

"The early church had nothing but the Spirit of God and one another, and that fellowship was enough to unleash the Body of Christ on the ancient world. There was no stopping this movement of God's people from spreading throughout all of creation. Boldly bearing witness to what they'd seen and heard through word and deed, these men and women humbly brought the upside-down Kingdom of Heaven to an unsuspecting world, changing it forever. We are invited into this fellowship as well.

Are we bold enough to go?"

7/3

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4:16

Lord, change our hearts. Make us like you. Make our desires your desires. Amen.

7/4

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4 Lord, remind us of who you are. May we take delight in you. May you be the chief desire of our hearts. Amen.

7/5

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:12

Father, our reward that awaits us in the hereafter, is you. Remind us that the gift we get isn't heaven, it isn't even heaven on earth, it isn't perfect bodies, it isn't a sinless world, it is you and you alone. Thank you Jesus. Amen.

7/6

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Tim. 1:7

Lord, there are sinful practices that grip hold of us that we struggle to set at your feet. In the deepest parts of ourselves we fear that you will not satisfy that which this sin satisfies (poorly). We have been filled with your Spirit and have the power to lay this down and be obedient to you, to trust you and the path you have for us. Give us strength to do what you call us to do. Amen.

The Fellowship: Day-by-Day

7/7

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:34

Father, we live in a world of fear and worry. If we watch the news for even a few moments, we are gripped by fear of war, famine, disease. We fear tomorrow and the needs it will bring, the horrors it will bring. Focus our eyes on you that we may transcend the worry about tomorrow, knowing that you are the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Amen.

7/8

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. " Proverbs 3:5–6

Lord, so much of your word is so plain, so easy to understand. May we not sit and contemplate when we should act and do. Amen.

7/9

"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11

Lord, you are the one who provides for our needs day by day. We need not worry about anything in the future, but focus on today. May we rest in you alone. Amen.

7/10

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

Lord, the world paints a picture of what a "full" life looks like and we think it is money, fame, or status. You call us to have life in you. May we not settle for the life this world tries to sell us and rest in a life devoted to you, one that brings true joy, peace, and satisfaction. Amen.

7/11

"God will carry you through the storm." Isaiah 43:2

Lord, you have never failed us. You have carried us through every storm and we can trust that whatever we face today or tomorrow, you will carry us through it. Our trust is in you. Amen.

7/12

"Whoever believes in me has eternal life." John 6:47

Lord, in you we have eternal life. It is not that we will have eternal life, but that our eternal life starts the moment we believe. We have life in you. Amen.

7/13

"Every good and perfect gift comes from above." James 1:17

Lord, you are the gift giver and all that you give is good. May we recognize that it is not us who earns anything, but you who freely gives as you see fit. Amen.

Daily Prayers The Fellowship: Day-by-Day

7/14

"Love one another." John 13:34

Lord, it is our call to love one another as you have loved us. May this be our central ethic, Love, Christ-like love. May we live loving others as you have loved us. Amen.

7/15

"It is finished" John 19:30

Jesus, the greatest act of love ever committed was when you selflessly gave yourself for us. May we give ourselves for others because we have been given so much already in you. Amen.

7/16

"Let all you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

Lord, so much of what I do is for my own benefit, for love of myself. Forgive me for my selfishness, my misunderstanding of what it means to truly love others self-sacrificially. May my heart be like your heart. Let all I do be done in love. Amen.

7/17

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!" Psalm 95:6 Lord, in reverence may we worship you. You are both holy above all creation and approachable as a loving Father. May we praise you in all that we do. Amen.

7/18

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." Isaiah 12:5

Lord, may we sing to you praises for all you are and all you've done. Amen.

7/19

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness." Psalm 29:2

Lord, help us to give you the glory you deserve, help us to worship you with lives of holy obedience. Amen.

7/20

"And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" Luke 4:8

Lord, bring to mind the idols that we worship that we may no longer look to anything else but you. Our hearts are an idol-factory, ever chasing after that which will not satisfy. May we find our peace, our rest, our joy in you and you alone. Amen.

7/21

"Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!" Psalm 99:5

Lord, may we exalt your name as we live obedient to your teachings. Focus our eyes on you and may our lives be a reflection of your mercy and love. Amen.

7/22

"Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!" Psalm 96:9

Daily Prayers

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Lord, sometimes when we worship you, we forget the holy God we worship. You are the Creator of all things, the Sustainer of all things. Remind us of your glory that we might be drawn to organic worship of you. Amen.

7/23

"All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Psalm 66:4

Lord, let all of creation worship you in song and in deed. May we sing praises to your name in all that we do day-by-day. Amen.