

52 DAYS OF PRAYER

THE NEHEMIAH CHALLENGE

REBUILDING THE WALL—FAMILY BY FAMILY



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52 DAYS OF PRAYER REBUILDING THE WALL—FAMILY BY FAMILY

We believe Jesus wants to rebuild a wall of righteousness around our broken world—family by family—just like He did in Nehemiah chapter 3. **For the next 52 days (the time it took Nehemiah to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem) we will pray Scripture asking Jesus to come in power and do a new work in our families.** By this we mean our extended families and all generations. Let's pray expecting the Lord to save, forgive, set free, heal, restore, deliver from evil, transform by His Spirit, and lead us. We look forward to hearing the testimonies of what He will do!

As you use this resource each day we encourage you to **read the Scriptures carefully**, maybe write them out, **listen to any specific ways the Spirit is leading you to pray** for your family and **have a journal where you can write them down.**

We also recommend that you read Scripture aloud over your family and always pray in the name of Jesus. This is because as we pray we are not only talking to God, but resisting the enemy, declaring truth, and claiming our families for Christ in the heavenly realms.

Each day you can praise the Lord that whatever is in that Scripture is for your family. Praise is an important part of our prayer because it helps us to put our trust in the Lord, welcoming the presence of God to fight for us. Praise and Scripture in our prayers terrify the enemy.

As we begin this 52 days we give our families to the Lord Jesus and invite Him to take His place as King over every person, relationship, behavior, wound, and circumstance—past present and future. You may even want to write some of these specifics down before you begin, writing Scriptures next to them as you go (see pages 56-59).

DAY ONE

COLOSSIANS 1 (NIV)

¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Jesus, I praise You that all things in our family—and every person—are created through You and for You. I worship You as the maker of our family and the One who is worthy to be Lord over every part. I praise You that You are before all things in our family; in You, Jesus, all things hold together. I bow before You and declare that this family is not held together by any of us—nor by anyone else, not any tradition or history, but only by You, Lord.

Jesus, meet our family where we have lived as though we have to be in control; or where we have lived like our history, behaviors, wounds, or circumstances are before all things. Please forgive us, draw us to trust You, heal our hearts, and transform our thought patterns so that we welcome You to rule as Maker and Sustainer of every part of our family. Jesus take Your rightful place and hold all things together in Your power and love.



DAY
TWO

PSALM 9 (ESV)

⁷ But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established His throne for justice, ⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

I praise You that You are the King who is enthroned forever. I declare You are King in this family. You come and rule over our history, every struggle, every relationship, every wound, every behavior, every emotion, every health challenge, and over our passions and hopes. Jesus, rule over any other spiritual force that is at work. Rule over our future. Lord, take the throne. Thank You that You rule in righteousness, and all Your judgements are good and upright for this family. You are the rightful King and Judge over our family and I welcome You to reign over every person and every part—past, present, and future.

DAY THREE

PHILIPPIANS 2 (NIV)

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lord Jesus, I praise You that You died for my family and You are exalted to the highest place over every spiritual dominion and earthly power. I worship you, Jesus, name above every name, and I pray You will take Your place over the names of people, spiritual powers, or anything that has influenced my family. Forgive us for any way in which You have not been given the highest place. I surrender before You anything that our family has made our hope; anything we have given our hearts to, or loved more than you. Holy Spirit, show me anything that has been an idol in my family (*quietly listen*). Jesus, I cast down all idols of possessions, comforts, careers, culture, entertainment, sports, traditions, romance, happiness, or self under Your name, asking that everyone in our family will bow down with all their heart and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

DAY FOUR

PSALM 89 (WEB)

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before your face.

PSALM 45 (NIV)

⁴ In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.

Lord, I praise You and thank You that You are the King who rides out in victory for truth, humility, and justice. Thank You that You see where there are distortions, pride, and lies and where injustice is at work in our family. You hate these things. Lord, show me what You see and lead me in how to pray. *(Be still and listen to what the Holy Spirit brings to mind and give those things to Jesus.)* Lord, bring all these under Your righteous rule and let Your right hand achieve awesome deeds in our family. Help us not to try to control ourselves by our hand, but to allow You to come and rule justly for us. Jesus, come and take Your throne, reigning over any other authority, personalities, spiritual powers, or emotions involved. Work justice by Your right hand. Show Your loving kindness to all involved. King of righteousness, lead our family in Your humility and truth.

DAY FIVE

PSALM 24 (NIV)

⁷Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD mighty in battle.

I worship You, King of glory, over the _____ family. Break down the gates and open the doors and come in. Holy Spirit, show me specific things from the past or even the present that may be blocking You from coming into every part of our family. (*Listen for specific things and ask the Lord to show you how to pray through each one.*) In Jesus' name, clear each block out of the way, break open the doors, and enter in to take Your rightful throne. I praise You that You are mighty in battle, and I ask You to fight for us today so that there will be nothing in our hearts, minds, relationships, behaviors, or circumstances that will block Your coming in. Jesus, strong and mighty, break the power of the enemy in our family wherever he would blind spiritual eyes, confuse, distort relationships, steal, or destroy. King of glory, come in and clear out any spiritual darkness that has been welcomed through reading or watching stories of occult, or supporting anything that promotes spiritual darkness. I pray the blood of Jesus over every place where a door has been opened to the evil one, and I invite You to close those doors. Come in and rule in this family.

DAY
SIX

LUKE 19(WEB)

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Thank You, Jesus, that You love _____ and do not want them to be far from You. Thank You that You came into the world to seek and save _____.

LUKE 15 (WEB)

⁴ Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he found it? ⁵ When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep..."

Jesus, I thank You for being the Good Shepherd. You will not give up searching for _____. I pray that _____ will see Your unfailing love for them and will allow You to find and carry them home.

DAY SEVEN

LUKE 15 (WEB)

¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough to spare, and I'm dying with hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight. ¹⁹ I am no more worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ He arose, and came to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

I pray that _____ will become dissatisfied with where they are and recognize their hunger for You. Father, bring them to their senses and turn their hearts back to You. Bring them to a place where they are sorry and know that they need Your forgiveness. Jesus, give them the courage to turn back. Father, I thank You that You are waiting for _____ to come back. I pray that they will know You have a heart of compassion towards them. Break any lies they believe that tell them You will not love or accept them. Open their hearts to see You are ready to run to them, however far they have been from You. I pray that _____ will receive Your forgiveness and Your loving embrace.

DAY EIGHT

EPHESIANS 2 (WEB)

¹ You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience; ³ among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

Thank You that Your great love and mercy are for _____. Oh Jesus, free _____ from the spirit of the enemy to whom they are not even aware they are listening. Jesus, show them that they are not free but are following the world and locked up in desires and sin. Open their hearts to see they are spiritually dead, and give them a longing to be made alive in You. I praise You that You can bring _____ out of sin and death into Your grace and life through Christ.

DAY
NINE

COLOSSIANS 1(NIV)

*¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Lord, I praise You that You can rescue _____ from the kingdom of darkness and bring them into the kingdom of Your Son. Thank You, Jesus, that You can redeem _____ and forgive them. Open their minds to see they need You to redeem, forgive and rescue them out of darkness.

DAY TEN

COLOSSIANS 2 (NLT)

¹³ You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross.

Jesus, I praise You that You have canceled our debt and nailed the charges that condemned us to the cross. I pray the power of the cross over _____. Lead them to the cross to see what You have done for them, Jesus. I praise You that at the cross You have triumphed over every power and disarmed every authority that is at work in the life of _____ in the name of Jesus. I pray that _____ will receive the work You have done for them and long to live under the blood You shed for them at the cross.

DAY ELEVEN

2 CORINTHIANS 4 (NIV)

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

O Lord, I cry out to You for _____ who is blinded by the enemy. Free _____ from their blindness. Fill them with Your light so they will see Your glory, Jesus, and believe that You are the one true God.

2 CORINTHIANS 4 (NIV)

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

I praise You that You are the God of light, and You can free _____ from the darkness of not knowing You. Oh God, shine Your light in their heart so they can know Your glory and see the face of Jesus Christ.

DAY TWELVE

1 JOHN 1 (WEB)

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Oh, Jesus, _____ is living in lies. Jesus, break the lies, speak truth to their heart and show them that they are in rebellion against You. I praise You that if _____ come to You with a repentant heart, You will forgive and wash them clean and lead them into Your righteousness. Jesus, lead _____ to repentance and confession. Help _____ to believe Your promise of total forgiveness and cleansing is for them, and draw them back to Your faithful love.

DAY THIRTEEN

ACTS 2 (NLT)

¹⁷ “In the last days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams... ²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Lord, thank You for Your Holy Spirit who can work in the heart of _____. I praise You that if _____ calls on the name of Jesus, they can be saved. I praise You for the power of Your name to save _____. Oh, Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on _____ so that they will call on the name of Jesus and be redeemed.

DAY FOURTEEN

ROMANS 10 (NLT)

¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

Jesus, _____ needs to hear Your voice. I praise You that if they hear the good news, they can believe in You and call on Your name. Holy Spirit, work in the life of _____ to bring people who will speak truth and the good news about Jesus. Speak to them through books, movies, TV, radio or the internet so that _____ can hear about You and believe. I pray in the name of Jesus that You will keep away every influence that is speaking lies, misrepresenting You or distracting them from hearing Your Word.

DAY FIFTEEN

2 CORINTHIANS 5 (NIV)

¹⁹ That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

I praise You, Jesus, that in the cross You were making the way for _____ to be reconciled to You. Holy Spirit, prepare their heart to hear the message. I pray that they will hear Your voice calling them to be reconciled to You. Send ambassadors of Jesus Christ to offer Your love and the power of the cross to them. Holy Spirit, come into my relationship with _____, and help me to be an ambassador of Christ to them in whatever way You have planned. Holy Spirit, lead me to know how to pray and how and when to implore them on Christ's behalf to be reconciled to God.

DAY SIXTEEN

ROMANS 8 (WEB)

³¹ What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things? ³³ Who could bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Oh God, I thank You that You are for _____ and not against them. Holy Spirit, come and break any lie where they believe that You are against them and that You will only condemn them. Jesus, heal any experiences that have led them to believe this falsehood. I praise You that You died and rose again for _____ and are praying for them. Let them see that Your ways for them are good. Draw them into Your goodness, and show them Your power to free them from false condemnation and make them right with You.

DAY SEVENTEEN

ROMANS 8 (WEB)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?... ³⁷ No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I praise You, Jesus, that Your love is for _____.
Holy Spirit, come; overwhelm them with the truth
and power of Your love. Give them a hunger to know
You so they will never want to be separated from
you. I praise You that if _____ is willing to
come, no other power can keep them out of Your
love. Jesus, give _____ a vision of what it could
be like to rest safely in Your love for eternity.

DAY EIGHTEEN

REVELATION 1 (WEB)

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me, saying, “Don’t be afraid. I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more. Amen. I have the keys of Death and of Hades.”

Jesus, I praise You that You are the beginning and the end of everything, and You will live and reign forever. Thank You that You died and rose again for _____ because You long for them to be with You in eternity. Holy Spirit, come; open the eyes of their heart to see the reality of eternity. Free _____ from everything that makes them think they are in control of life and death or that eternal life is not real. Jesus, speak truth to their heart and reveal Yourself to them as the Risen One who lives forever and holds the keys of their life and death. Jesus, bring _____ to fall at Your feet and surrender to You as the Lord of all eternity. I praise You that You can do this.

DAY NINETEEN

PSALM 25 (WEB)

² My God, I have trusted in you. Don't let me be shamed. Don't let my enemies triumph over me. ³ Yes, no one who waits for you shall be shamed. They shall be shamed who deal treacherously without cause. ⁴ Show me your ways, Yahweh. Teach me your paths.

Lord, I thank You that You are so worthy of trust. I bring You any in my family who worry that if they trust You and hope in You completely, they will miss out on what the world says is good. Help _____ to believe that no one who hopes in You will ever truly be put to shame. Help _____ to care about what is shameful before you, not what the world says is embarrassing. Come by Your Holy Spirit and show _____ Your ways. Help _____ to want Your paths above their own. Give _____ a hunger and a trust in Your Word for every part of their lives. Guide _____ in Your truth and teach _____ by Your Holy Spirit. You alone are the God who saves, so lead _____ to allow You to be their salvation. Help _____ to wait for You “all day long,” especially in the area of _____. Thank You that You alone are Savior, leader, teacher, and guide for _____.

DAY TWENTY

PSALM 27 (NIV)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?... ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock... ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong...and wait for the LORD.

Lord, I thank You that You are the light and the salvation for _____. Help them to receive You as their light and trust You to save them for now and all eternity. Thank you that You want to be a stronghold for _____. Lord, help _____ come to You with any fears, especially about _____.

Lord, set _____ free from fear of what others think of them, fear of their own weakness, fear of present circumstances, fear of the future, fear of death or sickness, fear that other spiritual powers are greater than You, or fear of not having what they think they need. Thank You that even in the day of trouble, You want to keep _____ safe in Your house and hide _____ in the shelter of Your presence high on a rock above the battles. Change _____'s heart to wait, not for solutions, but to wait for You Yourself. I pray _____ will receive Your strength as they entrust themselves wholly to You and You to give Yourself to them.

DAY
TWENTY
ONE

LUKE 12 (NKJV)

29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

Thank You that You want to be a loving Father to _____. Heal _____ from any distorted images of You or any wounds of the past and experiences of parental figures that would keep them from knowing You as a close Father. You know where _____ seeks after things the world says is normal and worry about what they have and need. Help _____ to see where they have lived as though You do not see or care. Thank You that You are a good Father who does have compassion for _____. I ask You to heal _____'s heart where they find it hard to trust Your provision. Forgive _____ where they are seeking to be in control and fixing their eyes on this temporary world. Come by Your Holy Spirit and turn _____'s heart to You so _____ can seek Your kingdom first, fixing their desires on the things that last forever. Free _____ from self-sufficiency or worry to trust You to be a strong parent who will provide for them as they allow You to be King over all.

DAY
TWENTY
TWO

LUKE 12 (WEB)

32 Don't be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. 33 Sell that which you have, and give gifts to the needy. Make for yourselves purses which don't grow old, a treasure in the heavens that doesn't fail, where no thief approaches, neither moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Father, thank You that it is Your pleasure to give _____ the Kingdom. Thank You that if _____ lets You be King in their heart, they have an eternal, royal inheritance with You. Lord, meet _____ in the places where _____ has not received You as King, letting the world rule their thoughts about what is important in life. Lead _____ to make You their treasure. Come by Your Spirit and lead them to surrender the throne in their heart. Turn _____'s heart outwards to see other people and their needs through Your eyes. Help _____ understand real treasure that lasts for eternity. Fix _____'s heart on You instead of on storing up things for themselves. Show _____ if they are putting their passions and desires somewhere else apart from You. Holy Spirit, lead _____ to know what it looks like to and put Your love for others before themselves every day. Transform their desires so that they want to store up treasure in heaven.

DAY
TWENTY
THREE

JOHN 16 (NIV)

³³ *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

Jesus, thank You that You have promised us real peace in You. My family is often seeking comfort, safety, security, and rest in many other things, and I bring them to You today, especially_____. We have looked to what is going on in the world, this country, my community, and my relationships to find peace, and have not always come to You first. You see the trouble in the world and my family, and Jesus, You long for us to know real peace in Christ instead of just hoping there will be no more trouble. Thank You that You want to give peace that does not depend on circumstances. Help my family to come to You by Your Holy Spirit and to trust that You have overcome the world. Lead us to rest in who You are, Your love and Your victory for eternity. Show us how to find real peace in You, Jesus.

DAY
TWENTY
FOUR

JEREMIAH 17 (NIV)

⁷ But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water, that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Lord, I thank You that You promise such blessing for my family when we truly trust You and make You our confidence. We have often have put confidence in ourselves, family, other people, and relationships. We have put confidence in what the world says is important; money, significance, abilities, and plans. I pray that You will forgive, heal, and free us where we have actively put confidence in these things before You. Holy Spirit, fill us so we can trust You and put all confidence in Your love for us before all these other things. I bring to You any place where we have put roots down somewhere else but not completely in You. Jesus, redirect our roots into Your abundant life so we can be like a tree planted by the water. Be our life source and our living water so that whatever drought comes, we will not wither. Keep us growing in You so that in every season and circumstance, we will thrive, bearing fruit in You. I pray these things in the name of Jesus, who is our life.

DAY
TWENTY
FIVE

PSALM 143 (NRSV)

⁸ Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. ⁹ Save me, O LORD, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge. ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

Lord, show Your steadfast love in my family. I bring You all the places where _____ struggles to receive Your love. Lord Jesus, set _____ free to know Your love so they can lift up their soul to You, entrust their relationships, desires, and plans to You, and welcome You to show the way they should go in every detail of life. Lead _____ to want You to show the way they should go and to lift up their soul to You. I entrust their life to You. Lord, come by Your Holy Spirit and lead _____ to hide themselves in You so that You can save _____ from the enemy. Come in and teach _____ to do Your will instead of just thinking and doing what they want, for You are their God. Thank You that Your Spirit is good for _____. I pray they will believe this. I ask You to lead _____ by Your good Spirit on a level path.

DAY
TWENTY
SIX

2 CORINTHIANS 12 (NRSV)

⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Lord, I thank You that Your grace is more than enough for _____. Thank You that Your power is made perfect in weakness. I bring _____ and the places where they find that really hard to accept. Jesus, save _____ from putting their hope in being strong by themselves, from looking to others, and from fearing anything that would make them vulnerable. Lord, bring _____ to the end of themselves and help them to desire Your power in them instead of wanting to be strong the world's way. Lord, change _____'s heart by Your Spirit so that they do not withdraw from You, or resent You in hardship. Help them not to fear or run from weakness but welcome Your power to dwell in them. May _____ allow themselves to be weak before you and others so that You can fill _____ with Your strength.

DAY
TWENTY
SEVEN

MARK 10 (NRSV)

²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Jesus, thank You for Your promises of eternal blessing for those who follow You, no matter the cost. Lord, I confess, I don't want to risk people thinking poorly about me; I often don't want to make relationships difficult by being openly Yours or sharing Your truth with others in my family. Lord, I fear loss or persecution. I bring my feelings and reluctance to You. I pray that You will fill me with Your Spirit and overwhelm me with Your love and truth so that nothing else is more important than You. Jesus, change my heart to be so passionate for You within my family that I am willing to risk losing respect or having difficulties in relationships. Lead me to believe that Your promise of abundant blessing for now and eternity is a hundred times more than anything I could lose now. Jesus, show me what it means to follow You in my family, whatever the cost.

DAY
TWENTY
EIGHT

LUKE 9 (NRSV)

²³ Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?"

Lord, thank You for calling my family to be Your disciples. Jesus, thank You that You denied Yourself, took up the cross, and lost Your life so that _____ could follow You and be freed from self to live for you. Thank You that You were willing because of Your love for _____. We need You to do a new work in our family by Your Holy Spirit. Fill _____ with love for You, and transform their heart so that they will not just seek to do what is easiest and what makes them happy, but to be willing to deny self for You. Help _____ to trust You and identify so closely with You, that they will stay with You, walking in Your way, even if it means taking up the cross in struggle, risk, or suffering. Help _____ to believe what You say. I pray that _____ would not gain the world and forfeit their soul. Show _____ what it means to die to self and take hold of You who died and rose again to give them new life.

DAY
TWENTY
NINE

EPHESIANS 6 (NIV)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Lord, I praise You that You see everything that is really there in my family; every scheme of the enemy, and every spiritual force at work in the heavenly places. Lord, expose the darkness wherever the enemy is at work to blind spiritual eyes, to keep people in bondage to addictions and broken behaviors, to distort and break relationships; to lie, kill, steal, and destroy. Nothing is hidden from You, and I praise You that You are higher than every spiritual authority or present darkness touching my family. Jesus, alert me to the spiritual battles in my family. Come by Your Spirit and show me what is really there. *(Be still. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Write what He shows you.)* Jesus, come and wake us up to the devil's schemes. I praise You, Jesus, for Your victory, and I invite You to fight for this family. Teach us how to give ourselves to You—covered with Christ—that we might stand strong in the Lord and in Your mighty power. Lord, show us how to put on the whole armor of God and take up the Sword of the Spirit that is the Word of God. I pray the blood of Jesus over every person, every marriage, every relationship, and every heart in this family in Jesus' name.

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MATTHEW 6 (NIV)

¹³ Deliver us from the evil one...

I praise You, Jesus; You are our deliverer from the evil one. Only You can deliver the _____ family from spiritual powers, dark thoughts, temptation, sin, oppression, self-destruction, lies, false religion, idols, spiritual blindness or confusion, distorted relationships, and destructive circumstances. Thank you, Jesus! I trust only You to deliver; the evil one is powerless in Your presence. Deliver _____ from the evil one I pray, in Jesus' name.

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COLOSSIANS 2 (NIV)

¹³ ...He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

I praise You, Jesus, for You can forgive sin; You nailed the debt of sin to the cross. I pray the power of the cross over all the sin in our family. I pray the power of the cross over the sin of others against us. I praise You that You have disarmed the powers and authorities, and they have no weapon against You, Jesus. I praise You, Jesus, that You have humiliated the spiritual powers at the cross, and You have triumphed over every power of darkness by Your blood. I pray that you will work out the victory of the cross over every temptation to sin in our family. I pray the victory of the cross over the power of addictions, over the wounds and broken behaviors that are a consequence of sin, and over the sinful reactions to sin done against us. Please cover the _____ family with the blood of Jesus. In Jesus' name, lead us to live under the power of the cross that can disarm any other spiritual power at work in this family.

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EPHESIANS 1 (NIV)

¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

I praise You for Your resurrection, Jesus. You have conquered death, and You are seated high in the heavenly realms. Jesus, You reign over every ruler, authority, and spiritual power that may be at work in this family—for now and eternity! Jesus, Your name is higher than every name in this world and in the spiritual realm. I worship You over _____ (name or situation). I praise You that You have given Your power of resurrection for _____. I lift up the name of Jesus over _____ (name or a situation). I pray that you will cover _____ with Your resurrection life, power, and authority; in the name of Jesus.

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DEUTERONOMY 33 (NIV)

²⁶ “There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in His majesty. ²⁷ The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, ‘Destroy them!’... ²⁹ ... Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword.

I praise You because You want to come on the clouds of heaven to help _____. I praise You that You are a refuge for _____, a safe place in the battle. Thank You that Your mighty, everlasting arms are underneath _____. I need You to hold _____. I praise You that You are a Savior for _____ and no one else can save like You. Jesus, I ask You to be the helper, the shield, and the glorious sword for _____. I praise You that You can drive out the enemy before _____ and destroy him. In the name of Jesus I offer my prayer and my praise.

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2 CHRONICLES 20 (NIV)

¹² "...Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."... ¹⁵..."This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. ¹⁷ You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'" ... ²¹ After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever." ²² As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men...who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

As I give this battle over to You and praise You over _____, the enemy will be defeated in the name of Jesus. I do not have power to face the enemy attacking us. I do not know what to do, but my eyes are on You. I praise You that the battle in my family is not ours but Yours. I will not face this battle myself. I will praise You on this battlefield, declaring that You are holy. I thank You that Your love for the _____ family endures forever, even in this struggle. I praise You that the enemy will be defeated in the name of Jesus.

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EXODUS 14 (NRSV)

¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” ... ¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

I praise You for being a deliverer and for fighting for _____. Holy Spirit, come, _____ needs Your help to be still and to trust You to fight. Jesus, stand between the enemy and _____. I pray _____ will surrender to You and I ask You to keep the enemy far away. Jesus, cover _____ with Your light; and wherever the enemy is at work, confuse and thwart him with darkness. I praise You for Your presence. Help _____ to hide in You. I praise You that when You stand between, the enemy cannot come near _____.

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JOHN 10 (WEB)

¹⁰ The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

Jesus, we praise You that You see every place where the enemy has come to steal, kill, and destroy. In Jesus' name, You come and claim back everything stolen and restore everything destroyed. I bring You every kind of destruction in desires, behaviors, relationships, and thoughts. Jesus, You bring life where the enemy wants to kill or bring a spirit of violence, self-loathing, or thoughts of taking life. We praise You, Jesus, that You have come that _____ may not only survive, but have abundant life with You, and in You. Satan has no place to kill, steal, or destroy here because You are Lord. Jesus, bind the enemy, and breathe Your abundant, resurrection life into _____. I pray the abundant life of Christ over _____.

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PSALM 35 (WEB)

¹ Contend, Yahweh, with those who contend with me. Fight against those who fight against me. ² Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for my help. ³ Brandish the spear and block those who pursue me. Tell my soul, "I am your salvation."

Lord, fight against those who fight against _____.
Jesus, You contend with them. Help _____ not try
to fight for self, but trust You to fight for _____.
Jesus, You take up shield and armor and come to
_____’s aid. I praise You that You are the Lord of
heaven’s armies and nothing can stand against You.
Where there is disbelief, worry, fear, sin, guilt,
condemnation, self- reliance, or pride, Jesus, You
speak and say to _____’s soul, "I am your
salvation."

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PSALM 107 (NLT)

¹⁴ He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom; he snapped their chains. ¹⁵ Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. ¹⁶ For he broke down their prison gates of bronze; he cut apart their bars of iron.

We praise You, Jesus, for You can lead us out of darkness and break chains in Your power. Jesus, lead _____ out of darkness and snap _____'s chains. I pray in the name of Jesus that _____ will no longer be imprisoned, but You will break down the prison gates and cut apart the bars that keep them locked up. Jesus, You have the power to lead _____ out of darkness and into Your love. In Jesus' name, I pray You will especially break the chains of _____ (specific things or circumstances) that the enemy is using to keep them bound. Let _____ praise You, Lord for Your great love. Jesus fight for _____'s freedom to be Yours.

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PSALM 60 (NLT)

¹¹ Oh, please help us against our enemies, for all human help is useless. ¹² With God's help we will do mighty things, for he will trample down our foes.

Jesus, we praise You that You are able to do what no human help can ever do, because You can crush the enemy under Your feet. Oh Lord, we come for help. Give _____ aid against the enemy in every place where he is at work. Forgive _____ and lead _____ where they have looked to their own strength or human help to fight the battle. Only You can fight for _____, and we come to You for help in Jesus' name. Trample the enemy, especially in _____. Trample every work and scheme of the enemy and every kind of darkness under Your feet. I praise You that with Your help _____ will do mighty things.

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PSALM 23 (WEB)

¹ Yahweh is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Oh Jesus, thank You that You want to be the good shepherd for the _____ family, and You promise that in You we lack nothing. I pray that _____ will allow you to be their shepherd. Jesus, You to give _____ rest, You satisfy _____ and lead _____ to Your living water. I pray _____ will ask You to restore their soul and look to you to lead them in Your ways. Thank You that You promise to provide for _____, restore _____ and lead _____ in Your paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. As _____ goes through this valley, keep _____ from fearing evil in the circumstances or their reactions to them. I pray _____ will bring You their fears, and You will help _____ to trust You with them. Jesus, show _____ Your presence in this valley. Reveal Your protection to comfort _____ to _____. Good Shepherd, lead _____ in this valley.

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ONE

ROMANS 8 (NIV)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Oh God, thank You that Your Word says You are for us and not against us. Thank You that Your love is so great that You did not spare Your own Son but gave up Jesus for the _____ family. I bring You the situations where anyone in our family feels like You are not for them or struggles to see Your love. Jesus, break the lies and cover us with the love of God in Christ Jesus. Please remind us that that You have not withheld Your love from us. Holy Spirit, fill our hearts to believe that not even death, life, spiritual forces, the present or the future or anything in creation can separate us from Your love. Lead us by Your Spirit to an unshakable certainty that You are for us, not against us and that Your love will not let us go.

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TWO

ISAIAH 40 (NIV)

¹¹ He gathers the Lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart

ISAIAH 46 (NIV)

⁴ Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Lord, thank You that You are the God who carries the _____ family. I surrender any place where I am trying to carry them myself. Lord, free me from trying to do what only You can Take hold of each one. Help _____ to stay in Your arms and let You carry them. Thank you that You hold _____ tenderly, close to Your heart. Father _____ needs to hear Your heart for them in this struggle. Lord, draw _____ to rest in You. Lord, You are the great I Am who made _____ and will sustain _____. Lord, save _____ from trying to sustain themselves or depend on their own strength. Thank you for Your faithful love and Your strong arms that will not drop _____. Jesus, break any lies that would cause _____ to distrust You or keep them out of Your arms. Show _____ that when they feel vulnerable, they can believe that they are still held by You in every circumstance of my life. Good Shepherd, tender Father, carry _____.

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THREE

1 PETER 5:7 (NIV)

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

PSALM 55 (NKJV)

²² Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

Father, thank You that You care for _____ and You know all their burdens and anxiety. Holy Spirit, show _____ what the burdens are and help them stop trying to carry the heavy load. Help _____ to throw their burdens and anxiety onto You, especially _____ (people, circumstances, struggles, or feelings). Lord where these burdens have become molded into their life and character please set _____ free in Jesus name. Lord Thank you that as _____ casts their burdens on You, You will sustain _____ and show them Your care. Father, draw _____ to trust You and put them right with You so that _____ will not be moved.

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ISAIAH 49 (NRSV)

¹⁴ But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." ¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶ See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Oh God, sometimes _____ feels like You have forgotten them. Father, meet _____ where they can't understand why this is so hard when you are thinking of them and are with them. Thank You that Your love for _____ is stronger, even than a mother's compassion. Thank You that _____ can be Your child and You cannot forget _____. Break every lie that says they are alone, You don't care, You don't see, or You have left them. Speak to _____'s heart and tell _____ that "I will not forget you." Help _____ receive Your love that was poured out for them at the cross. Thank You for engraving _____ on the palms of Your hands there. Show _____ You will not take Your eyes off them or their circumstances. Draw _____ to trust that You see their "walls" where they are under attack, are in trouble, and feel vulnerable. Silence the enemy, meet _____ with Your compassion, and nurture _____ in Your protection.

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FIVE

PSALM 91 (WEB)

¹ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of Yahweh, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers. Under his wings you will take refuge. His faithfulness is your shield and rampart.

Thank You for the promise of rest in Your presence for _____. Lord, You know where _____ feels exhausted or vulnerable. Draw _____ by Your Holy Spirit to dwell in Your shelter and rest in Your shadow. Bring _____ back to You where they have distanced themselves in this struggle. Lead _____ to hide in You as their refuge and fortress, especially in _____. Lord, deliver _____ from every danger and disease. Lead _____ to run to You for Your saving power. Cover _____ with Your healing wings. Lord, shield _____ with Your faithfulness. Keep _____ near You in Your shadow, and use this struggle to draw _____ deeper into You as their shelter, their refuge, their deliverer, and their Most High God.

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ISAIAH 61 (NKJV)

² ...To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

⁴ And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations.

I praise You Jesus, that You are the One who came to bring freedom and comfort for _____. Help _____ to come to You today where they are grieved or broken. Please crown _____ with beauty instead of ashes of grief and sadness. I thank You that You give _____ a garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness and despair. Give _____ Your oil of joy instead of mourning and sorrow. I pray that You will plant _____ to grow strong and tall in You, like a tree of righteousness. I pray that people will see _____ is planted and growing in the Lord, a display of Your beauty and glory. I pray that You will lead _____ to where there are ruins and devastated places, especially _____ (heart, thought patterns, past, attitudes, behaviors, family, community...). You rebuild them, Jesus, so there will no longer be destruction and desolation. I pray that You will raise up _____ to restore and rebuild for You in Jesus' name.

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SEVEN

ISAIAH 53 (WEB)

⁴ Surely he has borne our sickness, and carried our suffering; yet we considered Him plagued, struck by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed.

Jesus, thank You that You bore the pain and carried the suffering for _____'s sin and all the sin that has affected _____. Please take the suffering of this situation to the cross. Jesus, carry the sin done to _____ and carry _____'s reactions to it. Draw _____ to the cross so that they don't want to hold on to it. Show them that Your punishment can bring them peace. Jesus, _____ needs You to take all this mess on Yourself and bear this sin so that _____ and the family don't have to carry it any more. I praise you that by Your wounds _____ can be healed in Jesus name. Jesus, help _____ by Your Holy Spirit to receive the truth that by Your wounds they can be healed and to stay at the cross for you to cover _____ with the blood of Jesus.

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EZEKIEL 36 (WEB)

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on _____, and _____ shall be clean: from all filthiness, and from all idols, will I cleanse _____. ²⁶ I will also give _____ a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within _____; and I will take away the stony heart out of _____'s flesh, and I will give _____ a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my Spirit within _____, and cause _____ to walk in my statutes, and _____ shall keep my ordinances, and do them.

COLOSSIANS 2 (NIV)

⁶ As therefore _____ received Christ Jesus, the Lord, _____ [will] walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, even as _____ was taught, abounding in it in thanksgiving. ⁸ [I pray] that _____ doesn't let anyone rob them through His philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the elements of the world, and not after Christ.

Jesus, I pray for protection for the _____ family. I ask the Holy Spirit to break any lies so we will not look for truth, security, hope or satisfaction in other things, ourselves, other spiritualities, relationships, passions, comforts, and addictions. I thank You that Your mighty power is available for each one of us. Fill us with Your own Spirit and give us new hearts, soft and responsive to You.

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EPHESIANS 3 (NIV)

¹⁶ ...That he would grant _____, according to the riches of His glory, that _____ may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man; ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in _____'s heart through faith; to the end that _____, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be strengthened to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know Christ's love which surpasses knowledge, that _____ may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in _____, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus, I pray that You will reveal Yourself to our family today in any place where we have not fully believed these truths. Help us to offer ourselves to You.

DAY FIFTY

ROMANS 12 (NRSV)

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Dear Lord Jesus, cleanse and transform our family from our sin and self-interest. Help us to offer our whole selves; every part of our hearts and lives—past, present and future—as a living sacrifice to you. Jesus, transform our thought life and self-talk so we are renewed in Your truth and love. We pray that we will have the mind of Jesus in our daily lives, to discern the lies and accusations of the evil one and know the will of God. Forgive us where we have conformed to this world. Transform our temperaments, preferences, family background, dysfunctions, sin, and bondage. Free us so we are led by Your Holy Spirit, not by our coping mechanisms, control issues, pleasing issues, eating issues, or intimidation and anger issues. Heal us from fear and insecurity, obsessions and compulsions, perfectionism, manipulation, narcissism, bitterness and self-consciousness. Direct our thoughts so that we become responders to God instead of reactors to people and reactions to life. We praise You that as we do this we will experience Your truth that heals, saves, and sets free.

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GALATIANS 5 (NLT)

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

We praise You that You have made a way for the _____ family to be led by the Spirit of God so that we can live as children of God. Pour out Your Spirit of adoption to sonship in our hearts that we will cry out “Abba, Father” in dependence and love for you. In Jesus name, I pray that we will recognize anything that comes from our sinful nature and reject every desire that does not imitate Your likeness Father, especially in _____. Draw us to surrender every part of ourselves to the work of Your Spirit so that we overflow with the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I pray that we would only desire to belong to You, and that You will lead us constantly to crucify the desires of our sinful nature at the cross. Lord Jesus, keep our family at the cross where we will die to self-will and live in the power of the Holy Spirit as beloved children of God.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5 (NRSV)

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

HEBREWS 7:25

²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

God of peace, thank You that You can save and transform every member of my family to be holy, by the power of Your cross and work of Your Holy Spirit in us. Jesus, I praise You that You are the God who can sanctify the _____ family entirely and You can keep us spirit, soul, and body; blameless until Christ comes again. Jesus, I praise You that You are One who calls us; You are faithful, and You will do it. I praise You and worship You. Jesus, lead and strengthen me to keep standing with You as You intercede for _____. I praise You that You are One who calls _____, You are faithful for _____ and You will do, it in Jesus' name.

As you finish these 52 days of prayer, go back and write down any particular verses that seem especially important for your family. You may want to write them out with the names of family members in them and continue to use them for prayer and praise, or keep them somewhere you will see them regularly and memorize them. Make sure to write down any answers to your prayers that you have seen and give God glory for what He has done and is going to do.

