

21 DAYS OF APOSTOLIC PRAYERS

(Oct. 19 - Nov. 7, 2020)

- To Turn Our Attention to Jesus - to the Surpassing Greatness of Knowing Him
- To Align With God's Purposes in Our Lives and in the Church

1. Pray for revelation of Jesus' beauty that we might walk in our calling and destiny by God's power

¹⁷That the Father of glory, may give to you THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may KNOW [experience] what is the HOPE OF HIS CALLING, what [assurance/clarity of God's call for our life] are the riches of the GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS [our destiny as Jesus' inheritance], ¹⁹and what is the exceeding GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TOWARD US who believe, according to the working of His mighty power... (Ephesians 1:17-19)

2. Pray to receive the Spirit's power so that Jesus' presence would be manifest in us, so we experience God's love

¹⁶That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN, ¹⁷THAT Christ may [manifest His presence] dwell in your hearts through faith; THAT you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND [experience] with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – ¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

3. Pray for God's love to abound in us by the knowledge of God, resulting in righteousness in our lives

⁹That YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND still more and more in the knowledge [of God] and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may APPROVE [rejoice in] THE THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT, that you may be sincere [no compromise] and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹being FILLED WITH THE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Philippians 1:9-11)

4. Pray to know God's will and to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with Him

⁹That you may be filled with the KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD, fully pleasing Him, BEING FRUITFUL in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; STRENGTHENED WITH ALL MIGHT, according to his glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy. (Colossians 1:9-11)

5. Pray for the release of grace to bring the Church to maturity – especially to abound in love & holiness

¹⁰Praying exceedingly that...[God will release His Spirit and grace to] PERFECT WHAT IS LACKING in your faith...¹²And may the Lord make you INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE to one another and to all... ¹³that He may ESTABLISH YOUR HEARTS BLAMELESS IN HOLINESS before our God and Father. (1 Thessalonians 3:10-13)

6. Pray to be worthy (prepared or made spiritually mature) to walk in the fullness of our destiny in God

¹¹We pray always for you THAT GOD WOULD COUNT YOU WORTHY OF [prepare us for] THIS CALLING, and FULFIL ALL THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS GOODNESS [plans for us] AND THE WORK OF FAITH WITH POWER, ¹²that the name of ...Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God. (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

7. That the Word will increase its influence (effectiveness) in the city as God releases His power on it

¹Pray for us, THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY RUN SWIFTLY [*rapidly increase its influence*] AND BE GLORIFIED, just as it is with you...³The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. ⁵MAY THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS INTO THE LOVE OF GOD AND INTO THE PATIENCE [*perseverance or endurance*] OF CHRIST. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

8. Pray for impartation of boldness by releasing healings, signs, & wonders

²⁹Lord...GRANT TO YOUR SERVANTS THAT WITH ALL BOLDNESS THEY MAY SPEAK YOUR WORD, ³⁰BY STRETCHING OUT YOUR HAND TO HEAL, AND THAT SIGNS AND WONDERS MAY BE DONE through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus. ³¹And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:29-31)

9. Pray that God would open a door of evangelism through releasing His power on the Word

²Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³meanwhile praying also for us, THAT GOD WOULD OPEN TO US A DOOR FOR THE WORD, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. (Col. 4:2-4)

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