

WOW #2 “Watch & Pray” - Dig a Little Deeper – Read, Reflect, and Pray Each Day!

Day 1 - Read John 1:1,14a. John wrote this fourth book of the New Testament between 80-90 AD. When does John say the Word began? Who is the WORD? What is your earliest memory of reading the Bible? What was the first Bible Verse that you remember?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:1;14a

Day 2 - Read John 17:20-26. John records this prayer. Who is praying? Who is being prayed for? What is the main request made in this prayer? How does this prayer impact your life?

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one- ²³I in them and you in me-so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them. John 17:20-26

Day 3 - Read Lamentations 3:55-58. Jeremiah, the prophet wrote this 25th Old Testament book in 585 BC. The Babylonian invasion of Judah had just taken place. Jeremiah walked through the streets of Jerusalem and Lamentations expresses his human emotions from seeing the devastation and suffering of his people. He pours his heart out to God lamenting on behalf of his people, what had become of Jerusalem

and how it could have been avoided. Jeremiah records his laments as well as the glimpses of hope and of God's love. We too can cry out to God lamenting over sin and rejoicing over righteousness. What do you need to cry out to God for today? What do you lament over? Is it a fear? A past unconfessed sin? An ongoing sin? Unforgiveness? What do you need to give to God today? God can handle our laments.

"I called on your name, LORD, from the depths of the pit. You heard my plea: "Do not close your ears to my cry for relief." You came near when I called you, and you said, "Do not fear."

You, Lord, took up my case; you redeemed my life." Lamentations 3:55-58

Day 4 - Read Ephesians 1:15-20. Paul wrote this 10th book of the New Testament to the church at Ephesus between 60—62 AD while he was in prison in Rome. He had visited Ephesus twice. Paul expressed his deep love and concern for the Ephesians in this prayer. He prayed for their spiritual growth and well-being. This is a prayer we can use to learn how to pray. Make a list of what Paul asked God to give the Ephesians. Use this prayer as a guide to pray today. Who will you pray for using this prayer as a guideline?

"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms," Ephesians 1:15-20

Day 5 - Read Philippians 1:9-11. Paul wrote this 11th book of the New Testament between 60-62 AD to the Church at Philippi. This letter to the Philippians expressed his appreciation for their support of his ministry. Paul prayed the Philippians would continue to grow in love and knowledge of God's Word of Truth and give glory to God with their lives. This prayer shows us how to live and how to pray for others. Use this prayer as a guide today to pray for yourself, your family, friends, and church. Are you growing in your love for God and for others? Why or why not?

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

Day 6 - Read Colossians 1:9-11. Paul wrote this 12th book of the New Testament as a letter to the Colossae Church. In this letter he warned the Colossians to be aware of false teachers who were mixing Greek philosophy with Christian theology. Paul writes a beautiful prayer for the Colossians. What does Paul ask God to give them? Make a list of what Paul requests. We can learn how to pray for our families, our friends, ourselves, our church family, and for other believers from this prayer. Use this prayer as a guide to pray today. Put the name of the person you are praying for within the prayer. Who needs this prayer today?

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[a] ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, Colossians 1:9-11

Day 7 - Read 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12. Paul wrote this 14th book of the New Testament between 51-52 AD to the new Christians in Thessalonica who were going

through severe persecution. What does Paul pray for the Thessalonians? His prayer gives us a pattern we can use in our own prayers. How are we to serve the Lord? Is His kingdom and glory your priority when you serve the LORD? Use Paul's prayer as a guide to help you pray for yourself, your family, your friends, and your church today.

¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our LORD Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the LORD Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12