21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING WEEK 3

YOUR KINGDOM COME

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Recognizing God as Our Provider

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:11 -

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Devotional:

Today we reflect on God as our provider. As we consider the simplicity and depth of this request in the Lord's Prayer, let us acknowledge our dependence on God for our most basic needs. In a world that values self-reliance, this verse invites us to embrace humility and recognize that every blessing, no matter how small, comes from our Heavenly Father.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. What simple blessings have you noticed in your life recently?
- 2. How does recognizing God as your provider impact your daily life and prayers?

Prayer Focus:

Pray for a heart that is grateful for the small provisions and for the faith to trust God with your daily needs.

Day 2: The Power of Forgiveness

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:12 -

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Devotional:

Forgiveness is a cornerstone of our faith and our relationship with God and others. Today's verse encourages us not only to seek forgiveness for our own missteps but also to extend that forgiveness to those who have wronged us. This reciprocal action can free us from the weight of past grievances and allow us to live in the fullness of today.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Is there anyone you need to forgive or seek forgiveness from?
- 2. How does holding onto unforgiveness affect your spiritual growth and relationships?

Prayer Focus:

Ask God to help you forgive as you have been forgiven and to release any bitterness that hinders your walk with Him.

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Day 3: Living as Heirs to God's Kingdom

Bible Reading: Romans 8:17 -

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

Devotional:

As children of God, we are entitled to the inheritance of the Kingdom. This profound truth should shape our identity and our purpose. Today, meditate on what it means to be a co-heir with Christ and the responsibilities that come with this royal position.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. How does being an heir of God's kingdom influence your self-perception?
- 2. What responsibilities do you feel come with this inheritance?

Prayer Focus:

Pray for a deeper understanding of your identity in Christ and for the wisdom to live out your calling as a child of the King.

Day 4: Praying for God's Will on Earth

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:10 -

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Devotional:

This line from the Lord's Prayer is a powerful declaration of our desire for heaven's rule and reign in our lives and the world. As we consider our role in enacting kingdom values, let us commit to being active participants in God's transformative work on earth.

Ouestions for Reflection:

- 1. What does it look like in your life to actively pursue God's kingdom and will?
- 2. In what ways can you be an agent of change in your community?

Prayer Focus:

Commit to praying for God's kingdom to be evident in your life and for the courage to be a vessel of His will in the world.

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Day 5: Embodying the Church

Bible Reading: Matthew 25:34-40 -

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world..."

Devotional:

Our Sermon on the Mount reading culminates with a call to embody the church - to love inclusively and to act justly. This passage in Matthew 25 illustrates how caring for the 'least of these' is equivalent to serving Christ Himself. Let us strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus, serving those in need and advocating for the values of His kingdom.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. How can you embody the church in your daily interactions and service?
- 2. Who are 'the least of these' in your community, and how can you minister to them?

Prayer Focus:

Pray for opportunities to serve others as if you were serving Christ and for a heart that reflects God's love to everyone you encounter.

Remember, these devotions are not just for a momentary reflection but for long-term transformation. Carry these lessons with you as you navigate the year ahead, trusting in God's love and the power of prayer.