

PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19

Heavenly Father, I attend worship regularly because it is good thing to do, but I tend to get caught up in the Sunday morning ritual. I oftentimes go through the motions of Sunday School and church thinking about where we are going to eat lunch. I pray that today will be different. I pray that you would open my heart to feel your holy presence in worship and that you would enlighten me to see you in new and powerful ways. Let today be a true Sabbath focusing on you. Amen.

Monday, May 20

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are currently incarcerated. We ask that you open their eyes to find hope in their lives again. We pray that you would turn their hearts and minds toward you and that you would give them the strength to start the long road to recovery. Guide them to a better life with you. In the name of our Savior who gives hope to the world, we pray. Amen.

Tuesday, May 21

God, sometimes simple acts of showing kindness and love seem like an inconvenience or a burden. Yet, I know that when I am obedient to your calling, I am blessed beyond what I put into it. Open me to listen to your voice calling out to me. Help me to act upon your calling without excuses and help me to serve you with my whole heart and my best effort. Amen.

Wednesday, May 22

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness. We ask that you work through their healthcare professionals to bring them relief and comfort. We pray that you would help them learn to manage their illness and that you would bless them with good test results. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Thursday, May 23

Heavenly Father, we pray for all the children of St. Luke's. Please watch over them and keep them safe over the summer. Please guide them and grow them in your ways. Pour out your blessings on them all the days of their lives. Amen.

Friday, May 24

God of creation, guide us to be good stewards of the earth that you created for us. Give us a sense of responsibility to leave things better than we found them. We thank you, God, for the beauty of this world. Amen.

Saturday, May 25

Dear Heavenly Father as we swiftly approach summer in the city, help us to remain focused on the gift and promise we received during Lent and Easter. Let us determine to live a life of loving gratitude as followers of Jesus. We pray for strength to assume our Christian responsibilities and to witness with joy the sharing of our faith. Be a constant presence in our life. In the name of our savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Sunday, May 26

Lord Jesus, Lover of my soul: you devoted your life to a work that ultimately broke your heart. You broke bread with sinners; you made sure people had enough to eat; you healed on the Sabbath day when others called it a crime. You poured yourself out in a life that really mattered. Jesus, give us strength and courage to do the same. Lead us to encounter you in people and places that will break our heart, so we will learn to love as you love. Lead us in a life that really matters. Amen.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our service men and women who have given their lives in service to our country so that we may live in freedom. Let us honor their memory and reflect on the price they

paid for us. We pray that you would be with their families and grant them strength and comfort to carry on without their loved one. We pray that you would provide healing for our service members where there has been loss of life or health. Thank you, Lord, for their willingness to serve. Amen.

Tuesday, May 28

God, sometimes I lack discipline and self-control to do my very best for you. I know that your ways are not always easy, and I know that when I follow your ways my life is even more than I can imagine. Help me to be faithful to all that you have called me to do. Help me to seek you in all that I do so that I may bear the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

Wednesday, May 29

Lord Jesus, we pray for our loved ones who are in bondage with addiction. We pray that you would open their hearts and minds to healing and that you would guide their steps to people who can help them. We pray that you would use your healing power to break the chains of addiction that bind them. Set them free to a new life. Amen.

Thursday, May 30

God, we pray that you would be with those who are struggling in their faith. Surround them with people who can testify to your love and draw them close to you again. Let your Holy Spirit be at work in their hearts and minds. Amen.

Friday, May 31

Heavenly Father, as we enter the summer season of downtime and vacations, help us to remember to spend time with you wherever we go. Guide us to church when we are on vacation either online or by visiting a church wherever we are. Keep us faithful in daily prayer and keep us safe as we travel. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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We pray and worship to build a closer relationship of love with Jesus Christ. Let's pray each day, uniting our hearts with one another and with God.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

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Wednesday, May 1

O Great Physician, we pray for our loved ones who are struggling with terminal illness. We ask that you bless their days with comfort, peace, and love. Give them special knowledge and show them the path to eternal salvation. We pray that you would carry them through their illness with dignity and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Thursday, May 2

God, I seek your divine guidance for my life. Give me what I need to follow your will and not my will. Help me to build your Kingdom here on earth from the inside out, beginning with me. Cultivate good habits in me for prayer, Bible study, sharing the Good News, making friends, and giving myself away so that I may be set apart for your purpose. Amen.

Friday, May 3

Almighty God, you gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to keep us close in relationship with you, and to unite us as brothers and sisters in Christ. Open our hearts to let the Holy Spirit guide our relationships. Let our words be words of encouragement, building one another up. Amen.

Saturday, May 4

God, you know my strengths and my weaknesses, and you make me complete. Give me strength to follow you, wisdom to make Godly choices, confidence to know that you are with me always, and peace to know that you can use my weaknesses for your purpose. Amen.

Sunday, May 5

Lord Jesus, you are the Savior of the world. You are fully divine and fully human, and there is no one who supersedes you. You are powerful enough to change the world and humble enough to do it in human form with love and grace. Thank you for redeeming me from my sin and for connecting

me with God. Help me to follow your example and reorder my life with love, compassion, justice, mercy, humility, and all the other things you have called me to do. Amen.

Monday, May 6

Heavenly Father, help me to set aside those old habits that do not serve you well. Guide me into my better self as I seek to serve you. Bestow on me the love and peace of Jesus and help me rise to your higher calling for my life. Let me live out my days in love and service to you and others. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Tuesday, May 7

God of wisdom, we pray for our teachers today. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to teaching our children. We ask that you bless them with an amazing end to this school year. We pray that you would show them the fruits of their labor and help them to finish the school year strong. Amen.

Wednesday, May 8

Father, thank you for being my God today. I would like to talk to you about poor people, and people who are homeless, hungry, thirsty, sick, or injured. I pray for them to have salvation, healing, deliverance, protection, and prosperity. Please see that they have enough food, enough clean water, a good place to sleep tonight, healing of their wounds, and a relationship with you. Also, I ask you to show me what to do to help in this endeavor today. Thank you. Amen.

Thursday, May 9

Dear Lord, you have blessed me with many gifts and graces, but also with responsibilities and goals that I have not yet achieved. I must admit that I am often weary and sometimes want to give up, but I know that you have great plans for me. Please help me to see past my frustration and exhaustion to envision your future for me. Amen.

Friday, May 10

God of all things, I confess that I get caught up in the busyness of things that I think need to be done, and it easy to find other things to do rather than doing what you have called me to do. Give me the strength and discipline to follow you in all things big and small. Help me to focus on you and help me to know that doing little things for you over time yields big rewards. Amen.

Saturday, May 11

Dear God, thank you for the many blessings we have received. Each day you give us the opportunity to share your love with those we encounter. Help me to recognize those who are in need of our support. Give us the gift of understanding others and the strength to reach out and help them in any way we can. Give us guidance to live as your son, Jesus, has taught us. Amen.

Sunday, May 12

Gracious God, we see your love in the gift of our mothers. We are thankful for our mothers who gave birth to us, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us as their own, our grandmothers who care for us, and the mother figures in our lives who have helped us in the absence of our mothers. Bless all these people today. Give them what they need, strengthen them, bless them, and encourage them. Amen.

Monday, May 13

Holy Spirit, enter my heart and let me feel love and compassion. Cleanse my mind and fill it with the wisdom and knowledge of God. Take me by the hand and lead me to that place where God is calling me. Help me grow deeper in the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

Tuesday, May 14

God, I confess that sometimes I only want to do things that bring about earthly rewards and instant gratification. Give me a heart to work for you in all that I do. Help me to prioritize my To Do List so that it reflects you and leads me to do things that are significant to you. Amen.

Wednesday, May 15

Heavenly Father, there are people sitting beside us today, people we work with or who we know in our circle of friends or in our own families who are hurting, whether it be in body, mind, or spirit. They need your healing and comfort. Lord, be with them, and be with me as I seek to comfort them and to share your peace with them. In His name, Amen.

Thursday, May 16

God, hold us close while we grieve the loss of our loved ones. Cry with us as we cry, hurt with us as we hurt, and then give us the hope that one day you will turn our sorrows into renewed joy. Amen.

Friday, May 17

Thank you, gracious God, for seeking us and finding us. Thank you, Precious Savior, for walking on water with us during the times we would have sunk if all alone. Thank you, Dear Lord, for taking hold of our hands when our troubles deepened. Thank you, Holy God, when the stone was rolled away and our Savior came out! Amen.

Saturday, May 18

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are graduating, and we ask that you bless them as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Open their eyes to the opportunities that you have for them and guide them to your plans and purpose for their lives. Amen.