

## **JUST ASK**

You've heard it before: "[You] have not, because [you] ask not" (James 4:2b KJV). What a tragedy if we miss what God wants to give and do simply because we fail to ask.

"Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7 CSB).

As children of God, we've been instructed to ask. We've been invited to seek. And we are encouraged to knock. For 40 days, we are inviting you to join us in responding to Jesus.

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What is it that you need? A provision, healing, some work of God in your life or in the lives of others? Our Father is good and loves to give good gifts to his children. He's telling you to *just ask*.

What do you know of the glory of God? He reveals himself so we can know and love and worship him. Do you long to see and know him more? He said we would find him when we searched for him with all our hearts (Jeremiah 29:13). He's telling us to seek.

What doors are you hoping he will open? Doors to relationships, conversations, ministry opportunities? Where might he be calling you to go? He's telling you to knock.

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For 40 days, we will provide a Scripture to focus on and some prayer points to guide you. Read the passage, meditate on it, and work to memorize it. Then pray, pray, and pray some more. In addition, we would encourage you to make a list of where you believe God is leading you to ask, seek, and knock. Follow the Spirit. Pray as he leads. And together, let's trust him to fulfill his promise.

“For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened” (Matthew 7:8 ESV).

## Day 1

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. (John 15:5–9 ESV)

Jesus has called us to come to him and draw life from him. Our connection to him is essential because apart from him, we don't have life. Without him, we are empty and powerless. Declare your dependence on God and rejoice that he is sufficient for every moment.

- Confess any area of your life where you have been tempted to draw life and strength from other things.
- *Just ask* him to provide everything you need for life.
- Pray that you would be content in him and satisfied with his great love for you.

### Praying with Kids

Flowing from your own time of prayer and meditation on Scripture, you can use these prompts to lead younger members of your family in a clear and concise way.

**READ** John 15:5

**SAY** This verse is the words of Jesus, God the Son. If a branch is cut off an apple tree, that branch can't make new apples. God the Spirit makes us like God, and if we are separated from him we can't be like God. We need to live a life with God to do what he created us to do.

**PRAY** Ask God to teach you to trust him in all things and find joy in knowing him.

## Day 2

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As disciples of Jesus, we grow to be more like him by abiding in him. When he is the source and center of our lives, our character and actions evidence that.

- Pray that the Spirit of God living in you would produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Ask God to help you, as well as your brothers and sisters at the Summit, to walk in step with the Spirit, not gratifying the desires of the sinful nature.
- Pray that we would all grow in Christlikeness.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** John 15:5

**SAY** All people sin, and sin separates us from God. We cannot ever be good enough to please God on our own. We must be saved by Jesus and have the Holy Spirit for good things to grow in our hearts.

**PRAY** that each member of your family would trust in Jesus for salvation and life, and the Spirit of God living in you would produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

## Day 3

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. (John 15:5–9 ESV)

The Word of God abides in us, encouraging our hearts and renewing our minds. As disciples, we are instructed to saturate ourselves with the Word of God and walk in obedience to that Word.

- Ask God to help you prioritize Bible intake and obedience to the Word.
- Pray for open doors to share the Word of God with others.
- Pray that our pastors' hearts and minds will be filled with the Word of God and that they will be led by the Spirit as they preach and teach.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** John 15:7

**SAY** God gave us his Word, the Bible, so that we can know him. Reading, learning about, and memorizing his Word helps us to follow him.

**PRAY** that God would help you love his Word and hide it in your heart.

## Day 4

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True disciples are known by their fruit. It's not what we say but how we live that validates our claim to be followers of Jesus. We need God to grow us in grace and strengthen us to walk in his ways.

- Pray that he would use you, in word and deed, to call others to faithfulness and holiness.
- Pray that we would be people who live with integrity and shine like stars in a crooked and depraved generation.
- Pray that many would be drawn to seek Jesus by the lives we live and the truth we proclaim.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** John 15:8

**SAY** How we live shows others that we follow Jesus. God grows us to look more like him by his Spirit when we have trusted in Jesus. We can't grow to be like God by ourselves.

**PRAY** that each member of your family would trust in Jesus for salvation and grow in Christlikeness by his Spirit.

## Day 5

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You are loved by your heavenly Father. There is nothing you have done that could make him love you less, and nothing you could do that would make him love you more. Believe that love today. Bask in it. Rest in the finished work of Jesus—his life, death, and resurrection.

- Thank God for all he did to bring you to know and believe in Jesus.
- Call out all the names of those you know who are still separated from God's love, asking him to save them.
- Ask God to show you where and to whom he is sending you, so that they might hear and believe in his great love.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** John 15:9

**SAY** You are loved by our Father God. There is nothing you have done that could make him love you less, and nothing you could do that would make him love you more. If you have trusted in Jesus, you are adopted into God's family. He loves you just because you belong to him.

**PRAY** for the salvation of friends and family. Ask God to help you know how much he loves you.

## Day 6

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:4–10 NIV)

Our God is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love. He revealed himself to us in his Son, who suffered, died, and rose again for our salvation. Gaze on the One who suffered, died, and rose again for you, and worship your God.

- As you seek his face, ask God to fill you with confidence in his love, freeing you from doubt and fear.
- Pray that God would fill you with joy, knowing that his mercy is greater than your sin.
- Pray for those you know who have not yet received his mercy and been made alive with Christ. *Just ask* God to reveal himself to them and save them.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Ephesians 2:4

**SAY** God is so loving and so merciful that he sent Jesus, his Son, to die for us. Mercy means that God does not punish us for sin even though we deserve it. Because we sin, we should die separated from God, but through Jesus we can be brought close to him again.

**PRAY** Praise God for his very big love and mercy. Thank him for the gift of salvation through Jesus.

## Day 7

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God loved us and made us alive through Jesus. His mercy is not isolated but is extended to all those who would come to him in faith. We are part of a family that extends far and wide. Give God thanks for the family of God here at the Summit.

- *Just ask* him to pour out goodness and grace on our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Pray that he would show you where he is sending you to be merciful to others, even as he has been merciful to you.
- Ask God to be merciful to our brothers and sisters around the world, many of whom suffer persecution because of their faith in Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Ephesians 2:5, 8

**SAY** God loves us and makes us alive through Jesus. **ANYONE** who believes in Jesus can be saved and **EVERYONE** who trusts in Jesus is a part of God's family.

**PRAY** Give God thanks for the family of God here at the Summit and all over the world.



## Day 8

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:4–10 NIV)

We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for his purposes. We were rescued to do good works. We are servants of Christ in his kingdom.

- Ask God to show you where he is sending you and to open doors for you to do the good works that he has already prepared for you.
- Pray for wisdom to see how you have been uniquely gifted to serve the body of Christ.
- Pray that the next generation would surrender themselves to serve Jesus in his kingdom where he calls them to go.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Ephesians 2:10

**SAY** God made us to worship him and show him to the world. When we follow Jesus, we are doing what we were made to do!

**PRAY** that God would show you how to serve him. Tell him that you want to serve people so that others will know him.

## Day 9

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:4–10 NIV)

Because we’ve been saved by grace, our lives should be lived as a testimony to that grace.

- Ask God to open doors to relationships and conversations so that you can boast about how he made you alive, even when you were dead in your transgressions.
- Pray that he would help you be a faithful witness to his gospel of grace.
- Pray that God would send many from our church to preach the gospel to the nations and that many around the world would be brought from death to life in Christ.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Ephesians 2:8–10

**SAY** When we are saved from our sin by Jesus, our lives will look different. Others will know God and be able to be saved too because they see his love in us.

**PRAY** that God would help you show his love to others.

## Day 10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:4–10 NIV)

When we think of all the ways God has lavished grace and mercy on us, it’s not hard to see that he is a good Father who loves to give good gifts to his children. Recall some of the ways that God has been good to you and give him thanks.

- Call out your needs to him and *just ask* him to bless you and provide for you.
- *Just ask* God to show you where and to whom he is sending you to meet the needs of others, and pray that he would provide everything you need to go.
- Pray that he would show you how to use every gift and every opportunity to point others to Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Ephesians 2:4

**SAY** The Bible shows us that God gives good gifts to his children. What are some of the ways that God has been good to us? (*discuss*)

**PRAY** Thank God for the gifts he has given to you and your family.

## Day 11

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.” (Matthew 6:9–13 ESV)

God is our kind and compassionate Father. And he is reigning on high as sovereign King, Lord of all. Rejoice today that the One who loves you is in control of all things.

- Pray that your own heart would be filled with love for God and that you would treasure him above every other thing.
- Ask God to help you, out of love for his name, to live in a way that honors him.
- Pray that people everywhere would see and know that he is God, and that his name would be praised all over the earth.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Matthew 6:9

**SAY** God is our kind Father. He is also our King, Lord of all.

**PRAY** Praise God because he is good and rules over all things. Thank him that because he is in charge, you do not have to worry.

## Day 12

Pray then like this:

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Jesus came to establish his kingdom in our hearts and on earth. As his disciples, our lives must be lived in total submission and surrender. We seek his kingdom first. Confess and repent where this is not true of you.

- Pray that God would use you to declare the praises of him who calls you out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light.
- *Just ask* God to open the door for hundreds from the Summit to go to the nations, proclaiming the good news of Jesus in word and deed.
- Pray that more people, from every tribe and nation, would surrender to the lordship of Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Matthew 6:10

**SAY** Jesus came to be King over all the earth and all people. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we must also submit to him as our King. This means what he says is more important than anything else. What he wants from us is more important than anything else we want.

**PRAY** that Jesus would be King of your heart and that you would be a part of helping his kingdom grow on earth.

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We often struggle with letting go of our dreams and desires. Yet, following Jesus requires that we submit our will to him.

- Ask God to reveal those places in your life where you are seeking your own way, your own comfort. Confess any area where you are resisting him.
- Ask God to open the way for you to go and show you where he is calling you to serve him and his kingdom.
- Pray that as a church family we would be faithful to serve one another and our community out of love for Christ.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Matthew 6:10

**SAY** Sin in our hearts makes us want to do things our way instead of God's way, but when we follow Jesus, the Spirit will help us choose God's way.

**PRAY** Confess your sin and ask God to give you a heart that loves him.

## Day 14

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.” (Matthew 6:9–13 ESV)

God is the One who provides for us and sustains us. All we have and all we need comes from him.

- *Just ask* God today to provide “daily bread” for your immediate needs.
- Pray that he would show you where you can be a blessing to others, meeting their needs out of the richness of his blessing to you.
- Ask God to help you steward all that he has given you for the advancement of his kingdom.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Matthew 6:11

**SAY** God is the one who gives us everything we need.

**PRAY** Ask God to give you all that you need, to help you trust him with all of your needs, and to let you be a part of his work in the lives of others.

## Day 15

Pray then like this:

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hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

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but deliver us from evil.” (Matthew 6:9–13 ESV)

We are a family, brothers and sisters, who have been granted forgiveness and restored to our Father by faith in his Son. If you feel the weight of guilt from your sin, name that sin and remind yourself that it is already fully forgiven in Christ.

- Pray that the realization of his grace and forgiveness would cause your love for him to abound and overflow.
- Ask God to make you quick to confess when you have offended and quick to forgive when you have been offended.
- Pray for the unity of The Summit Church, asking God to deliver us from every attempt of the evil one to divide and destroy us.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Matthew 6:12

**SAY** All people who trust in Jesus are a family, brothers and sisters, who have all been saved and made right by faith. Just like God forgives us for our sins, we should forgive others when they sin against us.

**PRAY** that God would remind you of how he has forgiven you whenever you need to forgive someone else.



## Day 16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16–17 ESV)

The “word of Christ” is the gospel. Let the wonder of what God has done for you flood your mind and heart as you consider how he sent his Son to live the life you could never live, die the death that you deserve, and rise again to give you eternal life.

- *Just ask* God to help you delight and rejoice in his glory revealed to you in Jesus.
- Pray that he would help you be faithful and diligent to spend time in his Word, studying and meditating on the truth.
- Pray that your family and friends, as well as your brothers and sisters in Christ, would seek to know God as they read and study his Word.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Colossians 3:16

**SAY** The “word of Christ” is the gospel—the good news of what Jesus has done for us. This verse tells us to let the truth about Jesus change your heart.

**PRAY** Thank God for sending Jesus to save us and teach us. Ask God to help you love his Word and hide it in your heart.

## Day 17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16–17 ESV)

The gospel and its application to our lives must be central in how we think and what we say to each other.

- Pray that God would cause you to be faithful in teaching and admonishing others to believe and trust the gospel.
- Ask God to surround your friends and family with others who would speak gospel truth into their lives.
- Pray that our church would be a place where we faithfully proclaim Christ in word and deed.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Colossians 3:17

**SAY** God's Word is our instruction book for life. We should make all of our choices because of what we know is true about God. We can only do this if we read his Word, the Bible, and study it.

**PRAY** that God would help you to love his Word and keep putting people in your life to remind you of his Word. Thank him for those who have taught you about him and his good news.

## Day 18

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16–17 ESV)

Knowing and believing the gospel should lead us to joyful praise. We should bless him at all times and his praise should always be on our lips.

- Ask God to make himself and his glory known to us as we worship together.
- Pray that our worship gatherings would be marked by joyful worship that brings encouragement to all who attend.
- Pray that unbelievers who gather with us would recognize his presence and surrender themselves to Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Colossians 3:16

**SAY** We were created to worship God. Because of God's great big love, we should praise him at all times. How can we praise God? (*discuss*)

**PRAY** that God would fill your heart with joy, leading you to praise him in all things.

## Day 19

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16–17 ESV)

We are not our own anymore. We've been bought at a great price. We belong to our Father and our lives are for his kingdom and his glory.

- Ask God to reveal places in your life where you are living for yourself. Confess those and ask God to lead you in repentance.
- Pray that he would help you to speak and act in ways that honor him.
- *Just ask* God to fill you with his Spirit so that you live in a way that points others to Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Colossians 3:17

**SAY** Jesus paid the price for us to be saved. When we trust in him, we belong to God and our lives are for him.

**PRAY** that he would help you to speak and act in ways that honor him.

## Day 20

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16–17 ESV)

The more saturated we become with the gospel, the more our hearts will overflow with gratitude. Take a few minutes to remember how God rescued and redeemed you.

- Give him thanks. Express your gratitude for all the other ways God has been gracious to you.
- *Just ask* God to give you opportunities to call out his grace and goodness, making much of him.
- Pray that we would be people who live with humility and gratitude, overflowing with thanks because of the unmerited favor shown to us in Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Colossians 3:17

**SAY** Because God loves us enough to bring us back from our sin, we should always be thankful.

**PRAY** Give him thanks. Ask him to help you live a grateful life.

## Day 21

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:11–14 NIV)

God revealed his grace to you in the person of Jesus Christ. Give God thanks today for that grace and for the people and circumstances he used to bring you to faith in Jesus.

- Confess any area where you are living according to fleshly desires and not walking in the Spirit.
- *Just ask* God to turn your heart away from ungodliness and worldly passions, purifying you by his Spirit.
- Pray that the revelation of his grace would lead you to greater love and devotion to him, causing you to grow as a worshiper.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Titus 2:11

**SAY** Jesus is the grace of God. Grace means giving good things to people who did not earn them. He came to earth so that all people would have a chance to be saved. God wants everyone to follow him, including you!

**PRAY** Confess your sins to God. Ask him to help you follow Jesus. Thank him for his gracious gift of salvation through Jesus.

## Day 22

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:11–14 NIV)

By his grace we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Give God thanks for your brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who are a part of your growth as a disciple.

- Ask God to strengthen your Summit family members to live “self-controlled, upright and godly lives.”
- Pray that God would show you ways to encourage and build up your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Pray for God to grow you as a family member.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Titus 2:11

**SAY** When we trust in Jesus, we are his people, a part of his church. The church is all Christians everywhere who come together to worship and serve God.

**PRAY** Give God thanks for your brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who are a part of your growth as a disciple.

## Day 23

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:11–14 NIV)

The offer of salvation by grace is for all people. Consider those you know who have not responded to the call to come and believe. Call their names out today and ask God to save them.

- Ask God to grow you as a bold witness who proclaims Christ in word and deed.
- Pray for open doors to share your own story of how he saved you.
- Ask God to bring repentance and faith in Jesus to those who hear the gospel through your witness.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Titus 2:11

**SAY** God's free gift of salvation is for everyone: people you like and people you don't; people who look like you and people who look different; people who speak the same language as you and people who don't.

**PRAY** that God would use you to share about his love with people wherever you go.



## Day 24

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Jesus gave himself to redeem us and we are called to live in the same manner, giving ourselves away for the good of others.

- Ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities you have to lay down your life and serve others today.
- Pray that the Spirit would lead you to places where he wants you to serve.
- *Just ask* God to use your service and sacrifice to bring glory to Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Titus 2:11–12

**SAY** Jesus gave himself to save us and when we are saved, we should give our lives to help others be saved.

**PRAY** that God would show you where you can be used. Like Isaiah, say, “I am here; send me.”

## Day 25

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:11–14 NIV)

We have a blessed hope: Jesus is coming again. Because of this, we set our hope on eternity and not on earthly things.

- Ask God to show you any place where your heart is treasuring the things of the world, setting your hope on temporary things.
- Pray that God would lead you to use your time, treasure, and talent to know him and make him known.
- Ask God to give you an eternal mindset and grow you as a steward.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Titus 2:11–13

**SAY** When we trust in Jesus, we can live with hope! Jesus will come again and we will be made like new—without sin!

**PRAY** Ask God to teach you to hope in Jesus instead of any other things. Pray that he would help you show this hope to others.

## Day 26

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:6–11 ESV)

He is the Mighty God and Everlasting Father, full of power and overflowing with mercy and compassion. Worship him today and bow before him in awe and wonder.

- Ask God to open your eyes to see how he has poured out his grace on you—his good gifts to you, his provision, his mercy.
- Pray that he would uncover any pride or self-reliance. Confess and humble yourself before him.
- Ask God to fill you and those you love with hope and confidence because of his great power over all.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** 1 Peter 5:6

**SAY** God is the Mighty God and Everlasting Father. He is both all-powerful *and* all-loving. How can we see God's power? How can we see his love? (*Discuss—give examples from Bible stories or your own life.*)

**PRAY** Praise God for his love and power.

## Day 27

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The God of all grace has a mighty hand, not to crush us but to lift us up. We can humbly submit to him and trust his care for us. He cares for you. Let the knowledge of that fill you with hope. Humbly present your requests to him today.

- Name the things that are causing you anxiety, and one by one, entrust them to the God who loves you.
- *Just ask* him to help you overcome worry and fear as you wait before him.
- Pray for others you know who are struggling, asking God to grant them the help they need.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** 1 Peter 5:7

**SAY** God is our Father. He loves us and cares about us. He wants us to talk with him about all things. Prayer is how we talk to him and there is nothing we cannot say to God.

**PRAY** Tell God what worries you and ask him to help you trust him with those things. Ask him to help you turn to him when you are afraid or worried.

## Day 28

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We have an Enemy who seeks our destruction, but God is able to strengthen us and cause us to stand firm in our faith.

- Ask God to make you alert to Satan's schemes and, by his Holy Spirit, give you the strength to resist temptation.
- Ask God to protect the pastors and staff at The Summit Church, helping them to remain pure and devoted to Christ.
- Pray that your brothers and sisters in Christ would stand firm in all the will of God.
- Pray that those who have fallen or walked away from Christ would repent and be restored.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** 1 Peter 5:8

**SAY** There is an Enemy who hates us because he hates God. The Enemy wants you to choose things that are not God's way. God can help you to be strong and to stand up to the Enemy.

**PRAY** that God would make you strong in faith and that he would keep you safe from the tricks of the Enemy.

## Day 29

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:6–11 ESV)

Many in the family of God are suffering and persecuted around the world, but God has promised that he would restore and renew them.

- Cry out to your Father and ask him to be gracious to them, to relieve their suffering and keep them from falling.
- Pray that God would show you how you might be involved in caring for others in our community and around the world.
- Pray that our church would be a blessing to the nations through our giving and going.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** 1 Peter 5:10

**SAY** Many people in the family of God are suffering around the world, but God has promised that he would strengthen and renew them. How can we be a part of God's help to them? (*discuss*)

**PRAY** for our brothers and sisters around the world who are hurting because they follow God. Ask that our church would be a help to these brothers and sisters through praying, giving, sending, and going.

## Day 30

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5:6–11 ESV)

The God of all grace has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, and the One who called you is faithful.

- Pray that you would be mindful of eternity, setting your mind and heart on things above and not on earthly things.
- Ask God to fill you with joy and confidence as you wait for his return, even in the face of hardship and suffering.
- Pray that God would open doors for you to testify to the reason for your hope, calling others to place their trust in Jesus.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** 1 Peter 5:10

**SAY** When we are saved by faith in Jesus, we know that we have life forever with God. He hears us now and one day we will be by his side. God is always faithful—he does what he says he will do.

**PRAY** that God would give you joy and hope, knowing that salvation gives you life forever with him.

## Day 31

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:19–25 ESV)

Our holy God has opened the way for you and me to enter his presence by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. Don't stand at a distance or believe the lie that he has rejected or abandoned you. He is our good Father who loves to give good gifts to his children, so **we can enter confidently and ask.**

- Express your joy and thanksgiving for his mercy and grace. Worship and adore the One who reconciled you to himself.
- Ask him to give you a heart that is full of faith, confident of his willingness to receive you as you draw near to him.
- Pray for yourself, your family, and your friends. *Just ask* God to provide, heal, and deliver.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Hebrews 10:19–20

**SAY** Our sin separates us from God. He is perfectly holy—he never sins. But he has made a way for us to come close to him again. This way is faith in Jesus. When we trust in Jesus and believe that he has done everything to save us, we can be close to God forever.

**PRAY** Praise God for being loving and forgiving. Thank him for his mercy to you through Jesus. Ask him to make you full of faith so that you would trust him with all things.



## Day 32

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As you draw near to God, remember those you know who are still far off, still separated from God by their sin. God longs to be merciful, so you can cry out for them by name.

- Ask God to help you to be clear and bold as you share the gospel and call them to become disciples of Jesus.
- Pray for the conviction of sin and a recognition of the incredible grace offered to them. Ask God to lead them to repent and receive cleansing and forgiveness.
- Pray that we would see hundreds come to faith in Jesus and begin to grow as true disciples.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Hebrews 10:24

**SAY** Salvation is a free gift from God. God has made the way for us to be saved, but a gift isn't really yours until you open it. Many people will never open the gift that God has given them, but we can help others to see the gift that God is offering them.

**PRAY** for others you know to come to know Jesus as Savior.

## Day 33

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In seasons of difficulty we can stand firm, knowing that God is faithful. When we are tempted to waver because of our struggles we must seek his face, remembering that he has been good to us.

- Ask God to bring to mind his goodness and faithfulness to you. Express your gratitude as you recall his kindness.
- Pray that God would open doors for you to encourage others and call them to faith by telling them of God's grace and faithfulness to you.
- Ask God to help us be a people who make much of him and his faithfulness, especially in dark and difficult seasons.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Hebrews 10:23

**SAY** In hard times, we can trust God. He is always faithful, even when we are not. We can always confess our sins and ask him to help us live by faith.

**PRAY** that God would help you see his faithfulness in your life and through his Word. Ask him to help you trust him in all things.

## Day 34

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As disciples, we are called to make more disciples. Part of that process is considering how we can “stir up one another to love and good works.” You can leverage your influence with others, leading them to grow as disciples who actively serve.

- Ask God to help you be a person who leads others to actively live out their faith.
- Pray that God would show you how you can be involved in serving and encouraging others to serve.
- *Just ask* God to grow a culture of serving at the Summit.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Hebrews 10:24

**SAY** As disciples, we are called to make more disciples. Let's think about how to “stir up one another to love and good works.” (*discuss*)

**PRAY** Ask God to use you to help others grow in their faith.

## Day 35

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Relationships are an essential part of discipleship. We need the encouragement of others if we are going to grow as faithful disciples.

- Ask God to help you cultivate deep relationships that provide encouragement and accountability, helping you grow as a disciple.
- Pray that the men and women of The Summit Church would be faithful to speak truth to each other in love, calling one another to live holy lives for the glory of God.
- Pray that we would faithfully invest in the discipleship of the next generation.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Hebrews 10:24–25

**SAY** When we are saved, we *are* a part of God's church. God wants us to grow together, to worship together, and to encourage one another in following Jesus. Who is a part of our community that we can encourage and be encouraged by? (*discuss*)

**PRAY** Ask God to help you grow as a brother or sister in his family. Thank him for the people who have shown you his love. Ask him to help you show his love to others.

## Day 36

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:1–5 NIV)

The richness of God's mercy beckons us to offer our lives back to him. Our worship is more than what we sing or say—it is how we live our whole life to know, love, and obey God above all else.

- Pray that God would open your eyes to see his mercy and live a life of worship in word and deed.
- Ask him to uncover anything in your life that is unholy and displeasing to him. *Just ask* God to give you a heart that is fully devoted to him.
- Pray that the people of God at the Summit would be captivated and motivated by God's mercy and grace.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Romans 12:1

**SAY** Before Jesus came, people had to sacrifice animals and other things they owned to show God they loved and trusted him. We have received the mercy of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection, so we don't have to do this anymore. Now, the thing we can offer to God is our lives. How can you offer yourself to God? (*discuss*)

**PRAY** Ask God to help you live a life that pleases him. Ask him to help you be a worshiper, a family member, a servant, a steward, and a witness.

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Every day, we have a choice to conform to the world or live lives transformed by the gospel.

- Ask God to help you to be faithful to spend time daily with him in his Word.
- Pray that he would speak to you as you read and that the Holy Spirit would renew your mind and heart.
- Pray for yourself and for your brothers and sisters at the Summit, asking that we would be obedient to all that God says.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Romans 12:2

**SAY** This world offers us lots of things to spend our time and money on. It gives us lots of chances to follow our own way instead of God's. Every day we must choose to follow God's way. How can we do that? (*discuss*)

**PRAY** Ask God to grow you through his Word and prayer. Ask him to help you grow as a disciple and follow Jesus in your choices.

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God reveals himself and his will to us, calling us to faith by his Word, so we seek to be a people who prioritize and proclaim the Word of God.

- *Just ask* God to speak to you, revealing himself and his will to you as you spend time in his Word.
- Pray that our kids and students would learn to trust the character of God and walk in his ways as they are taught in the Bible.
- Ask God to give us more opportunities and greater resources as we seek to make him known, declaring his glory among the nations.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Romans 12:2

**SAY** God shows us himself through other believers, through the Bible, and through prayer.

**PRAY** that God would help you know and trust him and that he would give you a heart that wants to know his Word and live by it.

## Day 39

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Where would we be without the grace of God? Our need for God's grace and his kindness toward us should lead us to humility and kindness toward others.

- Ask God to fill you with awe and wonder for his grace to you in Christ Jesus.
- Ask him to root out all pride in you and cultivate a humble heart of love in you.
- Pray that our unity, our humble acceptance of each other, would serve as a witness to those who see how we love each other.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Romans 12:3

**SAY** Every good thing we think, do, or have is because of God's goodness. We should always thank him for this and remember that our lives depend on knowing him.

**PRAY** Ask God to fill you with awe and wonder for his grace to you in Christ Jesus.



## Day 40

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We are a body with many members and each of us has a different role to play in the family of God.

- Pray that God would help you understand how he has gifted you for the sake of serving his church and joining in his mission.
- *Just ask* God to free you from selfish ambition and help you consider the needs of others above your own, giving yourself away for the sake of others.
- Pray that each member of The Summit Church would be stirred to be actively engaged as we seek to become a movement of disciple-making disciples.
- Commit yourself to all that God is asking you to do in response to his mercy and for the sake of his kingdom.

### Praying with Kids

**READ** Romans 12:4–5

**SAY** We are a family with many members and each of us has a different role to play in the family of God. No member is more important than the others. We all have different jobs and gifts. We are all a part of God's mission.

**PRAY** that God would help you understand how he has gifted you for the sake of serving his church and joining in his mission.