

The Master's Vessel Ministry: Spiritual Journey (July 4-17, 2016)  
Daily Meditations

Date	Meditations are taken from Bible Prayers	Suggested Prayer Points
Mon, July 4	<p><b>The Lord's High Priestly Prayer Intro: (Jn. 17:1-26)</b> The power of prayer is grossly underutilized by the Church of Jesus Christ today. May we learn from the Lord and from His Word to pray (desire to pray) and how to pray (manner of praying). To this end we need to examine His High Priestly prayer and other Bible Prayers carefully and prayerfully. Bible Prayers, starting with the Lord's, provide us the accredited School of Prayer. Mark the contents of these prayers and compare them with the contents of much of ours today- - self-centred and devoid of eternal values!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dedicate yourself and this exercise of fasting/prayer to the Lord and ask Him for physical and spiritual strength for you &amp; others.</li> <li>2. Pray that all MVM members will take this spiritual discipline seriously and will overcome all hindrances to their participation.</li> <li>3. Pray that your inner self be activated to desire God's Word and presence above all else.</li> </ol>
Tues. July 5	<p><b>The Lord's High Priestly Prayer I: (John 17:1-5)</b> Notice how Jesus summarizes His mission on earth - - Mutual glorification of the Father and the Son, giving eternal life to those the Father had given Him, i.e. those who would believe. The mutual glorification is centered on the work of salvation that Jesus was about to finish. As a child of God, do you glorify God by the life you live or do you put Him on negative display before those who know you?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Let us pray that God's Kingdom would come and that His will be done in our lives, families, and in MVM.</li> <li>2. Pray for the many unsaved in our churches and society at large and for our willingness to work toward their salvation.</li> </ol>
Wed. July 6	<p><b>The Lord's High Priestly Prayer II: (John 17:6-19)</b> Jesus prays for His immediate disciples. What does He pray about? First He acknowledges the work done in them (vv. 6-8). Then He prays for their unity forged in the Father and Son, not ecumenism (groundless unity), safety from the evil one, and consecration or sanctification through the agency of the Truth (God's Word). Consider (v. 10): "...all Mine are Yours, and Yours are mine..." When you surrender your all to the Lord, then you can rightfully lay claim to His.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for saving you and yours, if that is so.</li> <li>2. Plead with God to spare our nation and nations of the world where evil abounds.</li> <li>3. Pray for true unity among all believers, especially members of MVM.</li> <li>4. Prayer for sanctification, a deeper experience of true holiness.</li> </ol>
Thurs. July 7	<p><b>The Lord's High Priestly Prayer III: (John 17:20-26)</b> The Lord concludes with praying for the disciples that would come later which includes us (v. 20). Again their unity in the Father and Son and love are of primary concern to Him. This is what would convince the unbelieving world that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah or Saviour). Can you testify to the saving power of Christ? May His prayer not be in vain for you. Amen.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pray that the Lord would give us a spirit of intercession - - to pray more for others than we pray for ourselves.</li> <li>2. Pray that we would be a reflection of Christ to the world.</li> <li>3. Ask God to send us revival of true penitence that leads to deep spiritual change.</li> </ol>
Fri. July 8	<p><b>The Lord's Prayer of Submission (Luke 22:41-46)</b> Jesus practiced what He taught. He was about to face the greatest temptation and knew that prayer was the secret of overcoming it. <b>He did 4 things: selected a quiet place; went farther than His disciples (as He did in everything); prayed earnestly for others; and prayed for the will of the Father to be done.</b> May we consider His example seriously, especially, the last point- - "...not My will, but Yours, be done."</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for Jesus who surrendered His will to the Father in order to save us.</li> <li>2. Ask for the help of God to enable you pray earnestly and selflessly like Jesus prayed.</li> <li>3. Pray that believers would desire the will of God in all things, especially, when it seems to contradict ours.</li> </ol>
Sat. July 9	<p><b>The Prayer of Moses for Israel (Exo. 32:10-13)</b> Here is a classic example of intercessory prayer, God's need for the hour (Isa. 59:16; Ezk. 22:30; 1 Tim. 2:1-4). God had made Moses an offer that would be irresistible to most of us (v. 10). Moses turned down and sought to reconcile the rebels with God instead. He "reminded" God of His saving power and covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Israel. God answered his prayer (v. 14).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Let us ask God to forgive us for the times we failed Him in the area of intercessory prayer.</li> <li>2. Pray that the Church of Jesus Christ would be the light to a world in darkness through prayer and right living- -the essence of true witness.</li> <li>3. Pray that God would teach us to pray scripturally.</li> </ol>
<b>Reflect on the Week's Devotions</b>		

<b>Sun. July 10</b>	<b>Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-9)</b> We should see prayer as divine invitation (Lk.11: 9-13; James 1:5-8); which it really is. What an honour! Solomon responded favourably to God's invitation. He prayed, with gratitude and selflessly (vv. 6-9). He asked for wisdom to shepherd a great nation, Israel. God gave him much more than he asked (vv. 10-14). Check the content of your prayers! What do you ask?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Let us ask God to search our hearts to unearth the selfishness that hinders our prayers.</li> <li>2. Pray for a heart of gratitude.</li> <li>3. Pray for wisdom to know and do what is right and shun what is evil.</li> <li>3. Pray for wisdom and courage for those in authority.</li> </ol>
<b>Mon. July 11</b>	<b>Elijah's Prayer for Revival (1 Kings 18:30-39)</b> Elijah's prayer turned an apostate nation back to God. Notice that Elijah first "...repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down" (v. 30). True prayer starts with the altar of your heart. In what condition is it? Elijah prayed a simple prayer (vv. 36, 37) asking for 4 things. The last was the crux of the matter- - turning the hearts of the people of Israel back to God.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Let us pray that God would turn the hearts of His people, believers back to Him.</li> <li>2. Pray that unbelieving men and women would acknowledge Jesus Christ as the only Saviour.</li> <li>3. Remember persecuted Christians around the world.</li> </ol>
<b>Tues. July 12</b>	<b>Joshua's Prayer for the Impossible (Josh. 10:12-14)</b> Joshua must have known, through the Holy Spirit, that the impossible was possible not only with God, but also with the believing one who would ask selflessly to complete or finish God's assignment (Lk.1:37; Mk. 9:23). Let us believe God for the impossible that is necessary to finish His Kingdom business.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pray for God's impartation of faith for the impossible.</li> <li>2. Pray that God would help us finish our Christian race successfully (2 Tim. 4:7).</li> <li>3. Pray that God's agenda would be our priority at all times.</li> </ol>
<b>Wed. July 13</b>	<b>Prayers of Apostle Paul for the Churches</b> These apostolic prayers are for our edification- - building up our faith and for instruction as we examine their contents in the light of ours. We shall find a marked difference between the two. Let us do something about this discrepancy. <b>I. Prayer for Godly Living (2 Cor. 13:7; Phil. 1:9-11; Col. 1:9, 10; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24).</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We can't thank God enough for His salvation in Jesus Christ.</li> <li>2. Pray for preachers and teachers whose doctrines differ from apostolic doctrines.</li> <li>3. If these apostolic doctrines are not clear to you yet, pray for divine illumination.</li> </ol>
<b>Thurs. July 14</b>	<b>II. Prayer for Open Doors- - Ministry Opportunities (Rom. 1:9-11; 15:30, 31; Eph. 6:19; 1 Thess. 3:10).</b> We often get prayer requests for job, business, marital opportunities, ad infinitum (the list goes on and on). But rarely do we pray that God would give us open doors for leading people to the saving knowledge of Christ and other open doors to serving God.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thank God for His love and wisdom displayed in His plan of salvation.</li> <li>2. Pray for those who have not yet received this salvation, especially those in your family or circle of friends, for the opportunity to lead them to Christ.</li> </ol>
<b>Fri. July 15</b>	<b>III. Prayer for Christian Unity (Rom. 15:5, 6; Phil. 4:1-3)</b> Disunity in the church grieves the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30-32) and when we do grieve Him, we are on our own. And we should be reminded that when we are on our own, nothing of eternal value happens. We need unity which ushers in the manifestation of the Spirit and power of God.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pray that Christians would be united <b>in the Truth.</b></li> <li>2. Pray that God would extend to us the blessings He makes available to brethren who dwell together in unity (Psa. 133:1-3).</li> <li>3. Let us pray for forgiveness of our sin of disunity.</li> </ol>
<b>Sat. July 16</b>	<b>IV. Prayer for increased knowledge of God, His will and His love (Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:9; Eph. 3:17-19)</b> A knowledge of God through Jesus Christ, His will and His love will make believers the light the world badly needs in order to know the Saviour (Matt. 5:14-16).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pray that the beauty of Jesus would be seen in those of us who have believed.</li> <li>2. Pray that the salvation message be preached to all the world.</li> </ol>
<b>Sun. July 17</b>	<b>V. Prayer for the Fullness of God (Eph. 3:17-19)</b> <b>This is the ultimate! - - "...that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." None other will do.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pray that God would fill you, MVM and indeed His Church with all His fullness at the end of this Spiritual Journey. Amen!</li> </ol>

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