” (Jn. 17: 11)*

DAY 2: Pray for them to have joy, because the joy of the Lord is their strength. *“But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.” (Jn. 17: 13)*

DAY 3: Pray for their protection from Satan’s schemes, temptations and influence. *“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.” (Jn. 17: 15)*

DAY 4: Pray for holiness and a love for Scripture. *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” (Jn. 17: 17)*

DAY 5: Pray that they might walk in unity. *“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me” (Jn. 17: 21, 23)*

DAY 6: Pray for the love of God to be in them. *“And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” (Jn. 17: 26)*

DAY 7: Pray that they would continue in their faith, that they will inherit the kingdom. *“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me” (Jn. 17: 24)*

DAY 8: Pray for increased knowledge and understanding of God. *“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened” (Eph. 1: 17, 18)*

DAY 9: Pray that they may understand what it means to have been called by Christ. *“that you may know what is the hope of His calling” (Eph. 1: 18)*

DAY 10: Pray that they might understand all they have been given in Christ. *“what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints” (Eph. 1: 18)*

DAY 11: Pray that they would have great faith, remembering that nothing is impossible with God. *“and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power” (Eph. 1: 19)*

DAY 12: Pray that in their weakness, Christ’s strength would be made perfect. *“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man” (Eph. 3: 16)*

DAY 13: Pray they would experience the manifest Presence of God, and that in this, they would not live by feelings, but by faith, to remember God is with them, whether they feel Him or not. *“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Eph. 3: 17)*

DAY 14: Pray that they would fully understand the depth of God’s love for them, for they can only love others when they know how much He loved them first. *“that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge” (Eph. 3: 17, 18)*

DAY 15: Pray that they would be filled with the Spirit. *“that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Eph. 3: 18)*

DAY 16: Pray that their love would not be naïve, so as to make harmful decisions, but that it would be mingled with knowledge and discernment. *“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment” (Php. 1: 9)*

DAY 17: Pray they would develop biblical values, and operate from a biblical world view. *“that you may approve the things that are excellent” (Php. 1: 10)*

DAY 18: Pray for sincerity, in their dealings with God and others, without guile. *“that you may be sincere” (Php. 1: 10)*

DAY 19: Pray that they would not fall for the trap of offense. *“and without offense till the day of Christ” (Php. 1: 10)*

DAY 20: Pray that they would bear good fruit. *“being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” (Php. 1: 11) “being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col. 1: 11)*

DAY 21: Pray that they might have spiritual, not merely natural, understanding. *“that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Col. 1: 9)*

DAY 22: Pray that they might walk worthy of Christ, and please Him in all things. *“that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him” (Col. 1: 10) “Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling” (2Thess. 1:11)*

DAY 23: Pray they would have strength to be patient, persevering, and joyful. *“strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy” (Col. 1: 11)*

DAY 24: Pray that they would be thankful, never forgetting where they came from. *“giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.” (Col. 1: 12)*

DAY 25: Pray that as they do God’s will, works of faith and power would be with them. *“and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power” (2 Thess. 1: 11)*

DAY 26: Pray that Christ would be glorified in all they say, think and do. *“that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thess. 1: 12)*

DAY 27: Pray that they will be active and effective in sharing Christ with others. *“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.” (Phm. 6 NIV)*

DAY 28: Pray that they will be healthy, prosperous, whole and healed. *“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.” (3 Jn. 2)*

DAY 29: Pray that they will do no evil, but only that which is honourable. *“Now I pray to God that you do no evil, ...but that you should do what is honorable” (2 Cor. 13: 7)*

DAY 30: Pray for Holy Spirit boldness & power to fill the church. *“Now Lord....grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” (Acts 4: 29, 30)*

DAY 31: Pray that they may be mature and stable, lacking no good thing. *“And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.” (2 Cor. 13: 9)*