

GRACE KIDS

# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

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# DEAR FRIEND,

We are so proud of you as you begin, or continue, this powerful journey of discovering your own personal prayer life. Learning what prayer is, how to pray, and how important prayer is to your everyday life is one of the most important things you can do as a believer in Jesus! We want to pray first in every situation, good or bad. Jesus is always the answer, He is our best friend, and He is always ready to talk with us!

Praying with Jesus is not only something that we need in our lives; it should be something that we WANT to do. The more we learn about prayer, the easier it becomes. The easier it becomes, the more fun it is! Praying and talking with Jesus should be the best part of our day! We hope you will use this prayer journal to make your prayer life more personal. When you find out how to have real conversations with Jesus every day, then you will experience the presence of God, and that will change your life in the best way possible.

We know it can seem like a big job to talk to God everyday for 21 days, so for those of you who complete the challenge we have a special gift to bless you!

**If you bring this journal back to Grace Kids after the 21 days, you will get your very own, super special "World Changer" shirt!** Prayer changes everything, and we want to help you learn how to talk to Jesus FIRST- in every situation!

I am praying blessings over this prayer journey you are about to take, and I can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things God shows you!

*Pastor Allison Barrera*

# DAY ONE

## WHY WE PRAY

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all situations, for this is God's will for you because you belong to Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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### Here's what we see:

We should always have joy.

We should pray all the time.

We should thank God no matter what's happening.

God wants us to do this because we love Jesus.

### 1. JOY

We see that God wants us to always have joy. Joy is more than just being happy. In fact, it's okay to feel angry, sad, or hurt. Joy is stronger than happiness. It means that even when we feel angry, sad, or hurt, we can trust Jesus is in control. Joy is finding a way to be happy even when things don't go our way.

**Draw a picture of what you think super strong happiness looks like:**

## Write a prayer using the praise words below.

HOSANNA: Hooray! The Lord saves!

HALLELUJAH: Praise the Lord, He is victorious!

PRAISE: To celebrate God.

SELAH: The Lord is King forever.

AWESOME: To be filled with awe or admiration.



# DAY TWO

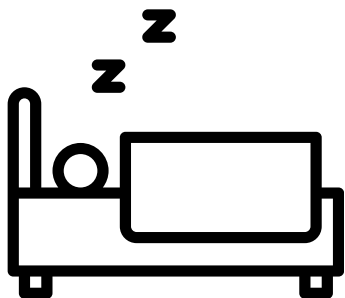
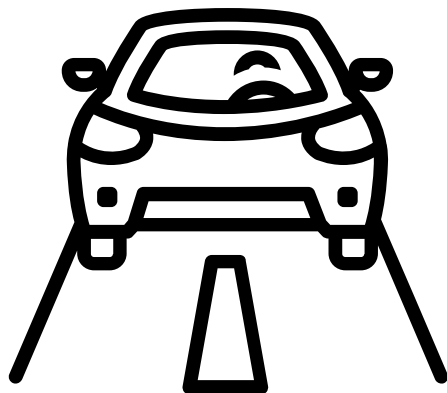
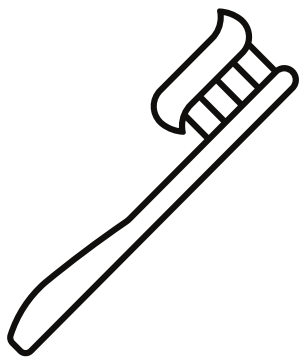
## 2. PRAY ALL THE TIME

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18

We see that God wants us to pray all the time in our verses. Praying all the time isn't just about talking a bunch to God, it's also about listening to God.

## COLOR IN THE TIMES YOU PRAYED TODAY:



## COLOR A PICTURE OF THE FOLLOWING VERSE.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." (Psalm 28:7)

# DAY TWENTY

## COLOR A PICTURE OF AN ANSWERED PRAYER

If you practice listening to God, you'll get better at hearing Him. Go to a quiet place in your house or back yard. Pray and ask God to speak to you, and that you'd be able to hear Him. Stay quiet and try and listen in your heart to what God is saying. **Draw a picture or write down what you think God is saying. If you don't hear anything, write or draw a prayer asking God to help you hear Him.**

# DAY THREE

## 3. THANKFULNESS

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High." Psalm 7:17

We see that God wants us to be thankful in all situations- no matter what happens, or what's going on around us. The Bible says that every good thing comes from God, so we should be thankful! But even when tough things happen, we can be thankful because we know that we are not alone, and God is always with us.

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Fill in the list below with things you can be thankful for in each category.

MY HOME \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

MY SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

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MY FRIENDS \_\_\_\_\_

ANYTHING ELSE \_\_\_\_\_

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# COLOR A PICTURE OF SOMETHING YOU ARE BELIEVING GOD FOR





Fill in the word THANKS with things you are thankful for about God (example: He is good, He is kind...)

THANKS

# DAY EIGHTEEN

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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MY GOVERNMENT \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

MY SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

MY FRIENDS \_\_\_\_\_

PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAY THE BELOW PRAYER, THEN READ PSALM 91 OUT LOUD.

## DAY FOUR

### 4. Loving Jesus

**Jesus,**

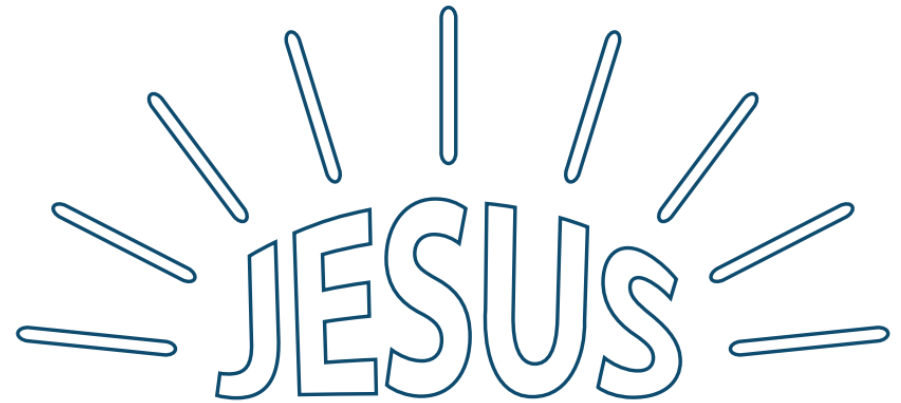
Thank You that I am important to You.

Thank You that You are always watching over me and protecting me. I pray that You will cover me with the protection of **Your blood** and surround me with Your angels. I run to the **name of Jesus**, my strong tower.

Thank You for being **my rock and strong defender**.

Please protect my family and me from every evil attack.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



**Worship His name.**

God's name is a place of protection - good people can run there and be safe. (Proverbs 18:10 MSG)

# MATCH WHO HE IS WITH WHAT HE CAN DO!

**Healer** God is on my side and will fight for me.

**Friend** God is in charge and wants the best for me.

**Peace** I will choose joy because God is my joy.

**Forgiveness** He is my hope for every situation.

**Love** He forgives me for anything I have done and will do.

**Hope** Jesus loves me the most.

**Joy** He brings me peace no matter what I go through.

**King** He is always with me.

**Protector** God heals all our diseases.

## DAY SEVENTEEN PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

Jesus always wants to keep us safe because He loves us. There are three great things we can use to protect ourselves.

### 1. THE NAME OF JESUS

Jesus tells us that He will protect us and keep us. He will cover us with His wings. The Bible says that the name of the Lord is a Strong Tower that we can run to so we can be kept safe.

### 2. THE COVERING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS

When Jesus died on the cross for us, His precious blood was shed. And that blood saved us, washes our sin away, and it protects us.

### 3. THE WORD OF GOD (THE BIBLE)

The Bible is full of prayers of protection. It is such a powerful weapon against the enemy. We can pray God's Word over us and our family. **Psalm 91** is one of those great prayers of protection.

# DAY SIXTEEN

## PROTECTION

*"Keep me from harm..." 1 Chronicles 4:10*

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**Draw a picture of Jesus protecting you.**

Finally, Jabez asks the Lord to protect him. He asks God to keep him safe. If we are making a difference in the lives of others, we must understand that the devil will try to stop us. We can ask God to protect us, even before the enemy attacks. We do not need to be afraid—Jesus has already won the victory by what He did for us on the cross! We have nothing to fear because God promises to be with us and to protect us.

Trust God to protect you. Place your hopes in Him. Tell Him specific areas where you need His protection. Maybe it's at school, at home, or somewhere else. Ask Him to keep you from any harm in the future.

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

"God, as I do the things you want me to do, I pray that You will stop every attack against me. Please keep me safe and protect my body, my mind, and my emotions. I pray that You will keep me from any hurt, harm, or danger. I also pray that You will protect my family and my friends. Jesus, I know that You love me and are watching over me. I know that I have nothing to fear because You already won the victory! Thank you for protecting me. I love You, and I trust You."

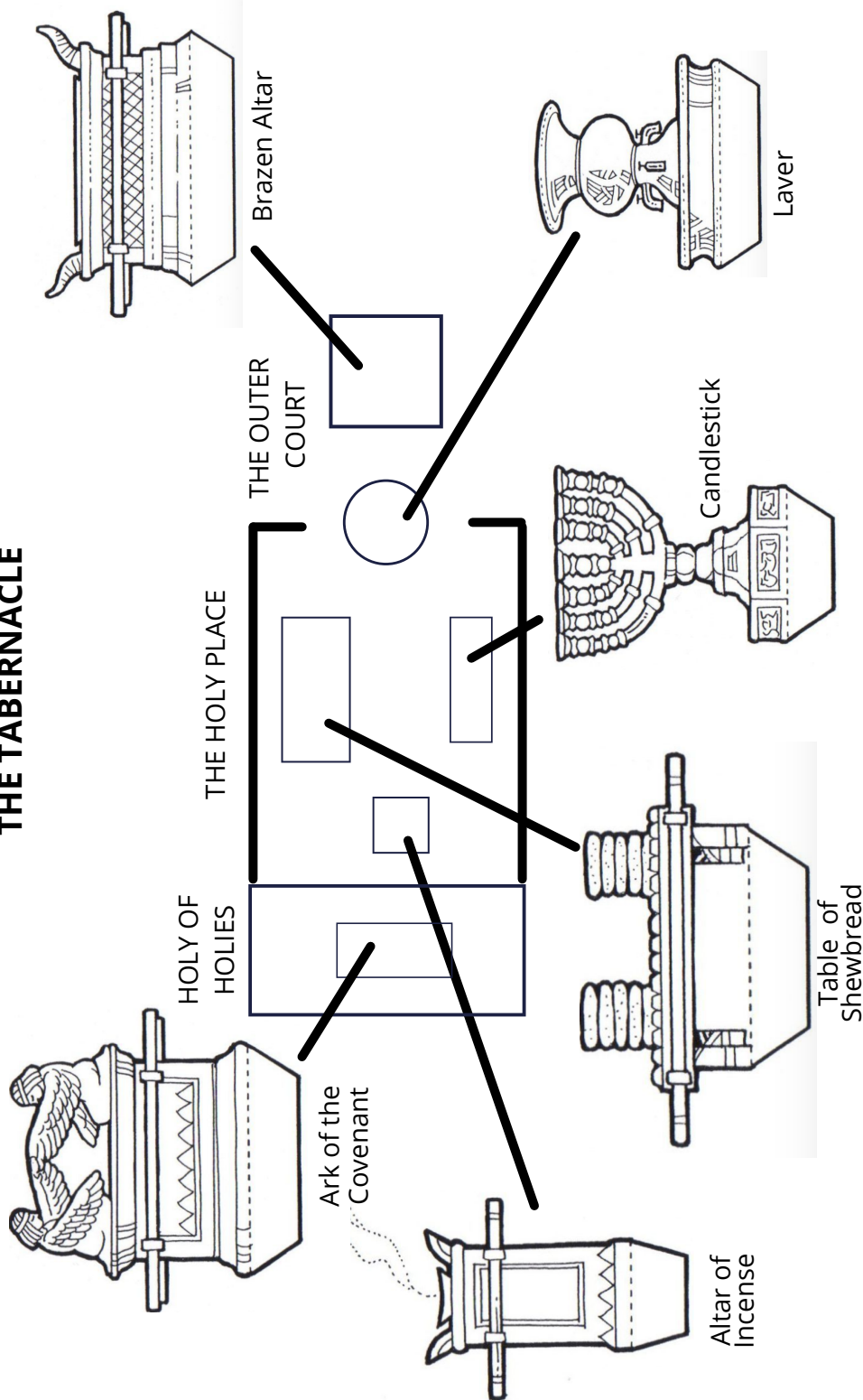
# DAY FIVE

## TABERNACLE PRAYER

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Since the beginning, God always wanted to be with us. In the Old Testament, God told Moses to build a place called the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle is where God lived here on earth, where He would meet His people, and where they could worship Him. As the people entered the Tabernacle, they followed God's instructions by passing through seven stations to experience His presence. Today, even though we no longer need the physical Tabernacle to meet with God, these same steps can help us connect with Him. Each station of the Tabernacle can be used to guide our prayers.

# THE TABERNACLE



# DAY FIFTEEN PRESENCE

*"Let your hand be with me..." 1 Chronicles 4:10*

**Draw a picture of Jesus hanging out with you.**

In order to reach more people, we need God's presence. God gives us power through the Holy Spirit to help us do more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). When we ask for blessing and influence, we also need to ask for God's presence to help us, so that we will not try to only do things in our strength. Jabez knew that he could not be successful by himself. He wanted God to put His hand on him to help him make good decisions.

Trust and depend on God, be humble and admit that you can't do things alone, that you need God to be with you and to help you.

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

"Lord, I know that without You, I am nothing. I can't do what You've called me to do on my own. I need Your hand and I need You to be with me. I trust and depend on You completely. Help me, Lord. Thank You for giving me the power of Your Holy Spirit. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in me. Through the power of Your Spirit, I pray that You will help me succeed and do better in the things You have given me. Thank You for always being with me and keeping me safe."

# DAY FOURTEEN

## INFLUENCE

*"Enlarge my territory..." 1 Chronicles 4:10*

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Next, Jabez asks for more influence. Jabez prayed that God would help make his territory bigger so that he could share God's blessings with more people. He wanted to be more successful in life so that he would have more opportunities to tell others about God and bring glory to Him. When God blesses us and gives us more, we also ask for more opportunity to influence the world around us for Jesus. God has the power to bless us greatly, and He also has the power to give us more ways to make a difference. Pray for more influence. Pray that you will get to know more people that you can share God's love and blessings with.

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

"God, make me a better friend, a better classmate, and a better leader. Show me more ways that I can reach more people and show them who You are and how much You love them. Help me to take good care of the things You have given me, and help me make a difference in the lives of more people." In Jesus' name, Amen.

# DAY SIX

## THE OUTER COURT

**THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

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The Israelites walked into the Tabernacle with thanksgiving & praise. We can start our prayers the same way.

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. "*  
(Psalms 100:4 NLT)

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

"Father God, You are good, and you deserve all my praise! Thank you for the many ways you have blessed me and for watching over me (Try telling God specific things you're thankful for, or even thanking Him for something you've never thanked Him for!) Lord be with me. I want to experience Your presence and Your love in a new way today, Jesus. Thank you that no matter what happens, You always love me. I find hope in your forgiveness and care that lasts forever. Thank you for who You are, and all You've done for me.





# BLESSING

*"Oh, that You would bless me indeed..." 1 Chronicles 4:10*

Jabez begins his prayer by asking God for His blessing. **A blessing is like a good gift that is meant to help or encourage us.** We need more of God's blessing so we can make a difference by helping others and showing them the love of Jesus. James 4:2-3 tells us,

*"You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

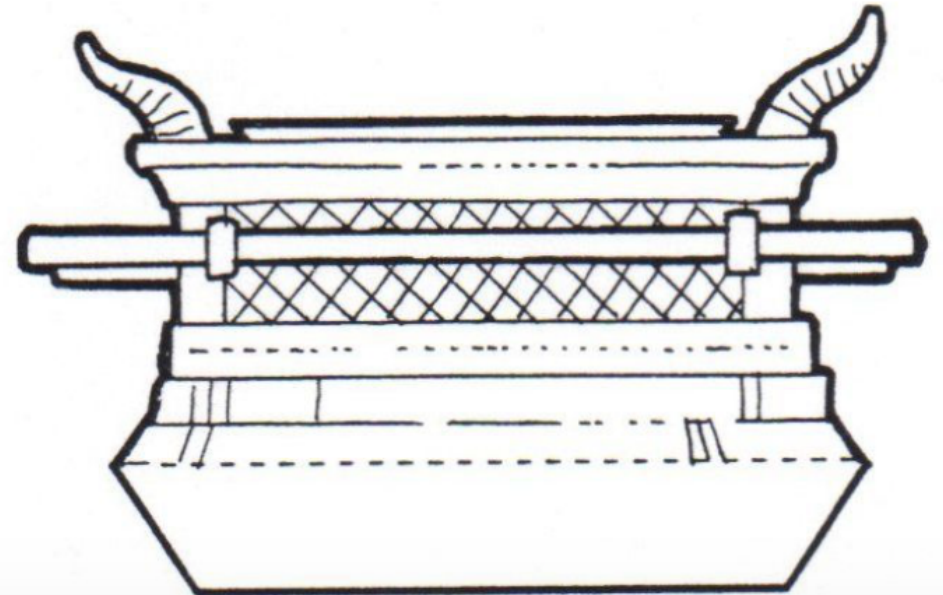
How cool is that? God wants to bless us, but He is often waiting for us to ask with the right heart and attitude. He wants to see that we don't just keep His blessings to ourselves but use them to bless others. We have a really big God, and we can be bold and hopeful in asking for His gifts and blessings. In the Bible, James says that God sees our heart and knows exactly what we need, but He wants to hear it from us. We get God's attention when we ask Him for blessings to help others.

Ask God for His blessing. Recognize that you need Him to give you more than you need so that you can be a blessing to others and show them the great love of Jesus!

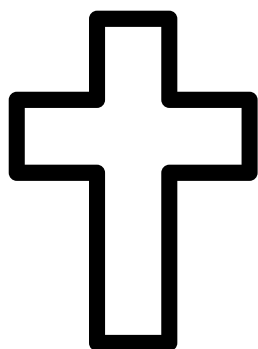
# DAY SEVEN

## BRAZEN ALTAR

In the Old Testament, everyone had to bring animals to sacrifice as payment for their sins, or the wrong things they had done. Today, we don't have to do that because Jesus paid for our sins by dying on the cross.



# THE CROSS OF JESUS



Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins so that we don't have to! Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and His love. Really think about the sacrifice Jesus made. He loves you so much that He paid for the consequences of your actions. He didn't have to, but He wanted to make a way for us to live with Him one day. Jesus can change our hearts and make us better because of what He did on the cross.

The cross gives us 5 incredible benefits:

1. Salvation - God forgives all my sins.
2. Healing - God heals my diseases.
3. Redemption - God rescues and restores me.
4. Transformation - God changes my heart to be more like His.
5. Blessing - God provides everything I need.

# DAY THIRTEEN

## THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

The verse for the next few days is actually a prayer that a man named Jabez prayed, and we can still pray it today.

"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request. (1 Chronicles 4:10)"

BLESSING

INFLUENCE

PRESENCE

PROTECTION

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

Thank You that I am important to You.  
Thank You that You are always watching over me and protecting me.  
I pray that You will cover me with the protection of Your blood and surround me with Your angels.  
I run to the name of Jesus, my strong tower.  
Thank You for being my rock and strong defender.  
Please protect my family and me from every evil attack.  
In Jesus' name, amen.

**Read out loud Psalm 91 when you are finished praying.**

**How does this chapter of the Bible make you feel?**

"Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things He does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's."  
(Psalm 103:2-5 NLT)

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

"Thank you God, for making a way for me to be with you through Your Son. Jesus, thank You for the sacrifice You made for me on the cross. You saved me and You set me free by paying for my sins. I praise You for being my Healer. You have power over all disease and harm in my life (list areas where you need God to heal you). Thank You for being my Redeemer. You rescue me from sin and give my life purpose. Thank You for changing my life with Your love and for making me new. I want to grow to be more like You (give God control over every area in your life). Thank You for blessing me and for giving me the things I need. I know You have good plans for me, and all that I have comes from You (thank Him for the blessings in your life).

# 5 BENEFITS OF THE CROSS

Draw a picture for each of the 5 benefits of the cross.

1. Salvation - God forgives all my sins.

2. Healing - God heals my diseases.

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# DAY TWELVE

## PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

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### The Name of Jesus.

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### The Word of God (the Bible)

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## PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:

“Thank You, God, for creating a way through Jesus for me to have Your presence wherever I go. I want to specifically ask You to watch over those in authority over me – my parents, the leaders at my church, and my teachers (use their name when you pray for them). I ask that You give them wisdom and grace, watch over and protect them, and help them to know and love You more. I ask You, God, to be with my family. Bless them and keep them from harm (pray for anything that your family needs). God, I ask You to watch over my church. Protect my pastor, be with my leaders, and I pray for everyone that comes to church. I pray that You will bring new people to church who don't know You yet, and that they will have a great time and come to know You. I ask You to watch over my neighborhood and my city, my nation, and the world. Bring peace and help us get to know You better. I pray for Your help to show the love of Jesus to everyone who I get to meet. I pray for my friends, my neighbors, and my classmates. Thank You for them and please bless them. I know that You help me, that You give me what I need, and that You care for me. I give You all of my needs (share the needs on your mind). Thank You for loving me, choosing me, and calling me Yours. In Jesus' name, amen.”

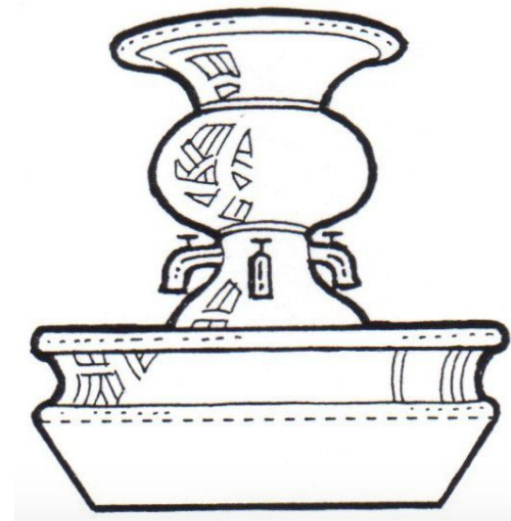
# DAY SEVEN

## THE LAVER

### CLEANSING & PREPARING

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The next step in the Tabernacle was a bowl of water where people were reminded of their need to be washed clean of their sins and forgiven by God. Unfortunately, all of us sin. But it's an important part of our daily prayer to surrender our lives to God by giving Him control over all areas in our life. With His help, we can make the right decisions and follow God's plans for our lives.



"So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer. " (Romans 12: 1 GNT)

Unfortunately, sometimes we do what we want instead of what God wants. We all fall short of God's standard, and we all struggle with sin. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we can confess and tell Him our sins, receiving complete forgiveness and a fresh start. While you pray, be humble and turn away from your sins and allow God to wash you clean and renew you. Then, surrender your life to Him. Give your will and thoughts to God and allow Him to help you make the right decisions.

**Draw a picture of you turning away from sin.**

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

We can make a difference when we spend time praying for others.

Pray for the people around you, including:  
**Those in authority** – People who guide you and help you make good decisions such as your leaders in church, your parents, your family, and your teachers.

**Your family** – Your parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**Your church** – Pastors, Small Group leaders, GK leaders, and friends from church.

**Your community** – People in your neighborhood, in your city, nation, and world.

**Your relationships** – Friends, people from your school or sports.

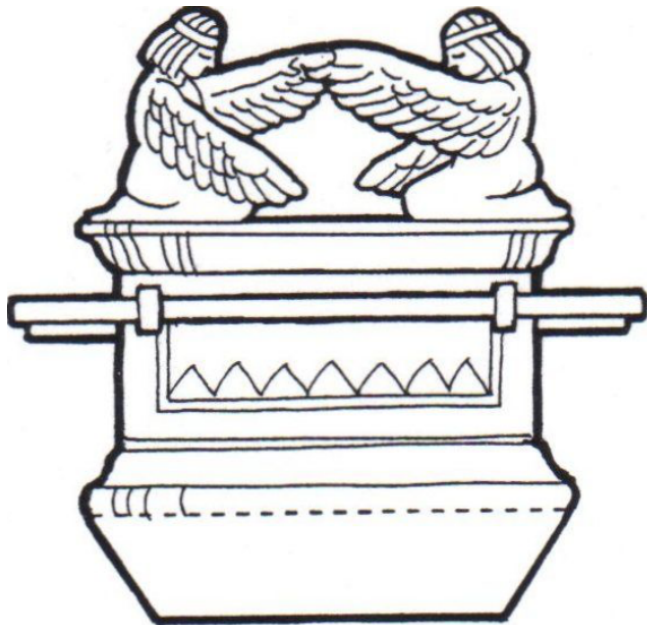
# DAY ELEVEN

## THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

### INTERCESSION

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The final place in the Tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, the most holy place where God lived. Only the Priests could go in there. Once inside, they would pray for other people. Today, since we all have access to the presence of God through Jesus, we can do the same thing by praying for those around us. When we pray for others it is called "intercession."



### PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:

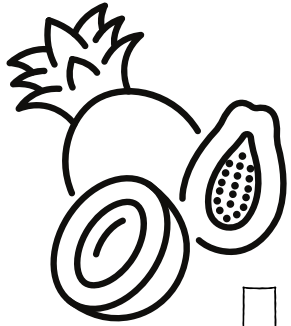
"God, I confess my sins to You and turn away from them (tell God any sin you know is in your life. Ask Him to show you any other areas that need to change). Thank You, God, for freely forgiving me. As I turn away from my sin, I turn toward You, and I give myself to You:

- I give You my tongue, to speak good and not evil.
- I give You my eyes, to focus on You and the needs of others.
- I give You my ears, to listen to Your voice.
- I give You my hands, to do good for others.
- I give You my feet, to walk where You lead me.
- I give You my mind, to think positive things and to be transformed and used by You.

I ask You, Lord, for the amazing gifts of Your Holy Spirit, so that I can grow closer to You and make a difference in the lives of others. I ask for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God, help me do what is right."

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

When we follow Jesus and let the Holy Spirit lead us, we become more like Him.



LOVE  
JOY  
PEACE  
PATIENCE  
KINDNESS  
GOODNESS  
FAITHFULNESS  
GENTLENESS  
SELF - CONTROL

## PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:

“Thank You, God, for wanting to be with me. Thank You for Your presence. I know that You are here with me. I worship You and You alone. I know, God, that You are: my Righteousness, my Sanctifier, my Healer, my Provider, my Banner of Victory, my Peace, and my Shepherd. (As you pray, praise His Names and worship Him personally and specifically for who He is and what He has done in your life.) I know that You are always with me, God, and Your presence means everything. You give me life, joy, and purpose. I love you, God.”

Draw a picture of what you think of when you read one of the names of God on the last page.



The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10 NKJV)

Thank God for wanting to be with you. When you pray, consider these names that the Bible gives us to describe who God is.

**My Righteousness** – Jeremiah 23:6 – God is righteous, and when you accept Jesus into your heart you will become righteous. It means that He paid the price for your sin so that you have right standing with God.

**My Sanctifier** – Leviticus 20:7-8 – God continually works in you to change you so you can become more like Jesus. God sets you apart and makes you holy.

**My Healer** – Exodus 15:26 – Jesus can comfort and heal you when you are not feeling well. God can heal your mind, your body, and your spirit.

**My Provider** – Genesis 22:14 – God will provide for you. Be hopeful and confident that God will do great things for you. This does not mean He gives you what you want, but what you need.

**My Banner of Victory** – Exodus 17:15 - A banner, like a flag, is lifted high to celebrate, and we find victory in what Jesus has done for us on the cross. He is always faithful.

**My Peace** – Judges 6:24 – Trust God; He will give you peace in every situation.

# DAY EIGHT

## THE CANDLESTICK

### THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The next piece of the Tabernacle was a seven-branched golden candlestick. The fire represents the Holy Spirit and how we are called to be a light in the world's darkness by helping others experience the love of God.



"The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD."

(Isaiah 11:2)

When Jesus left the earth, Christians were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. He calls the Holy Spirit our “advocate,” our supporter. The Holy Spirit helps us with everything we need. We can’t do what God has called us to do without His supernatural power. It is through the Holy Spirit that God comforts us, guides us, and helps us.

#### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

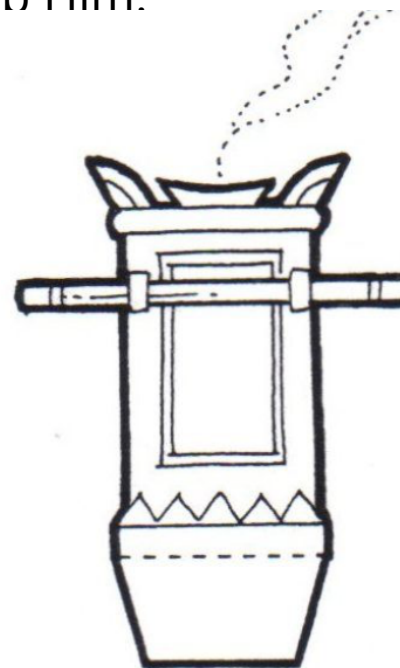
“Holy Spirit, I ask You to fill me up. I need Your presence in my life – guiding, directing, comforting, and helping me. I know that You, Holy Spirit, are God. Help me to see how great You are. Help me to be amazed and in awe of who God is and what He does. Work in me, Holy Spirit. Teach and transform me (pray for any areas where you feel the need for change today). I honor You and ask You to help me love others the way You love them.”

## **DAY TEN**

### **THE ALTAR OF INCENSE**

#### **Worship**

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A small altar of burning incense stood at the entrance to the Holy of Holies, where God’s presence lived. The people of God worshipped His Names as they entered into His presence. (In the Bible there are many names that show us what God has done for us.) This altar represents worship and how much God loves it when we worship Him.



"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."  
(Joshua 1:8)

### **PRAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

"Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word, the Bible. I commit to reading it, and I ask You to speak to me through it and show me who You are. Help me to grow more in love with You and Your Word, and help me use it more. I find hope in the promises You have for me, and I know what You say is true (pray any Scriptures that are on your mind or read them out loud). Teach me more about You today and every day! I want to know You more, and I want to see You more clearly through Your Word."

**When's the last time you read your Bible?**



**A long time ago.**



**This week.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**The Bible says the Holy Spirit gives us power. Draw a picture of you having power from the Holy Spirit.**

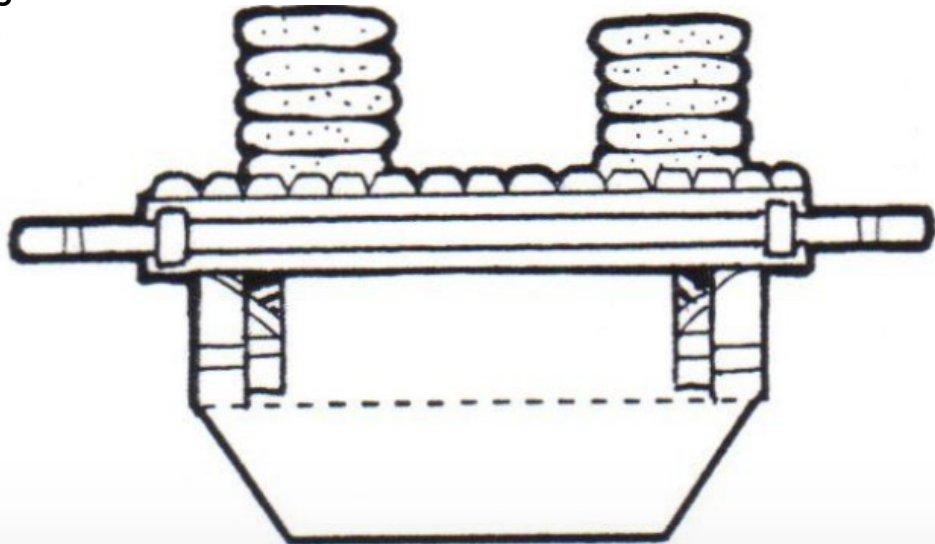
# DAY NINE

## THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

### The Word of God

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In the Tabernacle, a table with twelve loaves of bread was set up to show the importance of reading God's Word. Eating bread nourishes and strengthens us. Without eating, we can't live. The same goes for when we read the Bible—it satisfies and strengthens our spirit. Reading God's Word regularly keeps us healthy and helps us become more like Jesus.



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God's Word, the Bible, is an incredible gift and a powerful tool to use in our daily lives. Here is how you can use God's Word in your prayers:

- Take time to read the Bible and think about what you read.
- Find hope in the many promises God has for your life.
- Ask Him to show and teach you things you didn't know before.
- Ask Him for a Word to help you as you start your day

