

*TEN DAYS OF PRAYER
LEADING TO
PENTECOST*

Preparing the Believer for Pentecost

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We are living in uncertain times. The Apostle Paul gave a vivid description of our day in 2 Timothy 3:1, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.” For months the Lord has been speaking the words of the latter part of Joshua 3:4, “for you have not passed this way before.” We are in uncharted territory. Many Christian leaders and prophetic voices are declaring that this will be a very special Pentecost season. Pentecost Sunday will be May 31, 2020. This Prayer Guide will prepare to draw near to God during this pivotal time.

In Acts 2 there were 120 who gathered for ten-days awaiting the promise of the Father. Jesus instructed them in Acts 1:4, “to wait for the Promise of the Father.” What could happen if we spent ten-days in prayer together? I believe we will experience a powerful outpouring of God’s Spirit resulting in answered prayer and miraculous intervention.

This year begins a new era. At the beginning of 2020 the Lord was speaking to us about reset. This is a time where God is resetting things. Isaiah 43:19 from *The Passion Translation* says, “I am doing something brand new, something unheard of. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don’t you perceive it. I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert.”

In this year of divine reset for the church, we must ask the Lord how we are to assemble and how to enter into this new era. One of the things God has spoken to us is this would be a season of recompense. He also promised to re-open doors and to remove reproaches, and to renew relationships. God is rewriting our stories this year.

I believe the Lord is calling us to watch and pray for the next ten days leading to Pentecost. I believe these ten days are important and will position you to experience all God has for you and your family in this new era. I would like to encourage you to set aside a time each day to pray and listen to hear the Holy Spirit’s instructions.

Day One - Prayer of Repentance and Preparation

Invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Romans 8:27 says, “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” I Corinthians 2:11 says, “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

Dr. Jack Hayford writes in *Acts: Kingdom Power*, “The first call of the kingdom is to repentance. The implications of biblical repentance are threefold: 1) renunciation and reversal, 2) submission and teachability, and 3) continual shapeability.”¹

Repentance is turning away from our sins and turning to God. It is simply saying to the Lord, “I have sinned against you and now I am turning away from my sins and running into your arms of mercy.” Beth Bailey’s prayer of repentance is a guide to use today as you pray:

Heavenly Father,

I humble myself in repentance. I ask You to have mercy upon me according to Your lovingkindness and tender mercies. Blot out my sin, wash me, and cleanse me. I acknowledge that it is against You that I have sinned. Forgive me as I forgive others.

Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Restore Your presence and the joy of Your salvation as You uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Deliver me from guilt and let Your praise flow out of my brokenness. Cause me to hear joy and gladness as Your salvation brings restoration to my soul.

Amen.²

Scriptures to read and study

Revelation 2:1-7; Acts 2:17-39; Matthew 3:1-12; 2 Chronicles 7:12-15; Acts 3:19.

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Day Two – Watch in Prayer

You need to understand what it means to watch in prayer. Jesus instructs you to watch in prayer in Mark 13:33, “Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.” To watch means to be spiritually alert. John Bevere writes,

“The primary way to keep spiritually alert is through prayer. So, what does it mean to be vigilant in prayer? One definition of *vigilance* is “keep a careful watch for danger.” A healthy prayer life allows you to recognize and respond to attacks from the enemy before they even happen. Being vigilant in prayer gives you insight into things unseen. It allows you access into the spiritual realm.”³

The Bible gives the following instructions on watching in prayer:

- Matthew 26:41 – “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- Luke 21:36 – “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – “Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”
- 1 Peter 4:7 – “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”

Ask the Lord to give you a clear understanding of the times. Ask the Lord to help you develop the discipline of hearing His voice so you can experience His divine guidance during this season.

Scriptures to read and study

Revelation 2:7; Psalms 46:10; Psalms 16:11; Hebrews 3:7, 14; Hebrews 4.

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Day Three – The Feast of Pentecost

Ask the Lord for an understanding of the Feast of Pentecost. Leviticus 23:15-21 says,

“And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord. You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the Lord. And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the Lord. Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering. The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.”

Pentecost is celebrated at the end of Spring and was one of seven appointed times God chose to meet with His covenant people. The word *feast* comes from a Hebrew word *moed* meaning an *appointed time*.

Pentecost came 50 days after the waving of the sheaf of first fruits. Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Hebrew word is Shavuot, which means weeks. One name for Pentecost is the festival of weeks. Another name for Pentecost is the Feast of the Open Heavens. Pentecost is the appointed time for the heavens to open and the provision of God to be poured out on His people.

Pentecost is a time of visitation. When Israel left Egypt, they journeyed into the wilderness to Mount Sinai. Once they reached Mount Sinai God visited them. This was the first Pentecost. God visited them to establish a new order and a new

day. In the Upper Room in Acts 2:1-4, God gave birth to the New Testament Church. He took 120 believers and empowered them to turn the world upside down.

Lord, as I meet with You during this appointed time, reveal Your plans for me. You are the Divine Architect, and You have a master plan for my life. You are my teacher. Give me the blueprint for what I am to build in the coming days. Give me new vision, teach me your ways, show me the pattern of how to worship you in this season.

Scriptures to read and study

Acts 13:1-2, Psalms 22:3, Colossians 3:1, Exodus 19.

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Day Four – The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist gave this prophecy: “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Before Jesus ascended into heaven His words are recorded in Acts 1:5, “John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The Full Life Study Bible Commentary reads, “The Baptism of the Holy Spirit will bring personal boldness and power of the Holy Spirit into the believer’s life in order to accomplish mighty works in Christ’s name and to make the believer’s witness and proclamation effective!”⁴

What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? It means to be immersed into the Holy Spirit. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit is to be infilled with the power of the Holy Spirit so the believer may live an overcoming life.

The Apostle Peter outlined four steps to receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit when he preached on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:38. They are as follows:

- First, obey what Peter spoke to the crowd that was gathered on that day. Acts 2:38 reads, “Repent and be baptized.” The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience that is subsequent to your salvation.
- Second, believe what God promises about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38-39 says that this “promise is for you and your children and for all who are afar off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.”
- Third, you simply ask in faith and receive this gift the Father is offering. Luke 11:13 reveals that the Lord will give the Holy Spirit to those who simply ask.
- Fourth, by faith do your part. God enables you to speak with tongues, but you must do your part and yield your voice to God.⁵

The following is a prayer from my book, *Twenty-One Days of Transformation*:

Father, I long to experience the infilling of the precious Holy Spirit today. I hunger and thirst for everything that You have for me today. I empty myself so that You may fill me with Your wonderful presence. I yield myself to You, and I receive what Jesus said was the "Promise of the Father." I understand that Peter said, "It is for you and your children, and to all who are afar off" (Acts 2:39).⁶

Scriptures to read and study

Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:8; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:1-4.

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Day Five - Recompense

For months the Lord has been speaking to Beth and me about recompense. Isaiah 62:11 from the *Amplified Bible* reads, "Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes [in the person of the Lord]; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work and recompense before Him."

Recompense is about pay back. It is repayment with indemnification. Dictionary.com defines recompense as "to repay; remunerate; reward, as for service, aid, etc. to pay or give compensation for; make restitution or requital for (damage, injury, or the like)."⁷ Recompense is repayment plus interest. It is time for the enemy to repay what he has stolen. John 10:10 says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." I am expecting repayment with interest. The Bible says this about recompense:

- Deuteronomy 32:35 – "Vengeance is Mine, and recompense."
- 2 Samuel 22:21 – "The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me."
- Psalms 18:20 – "The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me."
- Hebrews 10:35-36 – "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:"

Scriptures to read and study

Isaiah 35:4; Proverbs 11:31; Proverbs 6:31; Hebrews 10.

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Day Six – Relationships

The kingdom of God functions through relationships. God has already placed divine connections on your path. These connections will open the door to opportunity and help you establish your new sources of provision. The Lord spoke to me that there would be new and renewed relationships this year.

Ask the Lord in prayer to reconnect you to relationships from the past. Joseph met a butler in prison, who forgot about his case when he was released. It was this same individual who later opened the door for Joseph to interpret Pharaoh's dream. Who are the butlers God will use to open the door for your promotion?

Ask God to connect you to the relationships He has prepared on your pathway ahead. Psalms 23:3 says, "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."

Ask the Holy Spirit to examine your relationships. Avoid any connections that are not born of the Spirit. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"

Watch for the counterfeits the enemy will try to bring on your path. Pray for God's divine appointments and kingdom connections. Ask God for His favor. Psalms 65:11 reads, "You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance."

Scriptures to read and study

Romans 16:21, 2 Corinthians 1:1, Acts 17:14.

Notes

Day Seven - Supply

Ask God to reveal the place where we are to dig our new wells and find our supply. Genesis 26 is a key chapter for this time. It is the story of Isaac re-digging the wells of his father, Abraham. He dug his first well and named it Esek, because there was strife between his men and the men of Gerar. He dug another well and they quarreled over it too, so he named it Sitnah. He then moved and dug another well named Rehoboth because they did not quarrel over it.

The name Rehoboth means God has made room for us and we will be fruitful in the land. Ask God to make room for you. Ask Him to give you a Rehoboth, which is a place of expansion and increase.

Isaac later dug a well and called it Sheba, which means well of the oath, covenant, or seven. You have a new and better covenant and can believe God to open up and help you establish your provision. Genesis 26:12 says, "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him." Ask God to show you the good ground where you need to sow your seed. Sow in expectation of an abundant harvest (John10:10).

Scriptures to read and study

Genesis 26; Philippians 4:16-19, John 10:10.

Notes

Day Eight – Place of Provision

In 1 Kings 17 the Lord instructed the Prophet Elijah to go to the Brook Cherith. God sustained him at this brook during a time of famine. 1 Kings 17:4 teaches, “And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” This was God’s place of assignment on Elijah’s path for a season of time.

In verse 7 the Lord allowed the brook to dry up. Elijah had to move to a new location because his next place of assignment was linked with God’s provision. God’s place of provision is God’s place of assignment.

Ask the Lord for your next place of provision in the coming days. Are you living by a brook that has dried up? God will allow your brook to dry up so He can bring you into a new place of provision.

God instructed Elijah to go to the house of a widow in Zarephath. This new assignment not only provided for Elijah, but also resulted in miraculous provision and the salvation for this widow and her son. God is drying up your brook because there are people who need what He has placed down inside you.

Ask the Lord to help you to discern the end of a season and the beginning of a new season. Ask Him to show you when your brook is drying up and how to find your next place of assignment.

Scriptures to read and study

1 Kings 17, Hebrews 11:30-39, James 5.

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Day Nine – God’s Presence

Lord teach me to live in Your presence. Psalms 16:11 says, “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” I pray the prayer of Moses in Exodus 33:15, *“If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.” Like the Sons of Issachar teach me to know and understand the times (I Chronicles 12:32).*

Instruct me on how to know the right time to move or stay. Lord keep me in Your perfect timing. Show me how to wait expectantly in faith. Your Word reveals that when I wait upon You my strength is renewed (Isaiah 40:31).

Renew my strength so I can find my footing on the path ahead. Lead me down the pathway of truth. May the light of Your countenance guide me, and may I find the place of protection, provision, and power You have destined for me.

Scriptures to Read and Study

Isaiah 40:30-31, Numbers 6:26, Psalms 4:6, Psalms 11:7, Psalms 27:1, I Chronicles 12.

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Day Ten - Power

In Acts 1:8 Luke records some the last words Jesus spoke to those who gathered to witness His ascension. “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Holy Spirit is your Divine Helper. He comes along your side to empower you to share the life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you. Ask for a greater knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

Ask the Lord to allow you to experience your own personal Pentecost. Ask the Lord to fill you with His fullness and to enable you to submit to the Leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture for reading and study

Acts 1, Luke 24:49, Romans 8:12-17, John 16:7.

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