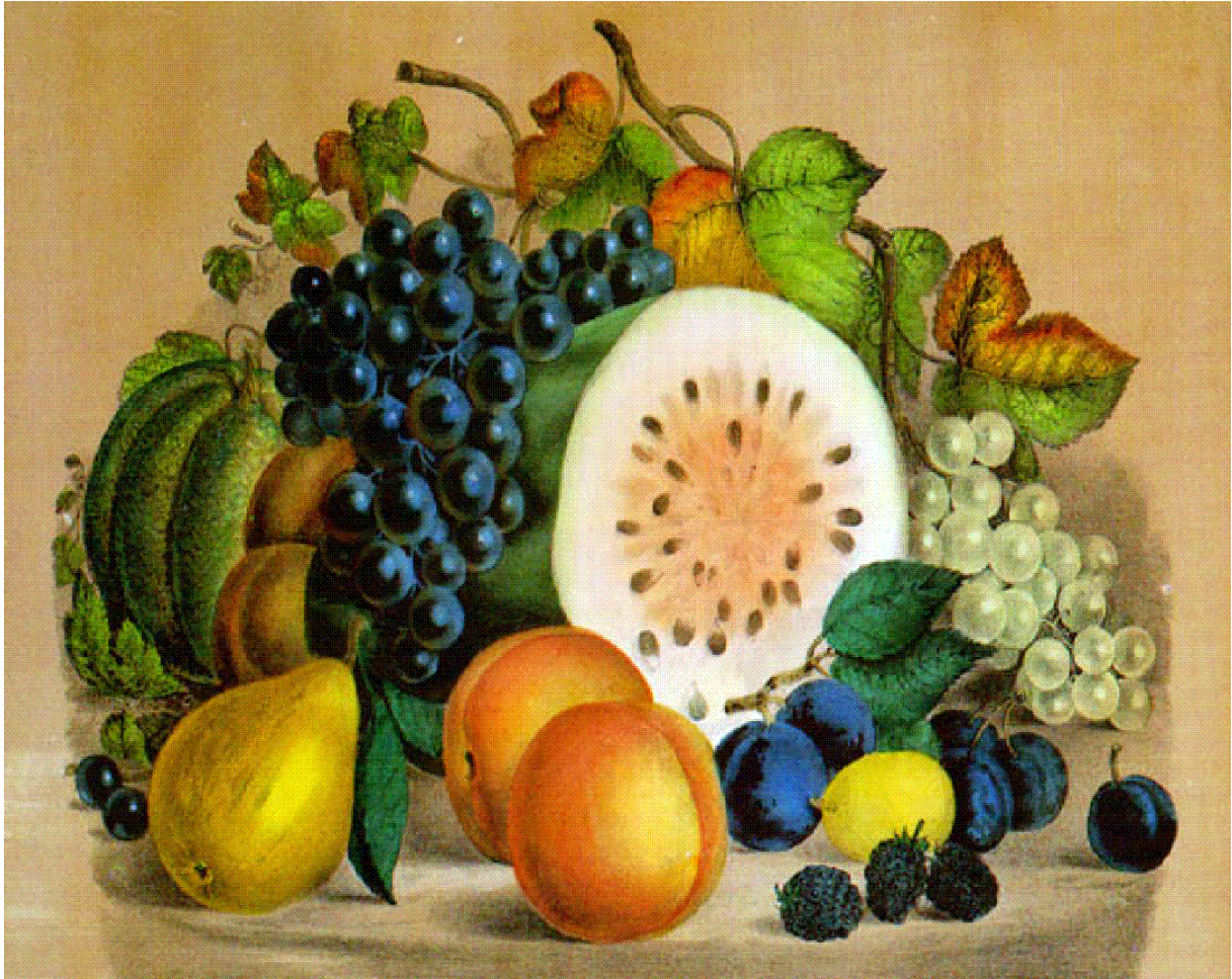


**40 Day Devotional Guide  
September 23 - November 3, 2007**

**"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"**



**Prayer Conference: Nov. 2-3, 2007**

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## **40 DAY LORD TEACH US TO PRAY WEEKEND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**

**Starting Date: Sunday, September 23, 2007 and ending on Saturday, November 3, 2007.**

**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY Conference – November 2-3, 2007**

**Day 1: Luke 11:1** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Even the Apostles had to be taught how to pray. Could your relationship with Jesus be improved by learning how to pray?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I want you to hear my prayers and I want to be able to hear your voice. At the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend, allow my heart and my ears to be open to your teaching.

**Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11-13** 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. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

The Lord has a plan for you, a plan to prosper you and give you hope. Do you want to hear it?

Prayer: Lord, I believe you have a plan for my life, that there is purpose for my existence. Through my prayers help me to find you so you may reveal your plans to me.

**Day 3: 2 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Are you in need of healing? Do you desire forgiveness of your sins? Only through a personal relationship with Jesus can we be restored.

Prayer: Jesus, I know that only you can heal me through the forgiveness of my sins. I desire to humbly seek your face and repent of my sins. During the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend teach me to pray in a way that is pleasing to you.

**Day 4: 1 Samuel 12:23** As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you.

Do you want to pray for others? Do you desire to be able to intercede for others to our Lord Jesus Christ? Jesus is waiting to hear your prayers and to answer those prayers.

Prayer: Almighty Lord, you know the desires of my heart. You know those that you have placed in my heart. At our Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend teach me how to pray more effectively for the needs of others.

**Day 5: 1 Kings 9:3** The LORD said to him: I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Our Church has been established and consecrated by God. Do you sense His presence? He has promised that His heart will always be there and His eyes will always be upon it.

Prayer: O Gracious Lord, You have established your Church as a Holy place, a sanctuary from the evils of this world. Lord I lift up the Church to you. On the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend reveal to me how to pray for my church and what plans you have for me at the church.

**Day 6: Psalm 5:2-3** Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Do you start each day with a feeling of expectation and excitement as to what God will be doing in your life, or is each morning filled with dread of the coming day?

Prayer: Lord, you are my King and my God. At the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend teach me how to cry out to you not only in the morning but at all times so that I may bring all things to you.

**Day 7: James 5:15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

Do you believe in healing prayer? Do you believe that God can use your prayers to heal others?

Prayer: Jesus, when you walked on earth You healed the sick and the lame. You also promised that your followers would also have the power to heal. During the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend help me to develop the faith I need so that my prayers will be effectual to heal others and bring glory to you. Amen.

**Day 8: Romans 8:26-27** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Are there times you want to pray but you just can't find the words? Has your heart ever been so broken that words cannot express your feelings?

Prayer: Lord you know where I have been. You know the pain I have suffered. You know there have been times that I hurt so badly that I had no words to tell you how I felt. Lord during the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend fill me with your Holy Spirit so that He can carry my prayers to You even when I am too weak to speak the words, even in my thoughts.

**Day 9: Acts 14:23** Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

God has given all believers the gift of the Holy Spirit. For some He has given the gift of leadership. Leaders are held to a higher standard but they face the same struggles and temptations that we all do. It is important that we lift them in prayer to the Lord.

Prayer: O Gracious Heavenly King, all power comes from you. You have given power to those who hold positions of leadership. Lord I desire to lift those leaders up to you in prayer, especially our church leaders and those that you have called to lead us in the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend. May they have put their trust in you.

**Day 10: Ephesians 1:18** I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Do you see yourself as wealthy? Not wealthy by earthly standards, but wealthy with an inheritance that surpasses all earthly wealth? Do you want God to enlighten you so He may reveal to you the glorious riches that He has already given you?

Prayer: Lord Almighty, you are the great provider. You have provided me with hope and salvation. But sometimes I'm blinded by the ways of this world. During the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend enlighten me to the hope of everlasting peace and life that is available through You. Amen.

**Day 11: Acts 4:31** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly,

What needs shaking up in your life and in the life of your church? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Prayer: Lord, may the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend be a time of shaking up, filling up and pouring out for me and my church.

**Day 12: Philemon 1:6** 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.

Sharing of your faith is the great commission given to you by Jesus. Are you able to speak boldly of the good news of Jesus Christ and to receive the full blessings of a life in Christ?

Prayer: Lord I want to be a witness for you, to share your good news to a world living in darkness. At the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend give me the strength to overcome my fears, and boldly speak your word.

**Day 13: Kings 13:6** Then the king said to the man of God, "Intercede with the LORD your God and pray for me that my hand may be restored." So the man of God interceded with the LORD, and the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

Prayer has the power to bring healing. Coming before the Lord to intercede for the needs of others is a wonderful privilege.

Prayer: Lord, You are the Great Healer. During the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend show me how to pray for others so I may intercede for those who need your healing, and so I may experience the joy that comes from you.

**Day 14: Ephesians 4:11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.

Your pastor is a gifted person and a gift from God to your church. God loves your pastor very much and wants to bless your pastor. You would not be having this weekend without the permission and support of your pastor.

Prayer: Lord, I pray that you would especially bless our pastor during our Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend. Reward our pastor for being willing to take a risk in allowing others to come to minister and to teach us. I ask that You would touch our pastor with a refilling of Your love, Your Spirit and Your Power. Amen

**Day 15: 1 Chronicles 17:25-26** You, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him. So your servant has found courage to pray to you. O LORD, you are God! You have promised these good things to your servant.

Has God revealed to you all of the marvelous plans He has for you? He wants to. You only have to come humbly before Him in prayer and then listen for Him to speak.

Prayer: Lord, at the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend I want to hear your voice, for you to reveal yourself to me. Let me humble myself before you and listen to your voice.

**Day 16: Matthew 6:6** But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

The Lord desires to have your full attention; He wants an intimate relationship with you. Do you want to have that kind of relationship with Him?

Prayer: Lord, I do want an intimate relationship with you so I may draw closer to you. At the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend show me how to find that quiet time each day to share only with you.

**Day 17: Luke 11:9-10** So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

What are you asking, seeking, and knocking for? God's promise is you SHALL receive.

Prayer: Lord you know my every desire and my every thought. At the Lord Teach Us To Pray help me to bring those desires to you in prayer so I may receive, so I may find, so the door will be opened for me. Give me faith to believe Your promises are for me.

**Day 18: Ezra 8:23** So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.

Do you want to make your prayer more effective? Have you ever thought of fasting? Fasting and prayer together is very powerful. Consider fasting as part of your preparation for the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend.

Prayer: Lord, I want my prayer to be more effective. I ask the Holy Spirit to lead me into a deeper pray life with You through fasting.

**Day 19: Luke 6:27-28** But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

It is easy to pray for those you love. But do you find it hard to pray for your enemies, for those who mistreat you?

Prayer: O Heavenly Lord, forgive me for not loving, for not blessing, for not praying for those that have hurt me or offended me. On the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend soften my heart and show me how you want me to pray for all your children.

**Day 20: Matthew 26:41 Watch** and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

Do you ever look back at the end of a day or a week and wonder why you just couldn't find the time or the way to do something good that you felt God wanted you to do?

Prayer: Lord, I desire to do what it is you have for me to do, but too often my own desires or the things of this world get in the way. I ask that you would remove any and all obstacles that would prevent me for attending the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend so that my spirit can be strengthened in times of prayer with You.

**Day 21: James 5:16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Unconfessed sin is a major stumbling block to effective prayer. Do you have sins in your life that you have not confessed to God and to others?

Prayer: Lord, I come to you now to confess and repent of my sin(s) of \_\_\_\_\_. I ask your forgiveness. I ask that You give me the strength to resist those temptations in the future so that I may be righteous.

**Day 22: Psalm 69:1340 Days of Prayer** But I pray to you, O LORD, in the time of your favor; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

Does it seem as though the only time you pray is when you in trouble and are desperate for God's help? God wants to hear your prayers in the good times as well because you are in His favor and have sure salvation.

Prayer: Dear Lord, You know how often I come to you with requests and how often I come with praise. As I attend the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend, allow my heart to be filled with praises to You. Teach me balance in my prayer life.

**Day 23: Ephesians 3:16-17a** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Do you know the Holy Spirit? Can you feel Christ's presence in your heart? Have you ever experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Prayer: Jesus, when you left this earth you promised that you would send the Holy Spirit to teach us, to give us power, and to reveal Yourself to us. I pray, Lord, that during the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend that You would strengthen my faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit so that you may dwell in my heart always.

**Day 24: Luke 18:1** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

When your prayers seem to be unanswered do you give up? Do you think that God isn't listening to you? Remember that God answers prayer in three ways; "yes", "no", and "not yet". If there are prayers you think He doesn't hear, His answer may be "not yet". Don't give up!

Prayer: Lord at this Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend, teach me how to be persistent in my prayers and to learn to listen so I can hear your "yes", "no", or "not yet".

**Day 25: Hebrews 13:18** Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

God has placed leaders in your church - men and women of conscience with a love for the Lord. But they face the same struggles you do in your life. Do you pray for them?

Prayer: Lord, I lift up the leaders in my church and ask that you would strengthen them and fill them with your Holy Spirit so that they may live a life that honors you. At this Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend help me to remember to keep them in my prayers.

**Day 26: Daniel 9:3** So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

When you pray do you humble yourself before God, fasting and repenting of your sins? There are many types of prayer – prayers of petition, of praise, of intercession, of healing. Regardless of the type of prayer it is always more effective when accompanied with fasting and repentance.

Prayer: Almighty Lord, help me to repent of my sins and to prepare for the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend with a period of fasting, so that I may experience a new effectiveness in my prayer life.

**Day 27: 2 Kings 20:5** "This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.

Is your heart troubled? Are there things in your past that cause you pain? You don't have to live like that. Take them to the Lord in prayer so He can heal you.

Prayer: Lord God, you know the pains that I carry in my heart. Help me to bring them before you and lay them at the foot of the cross so that you may heal me. Use the upcoming Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend as a way for you to open my heart to your healing.

**Day 28: Jeremiah 42:3** Pray that the LORD your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do."

Are you looking for direction in your life? Do you know where you should go and what you should do or are you still seeking?

Prayer: Lord, I know you have a plan and purpose for my life. Please use the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend to teach me how to listen to you and hear the plans you have for me.

**Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Is your life full of worry? Are you anxious about things that you have no control over? Are you concerned that if you come to the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend that you won't be comfortable?

Prayer: Lord, I worry about so many things, many of which I can do nothing about. You are the Prince of Peace. I rejoice in You and thank you that I can bring these things to you and you will give me the peace I need – a peace that transcends all understanding. Lord, give me the peace that I need to be open to all that you have waiting for me at the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend.

**Day 30: Luke 21:36** Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

If Jesus were to return today would you be ready? If God calls you home today are you prepared to stand before the Son of Man?

Prayer: Lord, I ask for your protection and the strength to resist sin so that I will be prepared to stand before you on the day of judgment. Please use this Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend to make me more prepared for what is to come.

**Day 31: Ezekiel 12:2** Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.

Do you have trouble seeing the Lord in your everyday life? Do you have difficulty hearing his voice even when you try to listen?

Prayer: Lord, I don't want to be rebellious. I want to be able to see you and to hear you. At this Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend remove the scales from my eyes so that I may see, open my ears so that I may hear, and change my heart to be obedient to you.

**Day 32: Matthew 5:44** But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

Is there unforgiveness in your life? Are there people in your life that you just can't bring yourself to forgive? Unforgiveness is another major hindrance to effective prayer.

Prayer: Lord I lift up \_\_\_\_\_ to you. Help my heart to be softened to forgive them for their sins against me just as you forgive my sins against you. On this Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend heal my heart so I can find forgiveness and draw closer to you.

**Day 33: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Is there joy in your life? Do you have trouble finding time to pray? Are you thankful to God only in the good times? Joy, continual prayer, and thanksgiving are God's will for your life.

Prayer: Through your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ you have brought joy into the world and into my life. On this Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend allow my heart to be filled with joy. May I give you praise and thanks for all you have given me.

**Day 34: Ephesians 17b-19** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Do you realize how much God loves you? Have you been able to grasp how awesome God's love is? Do you desire to receive all the fullness of God?

Prayer: O Great Jehovah God, your love surpasses all knowledge. At the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend help me to better grasp just how much you love me and let me find new ways to tell you how much I love you.

**Day 35: Isaiah 56:7b** Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

The Lord's house is to be called a house of prayer. Will you help make your church a house of prayer this weekend?

Prayer: Lord, accept my time this weekend as a sacrifice. Allow my prayers to be an offering to you at Lord Teach Us To Pray so that our church may be called a house of prayer.

**Day 36: Acts 2:38** Peter replied, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Do you realize how powerful the name of Jesus Christ is? Do you pray in His name and call upon the power of His name? All things are possible through the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Jesus, during this Lord Teach Us To Pray, I want to truly understand the awesome power that Your name invokes. It is through Your name that my sins are forgiven. It is by Your name that I can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And it is by Your name that I am saved. Thank you, Lord Jesus, in whose name I pray.

**Day 37: Psalm 141:2** May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

The Lord desires to hear your prayers and to see you raise your hands to Him in praise.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to pray so that my prayer will be like sweet incense set before you. This weekend give me the boldness to raise my hands and praise you as my Lord, my King, my Savior and my God. Amen.

**Day 38: Jude 1:20** But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

Do you have faith in your prayers? Are your prayers Spirit-filled? Are your prayers your wish list or are your prayers a calling out of the Holy Spirit within you to God?

Prayer: Lord, I want my prayers to reflect the Spirit, Your Spirit that lives in my heart. This weekend fill me with your Holy Spirit and teach me how to pray in and through the power of your Spirit.

**Day 39: Matthew 21:22** If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Do you believe? Do you believe that your prayers will be answered? Do you believe that prayer can change your life and the world? Come to the Lord Teach Us To Pray weekend with great expectation and learn more about the power of prayer.

Prayer: Lord, I do believe. I believe in God the Father, in Your Son, Jesus Christ and in The Holy Spirit. I believe that you loved me enough to send Your Son to die on the cross for me so that my sins can be forgiven and I can have eternal life with you in heaven. I believe in the power of prayer and come expectantly to experience You in new ways this weekend.

**Day 40: Luke 11:1** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Today is the day. Today we will come together for the Lord Teach Us to Pray seminar. God will do miracles today. Expect Him to touch each participant.

Prayer: *He touched me, O he touched me and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.* [Words by William J Gaither] Lord, this weekend I want to feel your touch; I want to feel your joy; I want to be made whole. Lord, teach me to pray. Amen.

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