

*PRAYERS AND  
AFFIRMATIONS*

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*CHAPTER 1. MAN'S DESPERATE SEARCHING!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God (if there is a God), I have travelled many roads in life, most of which appeared to be broad, beautiful, and full of pleasure. But the longer I have travelled these roads, the narrower they have become; and the less enjoyable they are. I have discovered by experience that these roads are dead-end roads! If there is an open-ended road which leads to increasing happiness and meaning, lead me to that road."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Amidst all the dead-end roads of life, there surely must be one road which, while it may appear narrow at first, increasingly becomes broad, expansive, and more beautiful and full of purpose and destiny.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, deliver me from the futility of materialism! Help me to know from observation of others, rather from bitter personal experience, that accumulated wealth, instead of giving happiness, oftentimes is the chief thief of happiness!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** "Material things are regarded as the chief good in life only by those who do not have them." (William Sangster)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, I have often eaten at earth's tables, only to be left starving. Let me feast of your table. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is my native home. I am only a pilgrim passing through, anxious for my heavenly home.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, in Thee I live and move and have my being. Help me to know who I am, why I am here, and where I am going. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The God who created me, knows me, and knows why I am here. In finding God, I will discover my purpose for existence.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, help me to be a wise investor, laying up treasures in Heaven, not on earth; living for eternity, not for mere time. Then my live shall be worth living!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There is a way that seems right unto man; the way of materialism. But the end thereof is futility and utter frustration!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "The fragrant scent of the flower is so strong that I will not be satisfied until I find the flower! Please guide me to the Flower! Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** However hard the searching, the 'flower' is worth pursuing!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, don’t let me be disillusioned into thinking that earth’s treasures can satisfy me. Let me see Reality. Let me see You! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am made by God and for God. Therefore I will give myself to God.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, You created sex to be enjoyed within the sacred confines of marriage, not to be abused outside of marriage. May I respect your laws and delight myself in your gift – given to me to be used in the right way. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Sex is a mighty dynamo – either to create endlessly or destroy totally. I will allow the Creator of my urges to control and to cleanse my urges.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I must confess in all honesty that it is not only a statement of faith, but a clear observation of life, that the lives of the righteous are filled with joy that lasts. Help me to find real and lasting joy!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There is pleasure in sinning only for a short time. But there is lasting pleasure in living for Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I see that the modern-day ‘success syndrome’ leads to bitter disillusionment. Help me to seek, not my happiness, but your honor; not my power, but your praise! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will seek, not the applause of men, but the approval of God.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to find myself; not by asserting myself, but by surrendering myself to You and to others.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Any old ‘dead fish’ can float downstream. But it takes a ‘live fish’ to swim upstream. I will swim against the popular current of worldly power pursuits and be a real servant of God.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to serve You because You deserve to be served, not because of some reward which I will receive for serving You. And yet, let me know that my deep need for recognition, power, permanence, and identity will abundantly be met by You, both in time and in eternity.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is in debt to no man. It has not entered the mind of man what rewards God has prepared for those who humbly and faithfully serve Him!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, never allow my mind to be educated beyond the understanding of my heart. In finding human knowledge, let me also receive divine wisdom, in order that all knowledge may be used for right ends. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My quest for knowledge will be matched with my thirst for wisdom.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Is there no hope for modern man? None – except for Christ! Outside of Christ, there is unyielding despair! In Christ, there is unending hope! God of the Universe, forgive me for worshipping matter rather than the Creator of matter.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will honor the methods of Science, and enjoy the benefits of Science, but I will never turn Science into a God.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God give me a sensitive spirit which is intolerant for falsehood and error, and a diligent mind which is pursuant of truth and knowledge. Help me throw away the chaff of worldly philosophy, and cherish the wheat of divinely-inspired wisdom.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will seek to be teachable without being gullible, and broadminded without being shallow-minded.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to find faith amidst my doubts; to find your truth amidst the world’s falsehoods; to accept your mercy despite my sins; to believe in your justice despite the moral inequities in the world.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The awesome fact of final moral accountability will motivate me to live morally, responsibly, and righteously!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Christ, all other roads but yours lead to disappointment and death! Help me to look straight ahead – to You who art ‘The Way’.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will watch my step. I will not side-track. I will stick to the right Path and be safe! (Proverbs 4:25-27, Living Bible)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Christ, You are the only open-ended road! To go with You is to go on a glorious journey and to anticipate a wonderful destiny! What a thrilling Companion You are!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The greatest of all joys is the ‘Joy of Becoming’ – becoming more and more like Christ!

*CHAPTER 2. MANKIND'S DIFFICULT OBSTACLES!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, give me a wholesome reverential respect for You. You hold the keys to life and death, and You will judge all men in the end. Help me to respond now to your loving call of mercy, that I may never have to face your call to terrifying judgment!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The ‘fear of the Lord’ is a great cleansing agent for my life, cleansing me from flippancy and fantasy and folly!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, when the wrong seems off so strong, convince me that You are still the Ruler. Help me not to fret myself because of evil doers, for as surely as You are God, just as surely will all evil doers be punished, and all righteous persons be eternally rewarded.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** A just God will right all wrongs and will morally ‘balance the books’ in the end!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I confess that I don’t understand the mysteries of human suffering – why good men suffer and evil men prosper. But I choose to believe – ‘despite’ life’s mysteries, realizing that You hold the key to all understanding. I will know ‘by and by’.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because God’s ways are perfect, I can find rest for my heart even when my mind is restless with unanswered questions!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I know there are no easy ‘pat answers’ to the mysteries of life; and especially to the mystery of human suffering. Christianity does not try to answer all my ‘Whys’, but it does answer the ‘How’s’ of life – ‘How’ to use life’s tragedies to produce lasting good in my life!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I cannot always solve life’s mysteries, but I can use life’s mysteries (including human suffering) to make me better instead of bitter; to drive me to God instead of driving me from God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “How great Thou art, O God! Your greatness cannot be comprehended. Your limits are higher than the heavens and deeper than the seas. My finite mind can never comprehend your infinite wisdom. And yet, I thank You that You are not only big enough to rule the universe, but that You are also small enough to live in my heart.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My mind is not equipped to understand the mysterious ways of God, but my heart is made to experience the intimate fellowship of God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, pour out the spirit of wisdom upon me, and make me wise. Help me to reverence and respect your will and ways.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To spurn the counsel and reproof of God is to court the wrath of God. To submit to the will of God is to enjoy the wisdom of God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, help me never to forget that I live in a moral universe. Help me to remember that if one ‘sows to the wind’, he will ‘reap the whirlwind’, that no one can really break the moral law of God, one can only defy that moral law, and in the process, get broken morally.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There may be a high cost in serving God, but there is a higher cost in not serving God.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, You are unfailing in your goodness to me, giving me all things richly to enjoy. In serving You, there is a joy that is “unspeakable and full of glory”, a contentment that is deep and meaningful. What a motivation to serve You!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The God of all grace will grace my life with Heaven’s best gifts – as I serve the Giver.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, even though wrong seems to strong, You are Ruler yet! You love enough to allow mankind freely to choose moral alternatives, and yet You are powerful enough to interweave mankind’s wrong moral choices into the fabric of your ultimate and eternal will and purposes!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If God can make even the wrath of men to praise Him, how much more can He make the love of men to praise Him! I will love Him!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, because You will punish willful sin and reward willing obedience in the end, I am motivated both by fear and by love to serve You, all the days of my life!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “My times are in Thy hands, whatever they may be, pleasing or painful, sad or glad, as best may seem to Thee”.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, help me to fear You so much that I will walk obediently before You, and to love You so much that I will fellowship intimately with You. If I am ready to die, I am then ready to live - and to live abundantly!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

*CHAPTER 3. GOD'S PERSONAL EXISTENCE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Become for me, O God, my primary assurance rather than my ultimate question! I see You in the heavens. Let me experience you in my heart.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My quest will lead to my discovery, and my questions will be turned into exclamation marks!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “It is both saner and easier to believe in the divine miracle of a God-created Universe than it is to believe that order came from disorder and that Character came from Chance! The orderly universe is driving me to an orderly God. I will therefore surrender my personal disorder to your Divine Order. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is reasonable and wise to believe that my mind came from the great Mind of God. I will therefore subject my petty thoughts to His powerful thoughts!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “The outer expanse of the universe and the inner expanse of my mind come from a common source – God! O Thou, who dost fill the universe with Thyself, fill the inner universe of my mind with Thyself! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Just as there is naturally a one-to-one correspondence between internal logic and external laws, I will seek supernaturally a fellowship between my spirit and God's Spirit!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “The more I observe the Universe, the more I am driven to the conclusion that there is a Personal Force who created Energy; that there is a great Designer who produced Beauty; and that there is a great Mind Who initiated Purpose. I am beginning to see, O God, that, as You began it all, so You will sometime end it all!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** May the God, who is ‘out there’, become the God who is ‘in here’ – even in my heart!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Can it be possible that the Infinite is interested in the Finite; that the Universal is concerned with Particular; that the Force behind the Universe is a Personal Friend in the World? My prayers to You, O God, are affirming such daring faith!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am a personal being. I must serve a Personal God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Is it possible that I may find You, O God, in the inner workings of my conscience, as well as in the outer wonders of the Universe?”

**Does my sense of moral oughtness come from You? My conscience bears witness of your personal existence!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I ‘ought’ to do right, even when it is inconvenient or difficult!**

**PRAYERS FOR THE DAY: “the ‘ethical atheist’ is a contradiction in terms, for an atheist denies all objective moral standards, from which ethical statements originate. O God, I see that I cannot have the ‘fruits’ of moral good without the ‘roots’ of Moral Objectivity.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: My strong convictions regarding ‘Right’ and ‘Wrong’, are useless unless they are born out of the Objective Moral Law!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “When I have had to make a moral decision in the presence of two conflicting impulses, I have often sensed the presence of a Guiding Principle. Is that guiding principle You, O God?”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: In making moral decisions today, I will side with my impulses which will result in unselfish actions.**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “I am seeing that there is one set of moral standards for all persons, in all ages, in all nations, for all times. Can it be that this abiding moral law reflects the very nature of a loving Moral Lawgiver?”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Because my nature demands both justice and mercy, it is reasonable to believe that a loving God governs a lawful universe!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “The God of all wisdom has used reason to drive me into the arms of a personal God. The moral lawgiver behind the moral law has turned out to be a personal and personable Mind who seeks communication with my mind! O God, what love You have unveiled!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: God is beginning to unveil His loving personality to me. I am excited to meet that personality!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, the evidence is convincing that You exist, and that your existence is personal. Is it possible for me to know you personally, to communicate with You, as friend with Friend? I leap with joy to think of such a possibility!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Because millions in all ages have claimed to know God personally, I will personally seek to establish such an intimate relationship with God!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Is it possible that I may experience a happiness that does not depend upon my happenings; a happiness that is different both in degree and in kind from the mere happiness that I have experienced? O God, what You have done for others, You can do for me! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is not religious propositions that I will debate, but it is the Loving Presence that I will experience!



*CHAPTER 4. MAN'S MIRACULOUS JUSTIFICATION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.’ (Psalms 42:1, 2) Satisfy my soul with the Water of Life.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** As the fish is at home in the sea and the bird is at home in the air, my soul is at home in God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, there is a ‘tendency’ toward sinning in my life. There is a spiritual gravitational pull downward. I feel the moral drag in my life! But thank You, O God, that I also feel the upward magnetic pull of your mighty love and grace. Break the power of ‘cancelled sin’ in my life and set me free!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I inherited from Adam a proneness to sin; I received from Christ a proneness to righteousness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, Thou art a just and fair God. I see that I am not personally responsible for Adam’s deliberate disobedience of your direct command, but because he was the representative of humans, his sin has affected my moral condition.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am responsible to avail myself of God’s provision for cleansing from my inherited moral depravity.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thou Lamb of God, thank You for your cleansing blood which atones for both the pollution of inherited sin and the guilt of volitional sin. There is a double cure for my double problem.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “There is a fountain full with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains!”

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thank You, O God, for the revelation of your positive saving purpose for humans! Thank You for the unlimited atonement of Christ, potentially sufficient for all persons; generally operative for all infants; and individually efficient for those who exercise personal saving faith in Jesus Christ!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will encourage the very young in my life to exercise their positive volition in choosing Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I accept my personal moral responsibility. I acknowledge that I have often yielded to inward pressure towards self-rule. Help me now to yield to the upward pressure of Christ’s rule!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Self-rule (dictatorship) leads to total chaos and moral ruin. God's rule (theocracy) leads to total peace and moral prosperity!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, I have often been guilty of the central sin of mankind – making myself into a 'god'! But what an inadequate 'god' I am! I am not made to rule. I am made to serve! Help me to dethrone 'self' and enthrone the Savior as the Lord of my life!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I give the ashes of my pride to Christ, and He gives to me 'beauty for ashes'! (Isaiah 61:3)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "The inner voice of conscience combines with the outer voice of nature to guide me to the face of God! I have too often silenced the voice of conscience and ignored the voice of nature. I am guilty of listening to the clamor of my sinful lower nature! Forgive me for closing my ears to the voice of conscience. I will henceforth listen to the 'still small voice' and obey!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will respond to the enlightened reason of the mind and kill the dark passions of the heart!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, deliver me from my tendency to justify my behavior and to rationalize my sin! Thank You for your holy law which clearly defines and strongly magnifies my sins. Your holy law drives me into your strong arms of mercy! I am helpless in myself, but hopeful in You!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The law is the great magnifying lens of sin; the Lord is the great purging flame of sin. I choose the Flame!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, it is not your will that I perish' You prepared hell for the devil and his demons, not for me! I am made by You and for You. I am made for Heaven! But only the holy ones will go to Heaven! Make my life holy! I am a candidate for your grace – the grace that transforms sinners into saints!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' Do you believe this?

**I DO! I DO!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, what I lost by being a member of Adam's race, I thank You that I can more than gain by becoming a participant in Christ's atonement. Thank You for Christ's blood which cleanses from all sin – even inbred sin!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will not allow my inherited state of sin to keep me from receiving my spiritual heritage in Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me, eternal God, to make right choices in life, that I may enjoy a right destiny in eternity!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am not free to choose my inherited sinful heredity from Adam, but I am free to choose my spiritual inheritance from Christ! I will exercise my positive volition!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, your wisdom is past finding out! What was for humans the greatest tragedy – the fall into sin – has become for the Divine the occasion for the greatest revelation – redeeming love!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The rendering of sin in the fall has become the rendering of salvation in the cross! Glory!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Only the pained can appreciate pleasure; only the hurting can appreciate healing; only the sinning can experience a Savior; only the fallen can know redemption. Even though You, O God, did not will the fall of mankind, You graciously provided for the recovery of mankind! What a wise God!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** As in the case of the historic fall, so in the history of my personal life: In the darkest night of my personal tragedy there is the brighter light of God’s provision!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, what I have lost because of my racial connection with Adam, and because of my personal involvement in sin, I have now regained because of your universal atonement for sin and because of my personal appropriation of your forgiveness!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s grace is lavish! I regain in Christ far more than I ever lost in Adam!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I openly confess that all my own righteousness is like ‘filthy rags’ in your sight (Isaiah 64:6), for my righteousness is tainted by human pride. The taint of pride is deep. Wash me thoroughly with your blood and clothe me beautifully with the garments of Christ’s righteousness! I believe! I believe!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “The cleansing stream, I see, I see! I plunge, and oh! it cleanseth me!”

*CHAPTER 5. MAN'S DIVINE CREATION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Creator God, help me to be creative, not destructive, in the use of the raw materials of creation which You have put under my control.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is the Giver and I am the Receiver of all good things. I will henceforth live gratefully.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thank You for my freedom to choose. My freedom of choice allows me to ascend to the highest heights of moral development, or to descend to the lowest depths of moral degeneracy. Help me to choose the Right. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is both frightening and fantastic to be a creature of freedom. I will exercise freedom responsibly!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Legitimate physical appetites were exploited by Satan to cause Adam and Eve to sin. Help me, God, to obey You and never allow my appetites to rule my life.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** With every right moral choice, there are wonderful moral results!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, because of your creative power, I was born for greatness. Because of my willful disobedience, I lost my greatness. Because of Christ’s redemptive love, I can regain my greatness. Thank You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What God has promised, He has provided, and what He has provided, I will receive – Redemption! Glory!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I am beginning to see that the entire human race is the object of your special love – man’s full redemption! You long for all to be saved from sin. Your gift of eternal salvation is now being offered to everyone. You favor the entire human race and never arbitrarily select to save only some. Thank You for the revelation of your saving purposes for mankind.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The God who wills to save all can save all – including me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, how wonderful to know that You are not vindictive in your general treatment of mankind, nor arbitrary in your specific choice of men for salvation. You have sent your Son to seek and to save the lost – and that includes all persons of all times! Thank You for the revelation of such loving purposes!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God's objective intention to save all mankind marks me as a savable person because of my human genealogy, and as a saved person because of my spiritual regeneration.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, your positive purpose is salvation for every person, made possible because of the atoning blood of your Son. Help me to make a positive response of faith in Christ, in order that I may enjoy personal salvation! Thank You for your powerful provision and for the possibility of a powerful appropriation!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What God has positively intended and positively provided, I will positively enjoy – salvation from all my sins!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, release me from the bondage of sin, and make me a captive of your love. Free from sin, I am free to serve You. I bow low before you in order that I might stand tall before everything else. I am redeemed from being a slave of sin in order that I might be adopted as a son of God! Glory!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The shame and humiliation of my sin is replaced by the dignity and status of my position as a son of God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, I see now that your justice was maintained, and your love was demonstrated, at the same time when Jesus died; for, when Jesus blood was shed, God's life was poured out! God, You took the penalty of sin upon yourself when Jesus died, for 'God was in Christ,' both dying for sin and at the same time reconciling sinners to Himself! Thank You! Thank You!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** "The blood, the blood" this is my plea, this is my salvation!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O Thou unifying God, help me to maintain 'the unity of the faith in the bond of peace.' Broaden the circle of my inclusion of those fellow Christians who agree with me in the essentials of the faith, but who disagree with me in the secondary doctrines of the faith. Deliver me from the sectarian spirit that results in destroying fellowship among Christian people. In Jesus' Charitable Name. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** While I am contending for the 'essentials of the Faith', I will not become contentious among fellow Christians who choose to differ from me in the 'secondaries of the Faith'!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, I see that my confidence does not originate in the fulfillment of my own self-centered will, but in the fulfillment of your eternal will – the salvation of mankind through Christ. If one is not saved through Christ, he has no basis for confidence and every reason for doubt and fear. I put my trust alone in the saving Christ!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: What God intended in eternity and what Christ provided in time, I will receive by personal faith – salvation from my sins and reconciliation to my Savior!**



*CHAPTER 6. JESUS' POWERFUL SAVIORHOOD!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, because you are infinite, and I am finite, I need a visible, approachable God! I need a forgiving God, not a forbidding God! I need a tender God, not a terrible God! I need a God who has lived with mankind and who understands mankind! If Jesus is God, I need Him! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus' claims are unique! If they are true, He is the greatest personality in History! I will honestly examine His claims!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O, Thou ‘Hound of Heaven,’ You loved me when I was loveless; You sought me when I was lost; You cared for me when I was indifferent; You pursued me when I was running away from life. Thank You for hounding me with such love! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Religion is the record of Man's proud attempts to reach God. Christianity is the story of God's loving-pursuit of sinful Man!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, dare I call you ‘Father’? I see You in the stars and feel your power in the wind. I know You are Mighty Power, but are You Fatherly Love? If Jesus is God, then my question becomes exclamation!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “If Jesus is God, then everything Jesus taught about God is true! Glory!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, the work of Jesus is becoming focused in my understanding. I see that Jesus came to destroy evil and to impart good – to save helpless creatures like me from the harmful works of the Enemy! Thank You for your manifest Power! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “If Jesus is God, then He should do the works of God – destroying the works of Satan!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, your ways are amazing! I would never have dreamed that You would destroy death by dying, and that You would give healing through suffering! Thank You for your death and resurrection! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because Jesus died, I may live! Jesus' darkest day makes possible my brightest day – victory over sin, death, and hell!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, now I see that my seeming resistance of Jesus Christ has really been a rejection of caricatures of Jesus Christ. I would be a fool not to receive the Christ of the Bible! I will receive the True and reject the false! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Though millions have come to Christ there is still room for me!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, the history of mankind is the history of my personal life. I was born for greatness, but I have lost my greatness through my sin and rebellion. Allow me to regain my greatness through personal repentance and faith. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The Rescuer of the Human Race came to rescue me! I, who am lost, will allow myself to be found!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, I thank You that You love all indiscriminately – Jew and Gentile, male and female, saint and sinner. Teach me, like Jesus, to destroy the barriers that divide persons from one another. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Jesus is the Universal Christ! I will seek to follow Christ and be universal in my concern for all humanity!**

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*CHAPTER 7. JESUS' AMAZING INCARNATION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, how can I longer be terrified by You when I behold your face in the face of Jesus Christ? Such beauty, such love, such acceptance! Surrendering to Jesus, I surrender to You! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My struggle shall turn to surrender; my terror to confidence, when I look upon the beautiful face of Jesus!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Because Jesus was fully human, He identifies completely with humans. Because Jesus was truly God, He provides a perfect sacrifice for humanity. Thank You, God, for giving the world the Perfect God-Man. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The lesser lights will lead me to the greatest Light. I will follow on until I find the ‘Light of the World’!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Jesus, I am beginning to realize that You are ‘the real thing’. You are not a God simply disguised as a human being, but you are truly human and yet truly God! You revolutionize my concept of God, for You are God fully revealed in human form. What a mystery, and yet, what a revelation! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Self-surrender will lead me to self-fulfillment; walking in the light of truth will lead me to the Light of the world!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, give me courage to surrender my wrong concepts to you, in order that I may receive your Truth. I confess that often I have tried to earn salvation through mere human effort or moral performance. I reject the false and accept the True! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s Light will heal me, not hurt me; save me, not condemn me; soothe me, not sear me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Jesus, You hit rock-bottom in your identification with mankind when You went to the Cross for my sins! Only God could demonstrate such love!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** In His total identification with mankind, Jesus gave Himself totally for my redemption. Nothing less than the total giving of my Self to God is worthy of God’s infinite love for me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Do You care, God, when my days are weary and my nights are dreary, when my heart nearly breaks with sorrow? O yes, I know You care, for I see Jesus moving among suffering humanity, applying His touch of healing. Let Jesus touch me! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because Jesus was acquainted with grief, I will not detach myself from grieving persons.

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Jesus, your very name means ‘Love’ to me! Love can go down. You went down into the very pits of sin to rescue sinners! You left the glories of Heaven to experience the miseries of earth! All because You loved a sinner like me! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus humbled Himself to serve all. I will surrender myself to serve Him!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, forgive me for groping around so long, trying to find You when You have already found me! You are nearer to me than I ever dreamed! Your initiating love is not only for the world as a whole, but for me as a person! Amazing! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will listen attentively to the quiet, calm voice at my side. It sounds like the voice of Love!

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*CHAPTER 8. JESUS' LOVING SACRIFICE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, was ever such love manifested as on Mount Calvary! You sacrificed all to save all! I will glory in 'The Old Rugged Cross'!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because Jesus willingly laid down His own life for me, I will gladly lay down my self-will for Jesus!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, the symbol of shame has been transformed by your Son into the symbol of glory; earth's darkest day has become earth's brightest day; life's greatest tragedy has become life's greatest triumph! I will henceforth glory in the Cross! Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus died that I might live. I will live that others might not die – spiritually!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Jesus, thank You for honoring God's holiness and, at the same time, being my shield against God's just wrath. Thank You for bearing my sins in your body on the Cross. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The more God the Father loves His children, the more He hates the sins of His children.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Jesus, thank You for dying on the Cross, thus allowing God to maintain justice in His character, and, at the same time allowing God to exercise kindness in His treatment toward sinners like me. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am free from the penalty of sin, not free to continue sinning, but free to serve the Savior!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly.' Looking at the Cross, I am looking at the very heart of God! Jesus, the Cross is thy magnet to draw me to God!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The 'precious blood of Christ, is God's most precious gift to mankind – and to me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, I thank You that I don't have to storm Heaven's gates to get your attention. You loved me when I was loveless! You sought me when I was indifferent! Let me never 'get over' such love! Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will allow Calvary Love to break my heart anew!

*CHAPTER 9. JESUS' REDEEMING DEATH!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, You took my place on the Cross! I should have been there, suffering justly for my own sins, but, instead, You were there shedding your own blood. Your perfect sacrifice means that I can be perfectly forgiven! A thousand ‘Thank You’s!’”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Cross is the perfect solution to maintaining God’s justice, and, at the same time, revealing God’s saving love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I see that ‘Whosoever’ includes the young and the old, male and female, free and slave, black and white, rich and poor, moral and immoral, learned and illiterate. You are not willing that any should perish! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because Jesus died for all, all can be saved – and that includes me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to believe in You, not momentarily, but continuously, in order that I may continue to enjoy a new relationship of love and life! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “I am saved by believing, and I remain saved by believing – believing in the Son!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Life is in the blood! When Jesus’ blood was shed, God’s life was poured out for me! No shedding of blood, no saving sacrifice! ‘The blood, the blood’ – this is my plea, this is my salvation! Thank You! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Love which bleeds is love which saves!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thou liberator of my soul, deliver me from the bondage to sin and to self. Save my soul from eternal loss, and save my life for earthly gain! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If the Son shall make me free, I shall be free! (John 8:36)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I receive the breath of life from God’s creative power; I avoid the sentence of death through Christ’s cleansing blood! I am doubly yours – through Creation and through Redemption! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I shall combine tears of penitence with tears of joy when I look at the Crucified Savior!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Christ, You have paid the penalty of sin, and thus fulfilled the law’s demands. God, You have demanded all, and your Son has paid all. Now I can receive all! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because Christ spoke ‘loudly’ on the Cross, the law has been silenced! Now I have a right to sing confidently of forgiveness, and the law cannot speak back! Amazing!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I realize that it is an inescapable fact of life that everyone is the servant of some master – either a servant of sin or a servant of righteousness! Satan gives bondage; Christ gives freedom. I choose Christ as my Master! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am free to choose my Master, but I am not free to accept or to reject the consequences of my choice!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Holy God, I realize I am unholy, in need of your holiness. The Cross shows the blackness of my nature, but, more than this, the brightness of your love! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will allow the Cross to do its convicting and convincing work in my life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I am now seeing that my attempts at self-salvation are powerless and futile; You must save me if I am to be saved! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will not seek to justify myself through law-keeping, philosophy, or culture!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, your Cross saves me from so much! You have saved me from the humiliation of sinful exposure and from the hell of righteous punishment. The Cross is your great redeeming act for all time! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “Because He took my fearful flogging for me, Christ has saved me for a fantastic future in Heaven!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, You saved me when I was incapable of saving myself! The Good One died for the bad one; the Godly died for the godless; the Lovely died for the loveless; the Helpful died for the helpless! I can never repay such love! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Love Divine deserves my life, my soul, my all!

*CHAPTER 10. JESUS' GLORIOUS RESURRECTION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I tremble when I think of the terror of the Cross, but I thank You that that terror turns to triumph on Easter Morning! Dark Friday becomes Good Friday because of that bright Sunday Morning! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will glory in the glory of Christianity – a blood-stained Cross and an empty tomb!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I see now that the value of my faith depends upon the object of my faith. The object of my faith is the resurrected Lord! Through faith in Christ, death becomes my slave! Death serves me because death gives me a grand entry into my heavenly home with Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I shall place my faith in the one person who is totally trustworthy – “JESUS, RESURRECTED CHRIST”!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I so often become shaky when circumstances around me become shaky. My little world within me becomes cloudy when the big world around me is filled with despairing clouds! Help me to rejoice in hope even when circumstances seem hopeless! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There are no hopeless situations; only people who have grown hopeless about them!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Dear God, without the resurrection I am like a lost orphan whistling in the dark, trying to ward off my fright. With the resurrection, I am like a son stepping into the ever-brightening dawn of my heavenly homeland! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The blazing light of the resurrection dispels my darkness and makes my future bright and hopeful!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I have deep-seated urges – the urge for permanence, the urge for transcendence, the urge for personal identity. I believe the resurrected Lord can fulfill these God-created urges! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because of the resurrection of Jesus, I have the capacity to live forever with my Lord and to be personally known and identifiable to all!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “The pain of separation from loved ones is more than I can bear! Will I see and know them again? Yes! Because of the Resurrection I shall be with Thee, O Christ, and with them! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The resurrection is my upward call from God to a new life and to a new body!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, because You live, I, too, shall live forever. Sometimes my earthly body makes me groan and sigh, reminding me that this present body is but a temporary dwelling place for my eternal spirit which shall someday take its flight to You. Earth’s pains shall give way to Heaven’s pleasures, and death shall be swallowed up by everlasting life! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Death for me shall be a joyful departure, not a tragic disaster, for I have a grip on the timeless life of God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thou great Accountant of the universe, I know you will someday ‘balance the books’. Unrestrained evil will be punished, and unrewarded good will be rewarded. I commit this cause of justice into the hands of a just God! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because this is a moral universe, I will act justly and righteously!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, there is no power on earth or in hell that can thwart your purposes! ‘Though wrong seems oft so strong, God is Ruler yet!’ Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power available to overcome evil now!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Loving Creator, thank You for life’s clues to spiritual reality. The lungs are made for air, the stomach for food, the eyes for beauty, and the ears for music. Are not the deepest aspirations of my spirit created by God to be fulfilled by God in eternity? Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because Christ lives, my aspirations will not die!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Thou Christ, who defied the power of death and left the tomb empty, let that same power that accomplished the humanly impossible be exercised in my life to change me into a new person. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I choose, not to become a better person, but a new person, through the transforming power of the resurrected Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, You so loved your world that You gave your Son to die for the sake of sinners. God, You so loved your Son that You raised Him from death for the sake of justice! Such love and such justice! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The resurrection is the badge of Christ's authority to establish His long-predicted Messianic kingdom in the hearts and lives of people – people like me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Mighty God, I see that I do not fight for a victory, I fight from a victory! The victory over Satan has already been won – on Easter morning! Help me to claim that historic victory as my personal victory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** When I place my faith in Jesus, I am placing my faith in one who has conquered my greatest enemy – death!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Victorious Christ, the judgment of the enemy guarantees the execution of the enemy! The crushing of the serpent's head guarantees the total destruction of the serpent! Satan shall no longer be ‘on the loose’. Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The bitterness of the battle against evil can be endured when I am assured of the victorious outcome of the battle!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, if on earth I see your smiling face in the beautiful sunset and feel your love in the cool breeze of the early morning, what will your presence be like in Heaven? Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1: 21 NIV)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, to me the most beautiful word in all human languages is ‘forgiveness’. But all talk of forgiveness is an illusion without the resurrection of your Son. Because He vanquished death, my sin is vanquished! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am a great sinner in need of a great Savior – Jesus!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “My heart cannot rejoice in what my mind rejects. My faith must be based on facts, not illusions! Thank You God, that You are open to honest inquiry. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Honest doubt is the shadow side of honest belief. If I ask honest questions, I will find truthful answers!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I am so grateful that I do not have to commit intellectual suicide to become a Christian! My ‘leap of faith’ is not a blind leap! Christianity is based on history's facts! Wonderful! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: An unexamined faith is a faith not worth having! My search for truths will lead me to surrender to the Truth!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, You honor the honest doubter and condemn the dishonest doubter! My honest doubts are fading in the light of historical truth! Thank You for honest evidence – evidence that demands a moral verdict! Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Because the body of Christ could not be produced, the body of the Church cannot be destroyed!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, what power can make the fearful into the fearless; the doubter into the believer; the impotent into the powerful; the whiner into the winner; the spineless into the courageous? The world has been shaped and shocked since Jesus came! Why? Because of resurrection power? I believe so! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Nothing less than resurrection power can change a Saul into a Paul, a bad man into a good man!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, the least I can say about Jesus is that He is unique! Unique in the way He came into the world! Unique in His words and works! Unique in His reactions to His enemies who nailed Him to cross! Unique, He has a unique claim on my life! Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Because Jesus is altogether unique, He has a unique claim on my life!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, I see that You are reliable enough to give mankind predictable laws by which he can routinely live his life, and yet You are loving enough to transcend natural laws, by which, through the resurrection, You save mankind from the unbearable routine of sin! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Because this is a purposive universe, I will live a purposefully!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Why should I think it illogical that the Creator of nature’s laws should supersede nature’s causal system to accomplish the redemptive purpose of the universe? Thank You, God, for your invasion into human history! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The resurrection is not supernatural, but natural from God’s viewpoint – “A Divine Action In Time Consistent With Divine Purpose In Eternity!”**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, Thou art the ‘God who acts’. You have decisively acted out your eternal plan for human redemption on the stage of human history. Thank You! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The resurrection, the greatest of all miracles, is simply the manifestation of God’s personal and purposeful concern for mankind!



*CHAPTER 11. JESUS' TRIUMPHANT REIGN – "LORD OF LORDS!"*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, how amazing is your plan of salvation! Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and kingly reign – all are for me! How can I reject such love? I will bow my knees and confess with my lips that You are 'Lord of lords'! Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What Christ purposed for me in eternity, I will allow Him to do for me in time – save me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, I gladly acknowledge what You have declared: The crown of thorns has been replaced by the crown of glory! Jesus reigns! I will serve! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** "Though the wrongs seem so strong, God is Ruler yet!"

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, help me gladly give to Jesus the same place in my life which He inherently possesses in the universe – Lordship! Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus is NOT one 'great' in a class of 'greats'. Jesus is the Incomparable One

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, You have your stamp of ownership on me – in my mind, in my body, in my spirit! To reject You is to reject myself! To accept You is to find myself! Glory! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To sin against Christ is to sin against myself. To bow to Christ's Lordship is to stand tall before everything else!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, I am now realizing that the Christian Way is the way to live! It is hard to 'kick against the pricks'. It is hard to 'spit into the wind'. Surrendering to You, I surrender to Life! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If I am 'out of sorts' with God, then I am 'out of sorts' with myself!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, You are shattering my false conceptions! You came, not with a sword, but with a cross. You rule, not with the coercion of force, but with the compulsion of love. You came, not to destroy your enemies, but to save your enemies! What a King! A King of love! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who 'takes the sword shall die by the sword.' He who lives by mercy shall receive mercy!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Thou King of Love, rule over my heart! Release my spirit from the prison of sin. Give me real freedom – Freedom From My Guilts, Fears, Hates, and Prejudices! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If the Son makes me free, I shall be free indeed! (John 8:36)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Thou King of kings, I see that your kingdom is universal! By right of creation and by right of the Cross, You have a claim on every person! Your claim comes in the form of a call of love. How can I reject love? Amen.’

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s personal ‘love call’ in my life is my opportunity to live by Love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “The question in time is ‘What shall I do with Jesus?’ The question in eternity will be ‘What will God do with me?’ Jesus, I do not ask for justice, but I plead for mercy. I do not want what I deserve – judgment – but I want what You offer – forgiveness! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Who I follow in this life will determine where I go hereafter!

*CHAPTER 12. MAN'S SALVATION DECISION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, give me the gift of honesty! Deliver me from self-deception! I am a great sinner in need of a great Savior! I do not conceal, but confess my load of guilt! Be merciful to me, a sinner! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If I deny my sins, I am deceived. If I confess my sins, I am delivered. I choose deliverance!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Lord, when I keep silent about my sins, my bones ‘roar within me’. When I confess aloud my sins, my heart is at peace within me. Teach me to weep now that I may rejoice then. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will live responsibly by acknowledging my personal moral responsibility!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, there seems to be no limit on how far sin can go! But where sin abounds, grace super-abounds! Thank You! Thank You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There is no stain of sin so deep, but what the blood of Jesus goes deeper yet!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, can a stranger become a friend? Can a ‘nobody’ become a ‘somebody’? Can the lost be found? Can the disillusioned find meaning and purpose? Can the sinner become a saint? If the answer is ‘Yes’, then I am ready for a transformation! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Christ has broken down the dividing walls of hostility. I am coming Home – Home to God! (Ephesians 2:14)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, my sin condemns me. I don’t deserve the least of your favor. But You came to seek and to save the lost! You came, not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance! Save me, even me! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus came into the world, not to condemn me, but to save me! (John 3:17)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I know that hell was not prepared for me, but was prepared for the devil and his demons. Heaven is being prepared for me! Please, prepare me for Heaven! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “It is not God’s will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (II Peter 3:9)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “What a staggering thought, that the Creator of the universe became a Man, in order that man might become a son of God! And to think that God loves me as if I were the only one in the whole world to love! I give my little heart to God’s Big Heart of Love! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To know that God is great enough to rule the universe and yet loving enough to become a Man, will keep me from saying, ‘God is too big to be concerned about me’!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Instead of being so overwhelmed by my nagging habits and sinful practices, I will get my eyes upon Christ who can transform and empower me to live a new way of life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, help me to see that conviction of sin is a prelude to conversion to God, that conviction is like spiritual fever which is meant to drive me to the Great Physician for healing. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My uneasiness which I feel when I think about God, is a sign that the Holy Spirit is drawing my soul to Christ. I will allow conviction to lead me to conversion!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, heal me of my backslidings. I turn from the error of my ways. Save me from death and cover the multitude of my sins. Amen.”  
(James 5:19, 20)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** A broken bone that is healed is stronger than the unbroken places. The point where film is spliced is stronger than the strength of regular film. Where I am weakest, God will make me strongest!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “When a little child is walking across a rocky riverbed with his father, and the child loses his grip on the father’s hand when he slips on the rocks, does the father lose his grip on the child’s hand? Never! So, You, Heavenly Father, will hold on to me when I stumble and lose my grip! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If I follow Christ, He has promised never to leave me nor forsake me! (Hebrews 13:5)

*CHAPTER 13. MAN'S SALVATION CONDITION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “You have promised that if I draw near to You, You will draw near to me. May my search end in glorious discovery! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God has been seeking me long before I began seeking Him. If I take one step toward Him, He will take a thousand steps toward me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I see now that emotion is the feeling that accompanies the great decision, but the decision itself to follow Christ is an exercise of my will. Help me to choose once and for all to follow You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I only have one freedom – the freedom to choose my master. I will choose to follow Christ as my Master!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Master of men, attune my inner ears to hear your call, and give me faith to make an inner commitment to You. Let my inner commitment be outwardly expressed in my decisive following of You. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Whoever acknowledges Christ openly before men, will be openly acknowledged before the Father in heaven! I will not be a secret disciple!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I cannot earn, purchase, or deserve your salvation, O God, for your salvation is a gift to be received with gratitude. Help me to humble myself before You, as a little child before his father, in order that I might receive your gift. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Pride pays for a possession; humility accepts a ‘free gift’. God offers a gift! I will humble myself before the Giver!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I am naked and exposed before the eyes of Him with whom I must give an account of my total life! But, God, You only reveal my sins to release me from my sins. You only expose my spiritual nakedness to clothe me with your righteousness! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am not a sinner in general. I am a sinner in specific. Christ is not a Savior in general. He is my Savior in specific!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, allow my remorse over sins’ consequences to turn to repentance over sins’ commission. Help me to make a ‘moral U-turn’, to turn from my old life to your new life! Through Jesus’ power. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will no longer embrace sins, but I will embrace my Savior! The Father is waiting for the prodigal to return home!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I turn my back upon my old way of life, and I turn my face towards your beautiful face of love and mercy. I see your outstretched arms, waiting for me. I accept your wonderful forgiveness! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I disagree with my former prideful attitudes of self-sufficiency, and I henceforth agree with God’s grace-estimate of my moral condition.

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me, Savior, to deny neither the reality nor the seriousness of sin! Help me decisively to forsake sin in all forms and always save me from my sins, not in my sins! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** In my life the serpent-hissing word ‘Sin’ must confront the irresistibly powerful word ‘Savior’. When sin abounds, the Savior super-abounds in my life! Glory!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Lord, don’t allow me to substitute religious ritual for real repentance! Deliver me from my tendency to rationalize my sinful behavior. Help me to confess honestly and whole-heartedly! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** ‘Realism’ demands that I realistically face my sins, radically forsake my sins, and readily turn to my Savior!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I change my mind about sin. I see now that the pleasures of sin last only for ‘one season’. I change my direction in life. I see now that there is a way that seems right to men, but the end of that way is death! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Honesty demands that I must repent fully if I expect to be changed totally!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me to prove to You, O God, and to myself, and to others, that I have truly repented of my sins, by doing good deeds that befit repentance! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Turning from sin, I turn to the Savior who, in turn leads me to service. Conviction will lead me to conversion; sadness will lead me to gladness!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will not waste God’s gift of faith to me. I will exercise it responsibly, and thus be saved decisively! Because the object of my faith is Christ, the value of my faith is incalculable!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, you are altogether trustworthy in your character, and faithful to your promises. Abandoning all hope for salvation in myself, I cast myself helplessly and hopefully into your mighty arms! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** When I make a leap of faith, I am not leaping into the dark, but into the light of God’s everlasting love!

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*CHAPTER 14. MAN'S FAITH COMMITMENT!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, how can You treat me as a child to be loved when I deserve to be treated as a criminal to be obliterated? How can You save me, a sinner, and, at the same time, honor your own holiness? Only one way! If You, O God, take upon yourself the punishment that a criminal and a sinner deserves! Only the perfectly just can justify the totally unjust! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God respected His justice enough to punish sin, in the person of His exalted Son. God displayed His mercy enough to forgive sin, in the persons of His fallen sons! I am perfectly accepted in the perfectly acceptable One!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "What a sense of relief to know that I need not prove myself righteous (which I can't because of my sinful life), but that You treat me as righteous (which You can because of Christ's righteous death)! Glory! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** By placing faith in Christ, I become hid in Christ, and, as a result, God no longer looks at my sinful life, but at Christ's perfect life. By becoming hid in Christ, I am found in God!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "I come to You, most Holy God, with no confidence in my own righteousness, but with full confidence in the Christ of the empty tomb! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I can come boldly into the presence of God, carry on my heart the blood of the reconciling Savior!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, give me light for my darkness, freedom for my slavery, hope for my despair, life for my death! Make me a new creation in Jesus Christ! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is not calling me to be a better person; He is calling me to be a new person! God's grace alone can make me new!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, give me the 'vision which transforms', the vision of hour holiness in contrast to my sinfulness, and the vision of your transforming power in contrast to my moral impotence! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will allow my potential to be determined by the possibilities of divine Grace, not by the limitations of human sinfulness!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God of peace, impart peace to my troubled mind! God of holiness, impart cleansing to my polluted soul! God of love, shed abroad your love in my loveless heart! God of the New, make me a new creation! Thank You. A thousand times, thank You! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: My passion for God is created by God and is satisfied with God!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, because I am powerless to break my unholy habits, I come to you for deliverance from sin’s power. Heal my will that I may develop holy habits! In Jesus’ powerful name! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The way of the transgressor is hard, for Man is not made to transgress! I am made for holy living!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, your holiness is my happiness; your presence is my power; your glory is my goal! When your smile of approval rests upon me, I laugh with a holy joy! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: God wills that I be truly happy; therefore, I will “rejoice evermore with joy unspeakable”!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, open my eyes that I may see the unspeakably wonderful blessings which you wish to share with me! I am rich in Christ! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The bitter experience of repentance leads me to the blessed experience of enjoying heavenly blessings!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, just as You enable me to be separate from sin but never separated from sinners, I cannot be faultless in behavior until you enable me to be blameless in love. For Jesus’ sake! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The God who chooses me to be holy will cleanse me to live a holy life!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “May I dare to believe that I am a redeemed and forgiven soul, a soul whose sins are buried in the Sea of God’s Forgetfulness, never to be remembered against me again? In Christ, my dreams become realities! Glory! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Loosed from the chains of sin, I shall forever be chained to the heart of God!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, your perfect will is to save all humanity in Christ! Your permissive will is to allow those who reject Christ to live a Christ-less eternity! What you perfectly will – my total salvation – help me to perfectly realize! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: God’s revealed plan gives me power to realize my purpose to be united for Christ!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, send your hopeful Holy Spirit to inspire hope in my despairing soul. Send your powerful Holy Spirit to impart power to my weakened spirit. Send your inspiring Holy Spirit to cleanse my cloudy vision from earth’s trivia, in order that I may see heaven’s treasures alone! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What God demands, He always provides. What God provides, I will receive today!

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*CHAPTER 15. BELIEVER'S NEW LIFE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, You chose not only to save me, but to use me! I am saved from sin – negatively wonderful! I am saved to serve – positively wonderful! The love of God compels me to share, and love always finds a way! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** A bell is not a bell until you ring it; love is not love until you share it!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, what was promised by the prophets, provided by the Son, and proven by the Resurrection, help me to appropriate for my personal salvation. The Good News is only good for me personally when I accept it! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Good views are man’s fashionable opinions. Good News is God’s factual offer! I choose to believe God’s facts, not man’s opinions!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, what more can You do than what You have done! You have initiated the plan of salvation, invited the sinner to receive salvation, and are ready to give the gift of salvation to all who ask! I gladly ask and joyfully receive! Glory to God! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s wonderful salvation is given in order that woeful sinners (like me) might become worshipping saints!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “How can one promote what he does not possess? How can one sell what he does not use? There can be no powerful promotion without personal participation. O God, make my experience of Christ firsthand, not secondhand. Then I can promote authentically! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. And I say the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also, another book was opened, the Book of Life. And the dead were judged per their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged per what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death the Lake of Fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was thrown into the Lake of Fire.”  
“Thank You, dear God, for writing my name in the Book of Life!”

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, Thou art the source of all love. The world of needy people is the object of your great love. Make me the channel of your love. Let your love flow from You to them through me! Thank You! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God will give me as much as I am willing to give away, and no more. I must learn to give away my faith!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY** “Is there any power in heaven or on earth which can transform human nature? None whatever, except your Gospel, O Christ! If your Gospel can change Paul the persecutor into Paul the preacher, that same Gospel can change even me! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** B.C. stands for my life ‘Before Christ’, A.D. stands for my life ‘After Christ’. The transforming Christ makes all the difference in my life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, to refuse your love is to accept your wrath! To accept your mercy is to receive your forgiveness! Now and forever, I choose to accept your mercy. I am saved from present condemnation and from future wrath! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There are both lines of love and lines of wrath in God’s Holy Face. I choose only the lines of love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Your revelation is both tremendous and terrible! You have revealed the perfection of God, the problem of man, and the provision of the Savior! I, O God, am sinful – that part of revelation is terrible. But because your Son is saving, your total revelation is tremendous! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** ‘Inevitable progress’ (social evolution) is man’s unfounded opinion. ‘Dramatic transformation’ (divine revelation) is God’s proven fact!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I see now that there is a high cost in not serving You. To go against You is to go against myself. To honor You is to honor myself. I choose to serve You and to honor myself! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The way of holiness is the way of happiness and health! I will disdain sin and delight in righteousness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I see now that when I serve You I get some heaven here and a lot of heaven hereafter. The heaven I make for myself on earth will be multiplied infinitely in eternity! When I serve Self, I get some hell here and a lot of hell hereafter. I choose to be a double winner, not a double loser! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Every little action of this day either helps make or unmake my character for eternity! I will live carefully!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, there are ways that seem so right to unconverted men, but the end of those ways is death! Don’t let others spoil my

faith with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's thoughts and ideas, instead of what Christ has said. Amen!" (Colossians 2:8, Living Bible)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The way of reason is the way of God. Honest reasoning leads me to the feet of Jesus!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, sin pays wages. Sin gives the sinner what he deserves – death. But You, merciful Father, give gifts. You give the repentant person, not what he deserves, but eternal life. I gladly accept what You offer, not what I deserve! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who refuses to repent because of the judgments of sin in the body, must someday reap the judgments of the Savior in the soul! I will repent in time, to be saved in eternity!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, forgive me for secretly thinking that my own 'righteousness' in some way makes me more acceptable to You. I exchange the filthy rags of my own self-righteousness for the pure garments of thy holiness and righteousness! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The worst enemy of Christ-centered Christianity is self-centered religion!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, I see from your Word that it is not the circumstances of my birth that make the difference; it is the crisis of my spiritual rebirth that determines my destiny for time and eternity! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who is born once, dies twice – in time and in eternity! He who is born twice physically and spiritually – dies only once in time!

*CHAPTER 16. MAN'S MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I am naked and open before the One who created me and knows me! O God, You see me as I really am, not what others think I am! I confess that often I profess more than I possess. Fill me within and I shall be authentic without! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God will help me to close the gap between my profession and my possession! My life and my lips will combine in one harmonious praise to God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, let me never presume upon your love and mercy! Let me be gripped by the costliness of your forgiveness. So costly that the most beautiful life in the universe had to be nailed to a tree to make my forgiveness possible! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Christ is tender to those who repent, terrible to those who reject! I resolve always to maintain an attitude of repentance!

*CHAPTER 17. GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, I now understand that a saving faith is a working faith. Faith that does not issue forth in a life of holy actions is dead and useless! Help me to prove my faith by my good works! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I cannot be saved by good works, but neither can I be saved without manifesting the 'good works' of a 'saving faith'!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, Thou art the author and the finisher of my faith! Thou who hast begun a good work of faith in me, wilt Thou faithfully continue that work until it is complete? Then I will be ready for heaven! Glory! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God's faithfulness cannot avail for my unfaithfulness! Only as I persevere in faith will I be saved in the end!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, You are just and righteous in all judgments! You do not show favoritism, but You accept men from every nation who fear You and do what is right. Amen." (Acts 10:34-35)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God judges me, not by the color of my skin, but by the condition of my heart!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, help me to live with a sense of accountability, always realizing that I am accountable for all the light of Truth which you allowed me to receive. Help me to be true to the highest that I know! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I resolve to walk in all the light of Truth which God shines on my pathway today! (I John 1:7)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalms 139:23-24)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is possible to be proper without and polluted within! I resolve to be pure within that I may be productive without!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "God, I know that outward appearances can deceive, but You know the secrets of a man's heart. 'Cleanse Thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me'. Amen." (Psalms 19:12-13)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I want to live so authentically that what I am in secret can shamelessly be proclaimed from the housetops! (Luke 12:3)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I realize that it is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die, but after death comes the Final Judgment. Help me always to be so prepared to die, that I might be ready to live – here and hereafter! Through Jesus’ atonement! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** All will be judged, none excepted! The sinner – the judgment of damnation; the saint – the judgment of evaluation! I resolve to live only for the latter!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, ever save me from wrong moral choices. There is the broad road which seems easy at first to travel, but that road becomes rough and finally ends in perdition. Help me to take the narrow road which seems difficult at first to travel, but which leads to an abundant life here and eternal life hereafter! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Every persons is offered a choice – either the ‘low road or the high road’. I resolve to travel the ‘high’ road!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I see that you are perfectly just and yet tenderly merciful! The greater my opportunities, the greater my condemnation if I reject those opportunities! Help me to accept my ‘golden’ opportunities! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God elects to save all, but only those who respond to God’s grace-offer, become elected in reality! I choose to respond to God’s love call!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, help me always to see the seriousness of sin, sin’s pollution, sin’s power, and sin’s consequences! Save me not only from sin, but from sinning! In Jesus’ powerful name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I must take sin most seriously if I am to take the Savior most seriously!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I cannot come to You soon enough! To know You is to experience happiness, health, and holiness! Save me not only from sin, but also from sin’s telling consequences. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My payoff in serving Christ early in my life will be greatly received late in life. The longer I serve Him, the Sweeter Are His Blessings!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Am I a sinner because I sin, or do I sin because I am a sinner? Now I see! There is something deeply wrong with my human nature. I am a sinner by nature! I choose wrongly because I am inclined towards the wrong! O God, give me both forgiveness and deliverance! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My first (physical) birth gives me an inclination to do wrong. My second (spiritual) birth gives me an inclination to do right. I will live in the power of the second birth!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I see that the ultimate cause of human suffering is rejection of Christ and Christ’s powerful provision for man’s sin problem! Why should I continue to suffer in sin when You have provided a solution to sin? The blood, the blood of Christ is my healing and my health! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My double need has a double solution in Christ – forgiveness and cleansing. (I John 1:7) Glory!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, it is never too early and never too late to come to Thee. As long as there is physical breath, there is hope of receiving eternal life. Today is your day of salvation. Tomorrow may be too late! I place my full trust in Christ’s atoning blood to save me from the guilt of my sins and to deliver me from the pollution of my sinful nature. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s grace is all-sufficient – to resolve my guilt, to cleanse my nature, and to redeem my scars!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “A mirror can reveal dirt, but a mirror cannot remove dirt. Your Law, O God, is like a mirror. It reveals my sin, but it cannot remove my sin. ‘For by the law is the knowledge of sin’ (Romans 3:20), but only by the Son is the knowledge of sins forgiven! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My speechlessness before my sin and before God’s holiness shall give way to shouting before God’s mercy and before God’s forgiveness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “My sin is life quicksand. The more I struggle to get out of my sin, the deeper I sink into its mire! Thou, O Christ, are the extended hand of God! Thou alone canst save me from my sinking death! Taking your hand, I take salvation and life! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “On Christ the Solid Rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand!”

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Faith is being sure of what I hope for and certain of what I do not see. (Hebrews 11:1) O Lord, in Thee my hope for deliverance from sin finds fulfillment! In Thee my vision for new life finds realization! Faith tells me that the best is yet to be – full redemption in Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The downward reach of God’s steadfast hand of mercy is always longer than the upward reach of my struggling hand!

*CHAPTER 18. BELIEVER'S SPIRITUAL FAITH!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to exercise true faith, the kind of faith which Abraham exercised. Help me faithfully and obediently to respond to your call to action in my life. Help me to be a living embodiment of faith. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Saving faith is obedient faith. I will take God at His word today and step out in faith to do His will!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, Thou art faithful to me. There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Help me in turn to be faithful in obeying your call on life, even if obedience to that call means a change in direction in my life. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Faith separates me from sin and selfishness, to separate me to sincerity and service!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to walk boldly into the future with You. Take away my fear of the unknown. Help me to realize that what You promise, You always fulfill – in your own time and way! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Whatever I sow, I will reap. If I sow complacency, I will reap destruction. If I sow faith, I will reap a mighty harvest of fruitfulness for myself and for future generations!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Father, how can I get into a right relationship with You? How can my terrible estrangement be taken away? How can I find peace and forgiveness? ‘Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands’ Is there any way to be right? I see! Only one way! The way of faith! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My biggest problem – sin – is adequately met by God’s greatest solution – salvation – and is found in life’s simplest method – faith!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “For too long, O God, I have tried to gain your favor through human merit. I have tried to balance my bad works with my good works. It has all led to uncertainty and restlessness. I come to Thee now with an empty heart and with open hands. I receive your grace in simple faith! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The labors of my hands shall henceforth be, not to work for God’s love, but to love God’s works!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, the more I attempt to justify myself by God’s Holy Law, the more condemned I feel! The Law is perfect, but I am polluted; therefore, I can’t keep the Law. What the Law forbids, my corrupt human nature desires. Is there no hope for me? None, if my human nature can’t be changed!

**But, thanks to God's power, I can be changed! I can be converted! I can be cleansed! All through faith in Christ! Amen!"**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: What God commands, my God-created nature demands, and Christ's grace supplies! Glory!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "O God, I want to be a 'realist'. I cannot escape the hard facts of life! But to face all of life realistically, I now see that I must look at the spiritual as well as the material; I must look at the invisible support of the divine as well as the visible support of the human; I must consider the limitless possibilities of divine power as well as the human limitations of human weakness. Now I see! The man of faith is the true 'realist'. He sees reality through God's eyes! Amen!"**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Through my faith, my human problems will become divine projects, and God has never yet failed in His projects!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "O God, my request shall be mercy, not justice. My motivation for labor shall be love, not fear. My accomplishments shall be God-given, not humanly-achieved. My boasting shall be in God's perfect glory, not in man's passing fame. My rewards shall be humbly received, not pride-fully demanded. I shall take the way of faith, not the way of works! Amen!"**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The way of justice is the way of harsh judgment; the way of mercy is the way of lavish love. I choose mercy!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "O God, my good works are not enough to save me. But the good work of Christ on the Cross is altogether sufficient to save me to the uttermost! Reconciliation is the divine, objective accomplishment, ready to become a human subjective experience through faith in the resurrected Christ! Amen!"**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: God does not wait to be reconciled to me. He waits for me to be reconciled to Him! I don't earn His favor; I simply accept His favor!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "O God, elevate my life to a new plane of exciting possibilities. Help me to raise my sights to see my potential in Christ. Give me and my fellow seekers 'the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead'. Give us the 'confident assurance that something we want is going to happen'. Amen." (Hebrews 11:1, Living Bible)**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I am a 'realistic optimist', for the vision which God gives me is the same vision which God, through faith, will realize in me!**

*CHAPTER 19. BELIEVER'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, there is no name more precious to me than the name of our ‘Lord Jesus Christ’. There is none other name under heaven whereby I can be saved! That name both convicts me and comforts me. Responding to His convicting power, I find ‘peace with God’. Responding to His comforting presence, I find the ‘peace of God’! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because I have ‘peace with God’, I have a right to enjoy the ‘peace of God’. Isn’t a ‘worry-worn Christian’ a contradiction in terms?

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Master of life, enable me to live masterfully! Help me to use all of life’s experiences as the raw materials from which I make a Christ-like life! Help me to see that my happiness does not depend upon my happenings, but upon my reaction to my happenings! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is not what happens to me that matters. It is what I do with what happens to me that makes the difference!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, my natural tendency is to run from my problems. Help me, instead, to face my problems with you. Help me to conquer my problems through the power of your all-sufficient grace! Through Your Almighty Name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am committed to save, not to waste, my life. God will enable me to salvage good out of all my life’s experiences!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me to know your love in all dimensions. Help me to realize that the pains of love, as well as the pleasures of love, are for my benefit. May the blows of life not destroy my life, but instead sharpen my character. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I cannot always explain my sufferings, nor dare I explain away my sufferings. With God’s help, I will learn to use my sufferings!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, I am beginning to learn that it takes both sunshine and rain to produce ‘fruit’, the fruit of a Christ-like life. Help to know that the best fruit is produced in the ‘valleys’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s grace will enable me both to enjoy my ‘mountain-top’ experiences, and to learn from my ‘valley’ experiences.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Give me courage to accept what I cannot change. Give me the power to change what must be changed. Give me the humility to accept my positive blessings without pride, and to learn from my negative experiences without bitterness. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** When life hands me a 'lemon', I will learn to turn it into 'lemonade'!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, during my 'fiery trials', let me hear You whisper your comforting words to me (as expressed by the hymn writer): 'when through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply'. Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God will 'bottle up my tears' (Psalms 56:8) and use them to cleanse my soul!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, help me to make a deeper surrender of my life, in order that I may experience a deeper appropriation of Thy love. The depth of your love in my life will be manifested by the breadth of my love for your children. Pour out your love into my heart! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am forever satisfied with God's love, but forever dissatisfied with the smallness of my capacity for His love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O God, because of the 'Finished Work' of the Cross, You are at peace with all the world! All enmity is gone and all walls are destroyed! I come, not to a God of wrath, but to a God of peace! Wonderful! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The deep wounds of suffering revealed in the open hands of the Crucified Savior are for the healing of my deep wounds of sin!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.' It is not the wrath of your justice, but the warmth of your love which I now feel! I am not seared, but soothed by the light of your holiness! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Cross allows God's love to be expressed in tender forgiveness, not in terrible justice!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O Christ, my sins are like an iceberg. My conscious mind, the tip of the iceberg, recalls only a small number of my total sins. Is there forgiveness for the large bulk of my remaining sins which are submerged in my sub-conscious mind? I dare to believe that You can forgive the sins I remember and the sins I don't remember! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will confess 'recalled sins' and 'repressed sins', in order to enjoy unlimited forgiveness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "My sins have already been judged on the Cross! I face, not a fearful future, but a fantastic future! I am secure in time and in eternity!"

**God's friendship now cannot be compared to the greater friendship hereafter. All because of Jesus! Praise His name! Amen!"**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I was saved, I am saved, and I will be saved in the Son, not outside the Son!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: "In the Garden of Eden, Adam walked with God in the cool of the day. I have walked with life's sorrows too long! I have long tasted the fruits of my own sins, and they are bitter! Let me know forgiveness, that my heart may rejoice! Let me walk and talk with You, as Friend with friend! Amen!"**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: There is a Friend who sticks closer than a brother. His name is Jesus, the sweetest name I know!**

*CHAPTER 20. BELIEVER'S PEACEFUL RECOGNITION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “As the deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God’. (Psalms 42:1-2) Satisfy my parched soul with the Water of Life! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** As the fish is at home in the sea, and the bird is at home in the air, my soul is at home in God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, there is a ‘bent’ toward sinning in my life. There is a spiritual gravitational pull downward. I feel the moral drag in my life! But thank You, O God, that I also feel the upward magnetic pull of your mighty love and grace. Break the power of ‘cancelled sin’ in my life and set me free! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I inherited from Adam a proneness to sin. I received from Christ a proneness to righteousness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, Thou are a just and fair God. I see that I am not personally responsible for Adam’s deliberate disobedience of your direct command, but, because he was the representative of the Human Race, his sin has affected my moral condition. I am responsible to avail myself of your provision for cleansing from my inherited moral depravity! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There is no stain of moral depravity that is so deep but what Jesus’ cleansing blood goes deeper yet!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thou Lamb of God, thank You for your cleansing blood which atones for both the pollution of inherited sins and for the guilt of volitional sin. There is a double cure for my double problem! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** ‘There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins, and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains’!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thank You, O God, for the revelation of your positive saving purpose for the human race! Thank You for the unlimited atonement of Christ, potentially sufficient for all persons; generally operative for all infants; and individually efficient for those who exercise personal saving faith in Jesus Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will encourage the very young in my life to exercise their positive volition in choosing Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I accept my personal moral responsibility. I acknowledge that I have often yielded to the inward pressure towards self-rule. Help me now to yield to the upward presence of Christ’s rule! Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Self-rule (Dictatorship) leads to total chaos and moral ruin; God-rule (Theocracy) leads to total peace and moral prosperity!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, I have often been guilty of the central sin of mankind – making myself into a ‘god’. But what an inadequate ‘god’ I am! I am not made to rule, I am made to serve! Help me to dethrone ‘self’ and to enthrone the Savior as the Lord of my life! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I give the ashes of my pride to Christ, and He gives me ‘beauty for ashes’! (Isaiah 61:3)**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “The inner voice of conscience combines with the outer voice of nature to guide me to the face of God! I have too often silenced the voice of conscience and ignored the voice of nature I am guilty of listening to the clamor of my sinful lower nature! Forgive me for closing my ears to the voice of Conscience. I will henceforth listen to the ‘still small voice’ and obey! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will respond to the enlightened reason of mind and kill the dark passions of the heart!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, deliver me from my tendency to justify my behavior and to rationalize my sin! Thank You for your holy Law which clearly defines and strongly magnifies my sins. Your holy Law drives me into your strong arms of mercy! I am helpless in myself, but hopeful in You! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The Law is the great magnifying lens of sin; the Lord is the great purging flame of sin. I choose the Flame!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, it is not your will that I perish. You prepared hell for the devil and his demons, not for me! I am made by You and for You. I am made for Heaven! But only the holy ones will go to Heaven! Make my life holy! I am a candidate for your grace that transforms sinners into saints! Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whosoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Do you believe this? I DO! I DO!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, what I lost by being a member of Adam’s race, I thank You that I can more than gain by becoming a participant in Christ’s atonement. Thank You for Christ’s blood which cleanses from all sin – even inbred sin! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will not allow my inherited state of sin to keep me from receiving my spiritual heritage in Christ!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me, eternal God, to make right choices in life, that I may enjoy a right destiny in eternity! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I am not free to choose my inherited sinful nature from Adam, but I am free to choose my spiritual inheritance from Christ. I will exercise my positive volition!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, your wisdom is past finding out! What was for humans the greatest tragedy, the fall into sin, has become the Divine occasion for the greatest revelation, ‘Redeeming Love’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The rending of sin in the Fall has become the rendering of salvation in the Cross! Glory!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Only the pained can appreciate pleasures; only the hurting can appreciate healing; only the sinning can experience a Savior; only the fallen can know redemption. Even though You, O God, did not will the Fall of Mankind, You graciously provided for the Recovery of Mankind! What a wise God! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** As in the case of the historic Fall, so in the history of my personal life – in the darkest night of my personal tragedy – there is the brighter light of God’s provision!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, what I have lost because of my racial connection with Adam and because of my personal involvement in sin, I have now regained because of your universal atonement for sin and because of my personal appropriation of your forgiveness. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s grace is lavish! I regain in Christ far more than I ever lost in Adam!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I openly confess that all my own righteousness is like ‘filthy rags’ in your sight (Isaiah 64:6), for my righteousness is tainted by human pride. The taint of pride is deep. Wash me thoroughly with your blood and clothe me beautifully with the garments of Christ’s righteousness! I believe! I believe! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “The cleansing stream, I see, I see! I plunge, and oh! it cleanseth me, it cleanseth me!”

*CHAPTER 21. MANKIND'S DIVINE RECOVERY!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, deliver me from presumptuous sin – the sin of presumption on the mercy of God. Save me from a calloused heart – a heart that is hardened to a suffering Savior on a cruel Cross, put there by sinful men like me. Rescue me from the trap of rationalization – the trap of justifying my ugly sins! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** A broken and a contrite heart, God will not despise! When I sin, may my heart be ‘broken’ by the ‘Three-Personed God’!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, Thou art a Great Liberator! I am free from sin, not free to sin! Help me to feel the exceeding sinfulness of sin, in order that I might experience the wonderful salvation of the Savior! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Spiritual color-blindness results in seeing ‘blacks’ as ‘whites’. I determine always to see sin as sin in all its terrible blackness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Grant me the filial awe, I pray, the tender conscience give. Quick as the apple of the eye, O God, my conscience make! Awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it still awake.” (Hymn writer of I Want A Principle Within)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The tender conscience deals toughly with sin!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, You have called me out of the ‘world of sin’, now take the ‘sin of the world’ out of my heart! You have separated me from outward sins, now separate me from inward sin! You have called me a saint, now make me saintly! I believe in the possibilities of your grace! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who has made me a citizen of the Kingdom, shall make me a soldier of the Cross!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I see now that Truth subjectively experienced is Jesus Christ, who will enter my heart immediately upon true confession and belief. Truth objectively understood is the Word of God (Bible) which can only enter my heart gradually through a lifetime of prayerful and disciplined inquiry. I am a Christian, and I am becoming ‘Christianized’! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Person of Truth – the Holy Christ – will lead me progressively to the Propositions of Truth – the Holy Scriptures! There is no thrill like the ‘thrill of becoming’!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, forgive me for acting and thinking like a slave, when in reality I am a son – a son of God! Help me to accept and enjoy my ‘rights’ as a son! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What I am positionally – a child of God – I will learn to enjoy experientially, in my inner heart and in my outer conduct!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Just as the roots are ‘in’ the soil, and as the birds are ‘in’ the air, and as the fish are ‘in’ the sea, so let my soul be ‘in’ Christ. For it is in Christ that I find my natural habitat. As my lungs are made for the physical atmosphere, so my spirit is made for the spiritual atmosphere! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Today, ‘in Christ’ I can live a ‘supernaturally natural’ life!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, I see now my ‘legal’ position is immediately changed at conversion, but my actual condition changes gradually through growth. You call me a ‘saint’ at the moment of faith. You make me a ‘saint’ over a lifetime of living faithfully. Thank You for your powerful, yet patient, work in me! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will practice receptivity, for I enjoy those gifts and graces of Jesus that I am presently able and willing to receive!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I cannot be both united to sin and united to the Savior at the same time! I will either hate the one and love the other, or the other way around! I am called to holiness. Now make me holy in my nature. Destroy all sin in my life! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What God has called me in name, He will make me in reality – a holy man!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, when I fall into sin, let me always ‘fall toward the Cross’. Help me honestly to confess, and gladly to grasp your saving Hand of restoration. Put me quickly back on the path that leads to heaven – the ‘path of holiness’! In Jesus’ saving name. Amen.”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If (or when) I sin, I have One who speaks to the Father in my defense, Jesus the Righteous One! His speaking is my healing! (I John 2:1-2)

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Just as the branch receives its sap from the vine, so let me receive my strength from Thee, O God! All life abides in Thee alone. I am the branch. All life is received from Thee. I do not grow by tense trying, but by simple trusting! O the bliss of abiding in You! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Just as the branch surrenders itself to the vine for continual life, so I will surrender my little life to God to receive His Inexhaustible Life!

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*CHAPTER 22. BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBLE OBEDIENCE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I see that every person is mastered by someone or by something. I choose to be mastered by You. I place myself in your hands to be used as a weapon for righteousness and holiness! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is so mighty that He has chosen to be ‘helpless’ without me! How humbling, and yet how ennobling to me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Christ, as King, You are increasingly bringing my thoughts into captivity to your kingdom purposes. Quicken, renew, and cleanse my mind by your transforming power. Teach me to think your thoughts after You. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The ‘Christianizing of thoughts’ is a high and holy calling. The struggles against evil are won on the battlefield of my mind!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.” (Psalms 19:14)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1) I will create a peaceful world through peaceful words!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Let the words I speak truly reflect the life I live – a guileless life, a life free from deception. Let the words I speak be filled with meaning, because they are backed by a God-filled life! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will say what I mean, and mean what I say, lest I fall into temptation and sin! (James 5:12)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, ‘Even though I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do’.” (Edward Hale)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** ‘All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for Christians to do nothing’. I will involve myself in some redemptive movement!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Forgive me for retreating from society’s problems. I am part of society; therefore society’s problems are my problems. Help me to be a part of the solution. Deliver me from the trap of corporate irresponsibility which says, ‘Everyone’s responsibility is no-one’s responsibility’! Make me, O God, responsible to society because I am responsible to You! Through Jesus’ redeeming name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Good actions on the part of enough good people can change the course of history!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O Father, help me to be a weapon for good in your hands. A weapon is meant to be used. Use me to destroy the evil things around me, without destroying the evil people around me who need to be cleansed from evil! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will stop just saying I love people. I will really love them and show it by my actions! (I John 3:18, Living Bible)**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “God, help me, like You, to be holistic. Help me to be a ‘both-and Christian’. It is both ‘Doctrine and Ethics’. It is both ‘Creed and Life’. It is both ‘Inner Experience and Outer Conduct’. It is both individual salvation and social involvement. It is both ‘Devotion and Service’. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will not choose between an ‘individual gospel’ and a ‘social gospel’. The whole gospel includes both!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, I feel your call upon my life, the call to open the eyes of the blind and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin, and inheritance among those who are cleansed by faith. (Acts 26:18) Help me to fulfill my calling! Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will seek to be a person who translates a clear heavenly vision into a practical Christian ministry!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Guard me, O God, from two dangers – the danger of naïve optimism and the danger of cynical fatalism. On one hand, help me realistically to see that total redemption of society can only take place when the ‘Prince of Peace’ returns to earth. On the other hand, help me hopefully and persistently to work for the partial redemption of social structure as your transforming power is released through me. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: The stubborn structures of corporate evil will yield to the tougher touch of divine power!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Help me to accept both my personal strengths and my personal weaknesses. Help me not to be depressed by feelings of self-contempt on one hand; nor to be inflated with feelings of self-conceit on the other hand. Help me to lose myself to find myself in service to others. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will not allow the complacency of corporate irresponsibility to rob me of the concern for personal accountability!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, help me to be a strong link in the long chain of life. Help me to live responsibly, knowing that with every decision I make, I am either helping or hindering future generations. Help me to pay the high price for the richest of all gifts – the gift of a godly example lovingly offered to future generations! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I determine to live in such a way that my great-grandchildren may have reason to rise up and honor me! All for God’s glory and because of God’s power, which enabled me to leave a ‘godly legacy’!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, divinely empower my words in order that they may be your weapon to destroy worldly arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God. Use my words to take every thought captive to obey Christ. Amen.” (I Corinthians 10:4-5)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will jealously guard my eye-gate and my ear-gate, lest an enemy intrude and destroy the fortress of my inner life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, little eyes are constantly watching me. Little feet are closely following me. Little ears are carefully listening to me. I am the best Christian someone knows! Help me never to ‘trip up one of these ‘little ones’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To be godly enough to say, ‘be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ’. (I Corinthians 11:1)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, use me as your ‘Pointer’ at the crossroads of life! Many there are who may take the low road that leads to destruction unless I am at the crossroads to point them to the high road that leads to life! Give me the joy of pointing many to You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will be a signpost for righteousness for the many whom I meet today!

*CHAPTER 23. BELIEVER' COMPASSIONATE INVOLVEMENT!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, as the loose wire surrenders itself to the dynamo; as the paint surrenders itself to the artist; as the marble surrenders itself to the sculptor; and as the ink surrenders itself to the writer, so enable me, a mere man, to surrender myself to the Almighty Christ. Then I shall find myself throbbing with divine energy, creating love movements wherever I go!” (Prayer by E. Stanley Jones)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Surrendering the ‘title deed’ of my life to Christ makes me feel truly ‘at home’ with myself!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, all other enemies can be conquered if my greatest enemy can be conquered – the enemy of an unsundered ‘self’. Crucify my arrogant, thrustful, debased, and domineering self, and resurrect me to live an unselfish, Christ-centered life. By Christ’s power. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To love myself wholesomely is to die to all self-centered living!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, to center on myself is to lose myself; to lose myself in your person and plans is to find myself. Help me to make a complete surrender, barring nothing! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If I surrender all to the Lord of life, I will receive all from the Lord of life, for self-surrender leads to self-realization!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, there are ways that seem right unto the world, but the end of those ways is spiritual death. Surrendering myself to You totally enables me to know myself truly, to accept myself gladly, and to express myself lovingly. To center on myself is to lose myself inevitably. I choose to make You the Lord of my ‘Self’. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”


**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** A purified ‘Self’ is a ‘Self’ set free to realize its fullest potential in Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, cleanse me from all self-centered living, in order that I may be creative in God-centered living. Cleanse me from the negative in my carnal selfhood, in order that I may be creative in your consecrated selfhood. Release me from all horizontal competition, and give me your energy to pursue God-given goals. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What Christ cleanses, He also fills. Cleanses from sin and fills with Himself!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I see that I have only one true freedom in life – the freedom to choose the Master of my life. How I exercise that freedom determines my destiny – for time and eternity! If I refuse to surrender to You, I choose to surrender to pessimism, to hopelessness, to negativism, to futility, to self-destruction. I choose You to be my Master! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I choose to make a once-and-for-all ‘blanket’ surrender to Christ, and then to learn daily to surrender every new detail of my life to the lordship of Christ!



*CHAPTER 24. SPIRIT'S MULTIPLE MINISTRIES!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I come to you with a receptive heart and an open hand to receive your gifts of divine grace. I stand convicted of my own inadequacies and convicted of the adequacy of your grace. What passes the scrutiny of man cannot pass your scrutiny. I confess my hidden sins to receive your revealed mercy. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will not allow society’s approval of my outward conduct to blind me to my need for God’s cleansing of my inward condition!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, your Son of righteousness shines more brightly than the noonday sun. No sooner can sinful man deny the righteousness of the Son than can man quench the flames of the sun with the waters of earth. His righteousness is from everlasting to everlasting! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Just as Christ’s righteousness was demonstrated conclusively through the Resurrection, I will allow the Holy Spirit to demonstrate Christ’s righteousness through my new life today!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Wash me and I shall be clean! Purge me and I shall be whiter than snow! Renew a right Spirit within me and cleanse me from every guilty stain. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God offers nothing less, and I will settle for nothing less, than a heart that is totally cleansed from the pollution of sin!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Because of your wonderful indwelling Spirit, I can cope with anything that life can hand to me. I can accept sorrow without bitterness, trouble without despair, success without pride. During changing circumstances, I serve a changeless God! Glory! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Through Christ’s indwelling Spirit I can be what God wants me to be and do what God wants me to do!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to be open-minded to receive your truth, tender-hearted to experience your love, and strong-willed to obey your commands. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Easy guidance comes to those who are easily controlled by the Holy Spirit. I will keep the reins of my life in the hands of the Holy Spirit today!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, empower me through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, that I might witness fearlessly, live peacefully, work tirelessly, give generously, fellowship warmly, and live expectantly. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will use my head (intellect), my heart (affection), and my hands (will) to serve the Lord wholeheartedly in my world today!**



*CHAPTER 25. BELIEVER'S SPIRITUAL EMPOWERING!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, what I need most, You are most ready to give, namely and wonderfully, a Christlike character! More than skills, I need the Savior; more than gifts, I need the Giver; more than knowledge, I need wisdom; more than demands, I need resources. Make me thoroughly, not nominally, Christian! In Christ’s name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Christ has come into my life that He may sit on the throne of my life. I will gladly allow Him to reign in my life today!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, search me and try me and see if there is within me the wickedness of a divided heart. Go into the cellar of my life and cleanse me from the defilement of sin. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Where my sins abound, God’s grace super-abounds. God has not only promised to give me a new nature, but also to get rid of my old nature!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, You have saved me from sinning, now save me from sin. You have made me a citizen of the Kingdom, now make me a soldier of the Cross. You have taken me out of the world of sin, now take the sin of the world out of me. You have sanctified me initially, now sanctify me fully. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who has called me to holiness will work His holiness within me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I sense that my life has been indwelt by the Spirit, but not controlled by the Spirit, that the Spirit has been resident in my heart, but not president of my heart. I have been more concerned in what You can do for me than in what I can do for You. Help me to be a true disciple – one whose life is totally disciplined to follow Christ. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who has created a holy desire in my heart to serve Christ, will impart to me a holy power to serve Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, save me from the tyranny of self-rule, and help me to make an unconditional surrender to Christ’s total rule. Help me to make a once-and-for-all surrender that results in a daily surrender to the Lordship of Christ. Help me to see that in losing my all, I gain His all. I lose all that is petty in my little self, to gain all that is powerful in Christ’s big Self! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** ‘Success’ is failure outside of Christ, and ‘failure’ is success inside of Christ. I will follow Christ regardless of man’s evaluation of my success and failure!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, decisively fill me today with your Holy Spirit. I surrender the controls of my heart to your total control. Cleanse me from all inward sin and shed abroad your love in my heart by your Holy Spirit. Enable me to live a consistently victorious life as I daily learn to affirm your lordship in all of my actions, attitudes, and relationships. Thank You. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who converted my conscious mind is now cleansing my subconscious mind!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Unconditional surrender leads to unlimited freedom – freedom not to indulge the passions of the flesh, but freedom to serve the Lord passionately; freedom not to live a self-centered life, but freedom to live a self-giving life. Free to be the best self that You, O God, created me to be! A thousand ‘thank yous’ for such glorious freedom! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I win by losing. I get by giving. I live by dying. I find victory through surrender – all because of Christ!

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*CHAPTER 26. BELIEVER'S INWARD CLEANSING!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, what is the answer to the competitive, contentious, argumentative, quarrelsome spirit that is too often manifested in Christian groups? I see now that the answer is fixing our gaze on the Christ of God, for He is the personification of all loveliness, beauty, service, and unselfishness. Help me to fix my gaze on Christ – not on others! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To become intimately acquainted with Christ, is to know the joy of loving submission and helpful service to my fellow man!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, help me to be humble-hearted, teachable, and moldable. Deliver me from a carnal, competitive spirit, and make me a compassionate and caring person – ‘One Who Speaks Little And Who Listens Much’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** If a man is sweet to his fellowman, it means he has a sweet relationship with Jesus. If he is distant from his fellowman, it means he is distant in his relationship to God. I will draw close to my Savior! I wish to be ‘close’ with my fellow men!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to love your children. How can I claim to love You truly if I do not love your children practically? Help me to accept correction humbly, and to give correction tenderly. Then I shall be a faithful child of my God! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I can only enjoy the Fatherhood of God as I experience the brotherhood of men!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me never to be guilty of rending the fellowship of your Church, for You hate all who sow discord among the brethren. (Proverbs 6:19) Make me an instrument of peace and love – to reconcile relationships which have been destroyed and to strengthen the spiritual fellowship which has been threatened. Help me to ‘maintain unity in the faith in the bond of peace’. In the empowering name of Jesus. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To be a peacemaker is to do the work of God Himself!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, help me to be wise with your wisdom, and to be righteous through your righteous Son. When I become captured by Christ’s love, then my entire attitude toward life changes. When I become broken on the altar of surrender, then I am willing to help bear the burdens of my fellowmen, thus lightening the load of the world’s suffering. Help me to live a Christ-centered life, rather than a self-centered life. Then I shall see aright and love aright! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: To become infatuated with the love of God is to be compelled to surrender everything to Christ!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “O God, when I fix my gaze on the Christ of the Cross, I am humbled, for I then realize that I am merely on the receiving end of the Father’s love. To be alive to Christ, is to be dead to sin and to be dead to self-centeredness. Let me die in order that I might truly live! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Christ is the all-sufficient answer to the life of the individual Christian and to the life of the Church!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, all other enemies can be conquered if my greatest enemy can be conquered – the enemy of an unsundered ‘self’. Crucify my arrogant, thrustful, debased, and dominating self, and resurrect me to live an unselfish, Christ-centered life. By Christ’s power. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: To love myself wholesomely is to deny all self-centeredness!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, to center on myself is to lose myself; to lose myself in your person and plans is to find myself. Help me to make a complete surrender, barring nothing! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: If I surrender all to the Lord of life, I will receive all from the Lord of life, for self-surrender leads to self-realization!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, there are ways that seem right unto the world, but the end of those ways is spiritual death. Surrendering my ‘Self’ to You totally enables me to know myself truly, to accept myself gladly, and to express myself lovingly. To center on myself is to lose myself inevitably. I choose to make You the Lord of my ‘Self’. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: A purified ‘Self’ is a ‘Self’ set free to realize its fullest potential in Christ!**


**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, cleanse me from all self-centered living, in order that I may be creative in God-centered living. Cleanse me from the negative in my carnal selfhood, in order that I may be creative in your consecrated selfhood. Release me from all horizontal competition, and give me your energy to pursue God-given goals. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: What Christ cleanses, He also fills. Cleanses from sin and fills with Himself!**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, I see that I have only one true freedom in life – the freedom to choose the Master of my life. How I exercise that freedom**

**determines my destiny – for time and eternity! If I refuse to surrender to You, I choose to surrender to pessimism, to hopelessness, to futility, to self-destruction! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY I choose to make a once-and-for-all ‘blanket surrender to Christ, and then to learn daily to surrender every new detail of my life to the lordship of Christ!**



*CHAPTER 27. BELIEVER'S PERSONAL CONSECRATION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art. I am made by love and for loving. Thou Giver of all perfect gifts, give me the choicest of all gifts – the Gift of Thy blessed Holy Spirit, whose power to shed abroad Thy love in my heart is limitless! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Always remember that you cannot earn or achieve what belongs alone to Almighty God, namely the divine-type love! God’s love is a gift given to receptive (humble) persons, not a human achievement through much discipline and hard effort. God is the Giver of all perfect gifts, and love is God’s great gift to humans! God is always Giver, and you are always receiver. Today, allow the Holy Spirit to ‘fill your cup’ to overflowing with His Divine Love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, deliver me from painful introversion and hurtful introspection. Enable me to be humble in my evaluation of myself, compassionate in my service to others, and bold in my witness for Christ. Through your Spirit-imparted love, help me to be spiritually integrated, physically healthy, and mentally balanced. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Remember that love enables you to have humility without humiliation, and to have self-esteem without pride.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, my request shall be mercy, not justice. My motivation for labor shall be love, not fear. My accomplishments shall be God-given, not humanly-achieved. My boasting shall be in God’s perfect glory, not in man’s passing glory. My rewards shall be received with humility, not demanded with pride. I shall take the humble way of faith, not the proud way of mere human achievements. Pride leads to destruction, but humility leads to life – here and hereafter! The way of faith is the way of the open mind, the reverent spirit, the tender heart, the balanced emotions, the surrendered will, and the healthy body – whereas the way of human ‘works’ is the way of sinful pride and ultimate destruction! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Remember that the way of strict justice is the way of harsh judgment; the way of mercy is the way of lavish love. God resists the proud (who only want justice), but God blesses the humble (who only plead for God’s mercy)!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY** “Father, help me to have a consecrated mind – one that is being renewed daily through regular meditation on your Word. Help me to guard my mind against satanic attacks of temptation by guarding my ear-gate and my eye-gate! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: I encourage you to steadfastly fix your mind upon Christ, and upon His matchless and enduring Word (Bible), in order that your thoughts and your words will be steadfastly positive!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Love is supreme, and without love – God’s love in me – everything else is ultimately worthless. Father, I see that this love is a gift, given to the humble, surrendered, responsive heart. Just now I open my life to You. Fill me with your love. I receive it, as a small child trustingly receives a good gift from a generous father. I gladly surrender the total control of my life to the Holy Spirit. Thank You! Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: I believe you are aware that it is impossible to love the unlovely, to befriend the lonely, to accept the downtrodden, to reach out to the forsaken, to forgive the gross offender, to rescue the perishing, to comfort the sorrowing – unless you are living a self-forgetful life of true love! But you cannot earn, purchase, and achieve the love ‘on your own’! Supernatural love is given as a gift by a Supernatural God – the God whose very nature is LOVE!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I acknowledge that I cannot ‘play with fire’ and not expect to be burned. I cannot engage lustful thinking and not expect to become lustful in action. Help me to guard my affections, for my affections guide my life. Make me pure in Thy purity, and holy in Thy holiness. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: **GLANCE** at the events of the world, but **GAZE** at the blessed face of Christ. Remember, ‘what gets your attention gets you’! Focus your attention on the Holy One (Christ) and the Holy One will eventually make you ‘holy’ in your lifestyle!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, control my spirit in its expression of anger. Give me moral discernment to know those evil actions of sinful men against others which should incite my anger to defend the defenseless, and those vindictive actions of sinful men which should incite my compassion to return good for evil. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Perhaps of all human emotions, anger is the most potentially dangerous emotion. To be successful and fruitful in life, you must bring your anger under the control of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit make you calm in the face of unjust evil against you, and make you angry with God’s kind of anger in the face of unjust evil against suffering and oppressed ones!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Dearest Heavenly Father, help me to know how to ‘blend’ two important virtues in my life – the virtues of mercy and justice. I tend to

become 'unbalanced' in the exercise of these virtues when I relate to many different persons (usually nonbelievers). How easy it is for me to be morally good and yet to lack loveliness, attractiveness, and graciousness in the expression of moral righteousness. It is possible for me to be practically and morally good, and yet not to be aesthetically good. To be aesthetically good is to be attractive, winsome, and lovely in my actions of good. On one hand, the goodness of justice and righteousness seeks to destroy personal and institutional evils. On the other hand, the goodness of kindness and mercy attracts the sinner away from his sin to the loveliness of Christ. O Christ, enable me increasingly to experience the 'balanced blend' of holy virtues in my life – both mercy and justice! Then I shall reflect the beautiful character of Christ! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Never allow God's warm love in your heart to become chilled by the rigor and coldness of your 'moral code'. While you rightly uphold strict moral principles of justice and righteousness, always keep yourself tender and responsive to people who are morally broken by their sins. Make it your earnest desire to shed a sympathizing tear for sinners (who are greatly burdened down in the lives), without holding any sympathy in your heart for their sins!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, never allow me to mistake harshness for justice, or sentimentality for kindness. Help me to be kind to sinners without compromising truth, and instructive to the complacent without sacrificing kindness. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Jesus was both just and merciful in His responses to individuals. To the complacent ones, Jesus was direct and just in His words, and He warned them to repent of their SINS (oftentimes the sin of self-righteousness in the lives of hypocritical religious leaders). To the oppressed and broken-hearted and sin-burdened, Jesus spoke words of mercy and forgiveness and deliverance. Jesus disturbed the 'comfortable', and He comforted the 'disturbed' – and He humbled everyone! You must seek to be kind without being morally soft, and you must be disciplined without being morally rigid!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "O Loving God, why do I find it too easy to be critical of other people who are different than I am – persons of a different race or different culture, or different religion, or different personality and background? I confess that I have sometimes failed to be a 'clear channel' for your divine love! I have sometimes loved others 'conditionally', rather than 'unconditionally'. Teach me how to love the unlovely and those who obviously are 'ugly' in their appearance, 'ugly' in their behavior and language, 'ugly' in their selfish attitudes. Those who are 'unkind' in the treatment of people in general, and 'unkind' (cruel) in their specific treatment of me! Those who slander me 'behind my back', who plot to 'bring me down', who find it acceptable to lie about my character! Lord, I find it rather difficult to 'turn the cheek' and to 'return good for evil' to these very unkind

persons. But, I know, Jesus, that You forgave your persecutors (who nailed You to a cruel cross), and even today, You send the sunshine and rain upon the wicked person, as well as upon the godly person! You are 'good' to everyone, regardless of the kind of response that people give to You. By your grace, I will forgive my persecutors, and I will pray for them, and (when possible) I will do kind deeds for them. For Jesus' Sake Alone! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: 'Whatever a man sows, that he will someday reap'. You are not seeking a reward, but God will, nevertheless, someday heap 'kindnesses' on you, if you make it a practice to be kind to everyone around you! Always take the 'high road' of kindness, even with unkind persons!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, just as your kindness led me to repentance, use my Spirit-inspired kindness to lead the careless to You. Make my kindness robust and enduring, expressed with an appetite for praise and gratitude from men, but with a desire to reveal the kind heart of God to all. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Seek always to treat all persons in the same way that God treats you – kindly and mercifully!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, help me to cultivate every fruit of the Spirit in a balanced way. The goodness of kindness tempers justice with mercy and does not allow the goodness of righteousness, which seeks to destroy sinful practices, to destroy sinful men in the process. Cultivate both the fruit of tender kindness and the fruit of tough righteousness in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Dear Loved One and Friend: Recognize where your strong sense of 'moral oughtness' originates. It originates, of course, in the 'Divine Mind' (God)! Therefore, what is morally right for you, is also morally right for everyone else. Of course, there are 'grays' in this world (areas of personal preference), and in these areas, that are not covered by the 'Moral Law', you must allow others the expression of their own legitimate freedom!

*CHAPTER 28. BELIEVER'S ZEALOUS COMPASSION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, create within me a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Don’t let me fall short of experiencing everything You have for me to experience and enjoy in life. Because You are a holy God, You have called your people to be a holy and happy people. Give me a vision of the Holy One, and thus I shall never be satisfied with anything less than a holy life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The empowering Holy Spirit is powerful enough to remove the indwelling sin in my life and to replace it with the overflowing love of Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, it matters little what term I use to describe the ‘experience’ – the experience of your nature penetrating my nature, the experience of your love replacing my indifference, the experience of your purity replacing my pollution, the experience of your power replacing my impotence. I am not much concerned in analyzing terms, but I am deeply concerned in personally experiencing the reality of your Indwelling Spirit in my inner spirit! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who commands me to be holy is the same One who will empower me to become holy!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, allow me to see the possibilities of ‘perfect love’ – that supernatural experience, lived naturally and spontaneously in a world of practical human relationships. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The God who has begun His great work of perfecting holiness in my life will bring it to eventual completion!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, my service for You is incomplete and my behavior before You is fallible, but, despite my imperfect motions and movements, cleanse my inner motives, that they may be pure and perfect and righteous. Thank You for accepting imperfect persons like me! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I may be a ‘clay vessel’, cracked and imperfect, but the Treasure within me is Christ the Perfect One, whose mission is to perfect me within and to strengthen me without!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to know and to accept my unique God-created temperament – a temperament that is twisted by sin but that is restorable through the transforming and cleansing power of the Holy Spirit. Protect me in my vulnerabilities, and don’t allow sin to exploit my weaknesses. In Jesus’ conquering name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will allow the Holy Spirit to use my unique temperament to uniquely contribute to the 'Body of Christ'!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, please shed abroad your kind of love in my heart by the Holy Spirit. Cleanse my mind from negativism, cleanse my emotions from resentments, and cleanse my will from willfulness and rebellion. Help me to love the loveless, to befriend the lonely, to comfort the sorrowing, and to seek nothing but the highest good for all persons. Through Jesus' loving nature. Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus will love His love into my loveless heart, in order that I might love others supernaturally!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "If a human father, fallible as he is, is desirous to give good gifts to his trusting children, how much more is the Heavenly Father, perfect as He is, eager to give the greatest of all gifts to His believing children – the gift of the blessed Holy Spirit in all of His fullness! Father, I invite the Holy Spirit into every part of my heart. I open my life to experience a 'heaven of love'. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I do not get more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit gets more of me – when, as a believer, I surrender everything to Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, I see now that I can experience heart purity immediately at the time I surrender all to You in faith, but that I can only experience life maturity to the extent that I grow daily towards my greater maturity in love! Amen!"

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** There is no greater joy known to mankind than the 'joy of becoming', the joy of becoming more loving and loveable, and thus becoming more Christlike!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, I cannot have a happy or a healthy life without your implanted holiness in my heart. Wash me and I shall be clean, clean from the deepest stains of inbred sin and selfishness! Fill me and I shall be full – full of your love and joy and peace and poise! I believe, but my faith often wavers. Heal me of my double-mindedness. Make me a single-minded and a Spirit possessed man. In Jesus' name. Amen."

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who rules all, will have my all, in order that I may enjoy His all!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** "Father, it is not gifts I seek, but the Giver, the blessed Holy Spirit. It is not the ecstatic or the emotional or the dramatic experience that I need, but it is the ethical reality of a life of sanctity, issuing forth in practical acts of love, which I desperately need! Dearest Spirit, manifest your coming as You

will – as the gentle breeze on a calm day, or as the crashing thunder on a stormy day, but above all else, come to me in all your fullness! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What God commands, my nature demands, and the blessed Spirit will supply, agape love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Heavenly father, I confess that sometimes I have contended for the right issues with with the wrong spirit. Let me speak truth in love! Make me an encourager; treating others with the tenderness of a nurse caring for her patient, and with the understanding of a mother caring for her faltering children. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Affirmation, not vindication, will be the goal of my life, in all the relationships of my life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, let me never despise knowledge, but with all my getting of knowledge, let me get wisdom and understanding. Let your love guide me in the wise application of knowledge, that I might always be a blessing and never a burden to my world! In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” I will be a love-possessed man so that I might be a builder of men and of nations, not a destroyer!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Love is supreme, and without love, God’s love in me, everything else is ultimately worthless. Father, I see that this love is a gift, given to the humble, surrendered, responsive heart. Just now, I open my life to You. Fill me with your love. I receive it, as a small child trustingly receives a good gift from a generous father. I gladly surrender the total control of my life to the Holy Spirit! Thank You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I feel this warm love everywhere within me because God has given me the Holy Spirit to fill my heart with His love. (Romans 5:5, Living Bible)

*CHAPTER 29. BELIEVER'S WINSOME WITNESSING!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, I am a person under orders! I gladly accept your mandate. Never allow the ‘Great Commission’ to become the ‘Great Omission’ in my life. Help me to go to people as a shepherd goes after his lost sheep. If I remain in my Church and wait for sinners to come to Church, it is like ‘chaining Christ to the pulpit’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** All who have placed their faith in the living Christ are called to do the work of Christ, to make disciples! I commit myself to become a disciple-maker!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, You have commanded me to witness. Now, empower me to witness. Open my mouth to speak boldly and unashamedly for You and for your cause. Motivate me with your kind of love! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16, NIV)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, my witness for You is a Christ-centered witness. Your salvation of mankind is only made possible through the coming and the death of Christ. Pointing people to Christ, I point people to You! ‘No-one comes to the Father except through the Son, Jesus’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** As the Messiah, Jesus is the fulfillment of History’s greatest dream, and Jesus is the fulfillment of my deepest aspirations!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, my witness can be powerful, for I serve a powerful God whose power was conclusively demonstrated when He raised Christ from the dead! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Witnessing for Christ is life’s greatest responsibility and privilege!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Almighty God, Thou art both a God of mercy and a God of justice. Mercifully You have provided a plan for mankind’s forgiveness and restoration. Justly You will evaluate every person in the end, to determine the degree of response to your Son who is our provision for man’s salvation. Help me to respond only to your offers of mercy, that I may never have to reap your just judgment for rejection! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** ‘It is finished’. God has, through Christ, fulfilled His plan for human salvation! ‘It is finished’. I will personally no longer struggle to save myself, but will trust in Christ alone for my salvation!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find, Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness, False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.” (From ‘Jesus, Lover of my Soul’ by Charles Wesley)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I can only and always draw upon the exhaustless resources of heaven’s ‘Bank’, if I always acknowledge my own personal moral bankruptcy!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, your ‘plan of salvation’ is both beautiful and profound. Help me to present that ‘plan’ to people both appealingly and simply. While adapting to methods, help me always to be true to the eternal Message, Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What the Holy Spirit has come to the world to do, I, too, will do! I will lift Christ for all to see!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I realize now that the vision that transforms me (Isaiah 6:1-8), is a three-fold vision. First, I must see your holiness. Next, I must see myself in contrast to your holiness, which experience drives me to your cleansing blood. Third, I must see the needy people around me, and “Go’ with your redeeming message to share the Good News. Give me your vision, for without that vision the people around me perish! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The love of God compels me to share the forgiveness of Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I confess that so many times I have failed to ‘Go’ and share the Good News of Christ with needy people. Embolden me to share. Help me either to ‘find’ or to ‘make’ opportunities to witness. Broaden my ‘circle of influence’ for Christ, in order that others may know of Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “It only takes a spark to get a fire going.” I will be that ‘spark’ for Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to see myself as a ‘missionary’, one who is commissioned for take the gospel message to the lost around me. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I may be the only or the best Christian that someone knows! I will be a good witness for Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, You want to save all, and You want to use me as an instrument to share with some. You want me to be a cleansed instrument; cleansed from all sin, and You want me to be an effective instrument; filled with your mighty Holy Spirit. Cleanse me and fill me, that I might be prepared to go! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God has commanded me witness. He will prepare me to be a Spirit filled witness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to know in my mind the ‘plan of salvation’, to feel in my heart a compassion for the lost, and to determine in my will to make witnessing a priority in my life. Lift my mind, my emotions, and my will above the drift of mediocrity, and motivate me to give myself to the greatest job in the world – soul winning! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “He that wins souls is wise” I will begin today to ‘reach out in love’ to the lost around me!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Give me the love that leads the way. The faith that nothing can dismay. The hope no disappointments tire. The passion that will burn like fire. Let me not sink to be a clod, Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.” (By Amy Carmichael)

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My priorities are revealed by the way I spend my time. I will show my priority in witnessing by spending more time witnessing!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, just as there was ‘great joy’ in the city of Samaria when Phillip led people to Christ (Acts 8:8), so there will be ‘joy unspeakable’ when people find You as Savior through my witness! ‘Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.’ Then people who find You will rejoice exceedingly! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The results from my witnessing for Christ will be incalculably great! Only in eternity will I fully know of those results!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, how can people call on You if they have not believed in You, and how can people believe in You unless they hear about You, and how can they hear about You unless someone witness to them? Send me to witness lovingly and convincingly to someone today! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY;** “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:15)

*CHAPTER 30. BELIEVER'S SPIRIT-FILLING!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, Thou art holy and Thou hast called me to live a holy life. Now make me holy through the cleansing blood of Christ! Cleanse me from all carnal acts and attitudes. Enable me to have a sincere love for my fellowmen. Through Jesus’ empower name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** What I need, He will supply; what I ask He will give – holiness of heart and life! What I receive – God’s love – I will share openly and gladly!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, You promised to pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people in the last days. So, as in the days of old (Psalms 51:6) ‘Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me’. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon me today! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who began a good work in me – justification – will bring His work in my life to completion – sanctification!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, your ways are past finding out, and yet I see footsteps on the sands of time as You pursue mankind with your eternal love. You pursued a hot-tempered Saul and turned him into a love-filled Paul. You pursued a devoutly religious Cornelius and turned him into a Spirit-filled believer. Act dynamically in my life to make me a tender and receptive and spirit-controlled believer! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I must always “agree to disagree agreeable” with those fellow Christians who, like me, love the Lord deeply but who hold different convictions and interpretations than I hold.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “By this shall all men know that I am a true follower of Thee, O God, and by this shall I personally have evidence that I am truly a Spirit-filled person – because I love Christ supremely, because I love others sincerely, because I love myself subordinately. Flood my life with your holy love! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Baptism with water is an outward sign of an inward work of God’s justifying grace in my life. Baptism in love is an inward sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, enabling me more effectively to perform outward works of compassion and service.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, to know You fully, I must experience the Holy Spirit intimately. Because the Spirit has come into the world to glorify Christ, I, too, as a spirit-filled believer, will glorify Christ – by my loving words and by my compassionate works! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will use the Spirit-wrought activation of my spiritual gifts to glorify Christ and to edify fellow believers!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, I do not seek for some spectacular or emotional or dramatic ‘sign’ of your Spirit’s fullness in my life. Evidence your Spirit’s presence in my life by enabling me to have a deeper love for You and a greater compassion for others. To be Spirit-filled is to be love-filled! Amen!”**

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will never ‘seek’ for ‘Tongues’; I will seek for Christ only, and in seeking Christ, I will discover the fullness of the Spirit with the accompanying fruits of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23) I may, or may not, ‘speak in tongues’ when I am ‘Spirit-filled’!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “The universality of the Gospel message, and the general outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the world of all peoples of all races, are vividly demonstrated in the Book of Acts. Thank You, Father, that Jews, Romans, Greeks, and pagans – all are included in your great economy of grace and mercy! Glory! Amen!”**

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Without discrimination, the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon all people of all nations. I will personally open my life to the fullness of the Spirit!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, You are a God of grace and of gifts. The greatest of all your gifts to the world is the blessed Holy Spirit, whose ministry includes conviction of sin, conversion of the sinner, and cleansing and empowerment of the believer! Thank You! Amen!”**

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: Spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to be used in loving ways. I will allow the Spirit creatively and lovingly to use my gifts!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, I thank You for those spiritual gifts which You have given to me. Help me to use these gifts appropriately and sensitively and humbly – not to gratify or to glorify myself, but to enhance myself and to edify my fellow Christians, and, most of all, to glorify You! Amen!”**

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will carefully control the exercise of my spiritual gifts so that I might not misrepresent Christianity to an unbelieving world!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, free me from judging my fellow Christians who differ from me in background, temperament, experience, and spiritual gifts. Help me never to impose my standards and convictions upon others, but instead to cultivate a spirit of love, acceptance, and understanding, recognizing always that there are a variety of gifts and a variety of manifestations of those gifts. Amen.”**

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**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: I will seek in the Church to maintain the unity of the faith amidst the diversity of gifts and amidst the manifold variety of expressions of those gifts!**

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY: “Father, I see now that the final test to determine authentic Christians is the love test. Help me, in the spirit of charity, to allow my fellow brothers to respond to the Holy Spirit in their own unique ways. I know, O God, that You will vindicate your truth by the fruit that is borne in the lives of your people! Amen!”**

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY: By this shall all men know that I am a spirit-controlled believer – “Because Of The Fruit Of Christlike Love Which Is Evident In My Life!”**

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*CHAPTER 31. BELIEVER'S SPIRIT-EMPOWERMENT!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, after making a once-for-all ‘blanket’ surrender to You, I wish to maintain a vital relationship to You by receiving from You a continuing cleansing and a fresh outpouring of your love! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The central and final ‘Yes’ to the Lord at the time of the Spirit’s initial filling of my life, contains a series of little ‘Yesses’ which I intend to affirm daily, in order that the Spirit may maintain control of my life forever!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, teach me what true obedience really means. I delight to do Thy will, O my God! It is not grievous to my soul. Thy laws are nourishment to my spirit, enlightenment to my mind, and strength to my will! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Jesus did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill the law through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, who motivates me to act and to react in love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to guard against sin, Help me to ‘watch and pray’ continually. You know, O God, where I am especially weak and vulnerable. You know also the subtleties of the devil. Give me the good sense to honestly and quickly confess when I sin, and to surrender my life anew to the ‘cleansing stream’ of the blood of Jesus! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** He who made me clean within – at the time of my sanctification – will keep me daily cleansed from the pollution and defilement of sin – until the day of my ultimate glorification!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I desire to maintain a loving relationship with You through prayer. Involving myself in regular prayer and study of your Word, I believe I will receive guidance in times of decision, reproof in times of mistakes, comfort in times of sorrow, strength in times of weakness, and courage in times of fear! Thank you so much! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will meditate upon the Laws of God – the Bible – and I will muse on the Love of God – Prayer – all the days of my life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me, Lord, to listen carefully, understand clearly, and obey quickly. When I am in doubt regarding your will, enable me to wait patiently for further instructions. Help me to follow closely in your footsteps. Then I shall always be a blessing to You and a benefit to others! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will train my ‘spiritual ears’ to listen for the ‘small, still voice’ of the Holy Spirit – and learn to obey gladly and quickly!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, enable me to live a balanced Christian life. Help me to ‘reach within’ myself to meditate on your Word. Help me to ‘reach outside’ myself to serve others and to witness. Help me to ‘reach upward’ to worship and praise You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will dwell in the ‘House of the Lord’ all the days of my life, in order that I might behold the beauty of the Lord!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, if your sinless Son, while on earth, attended the Jewish synagogue weekly as it was His ‘custom’ to do, then how much more do I, a sinful and needy creature, need regularly and faithfully to attend my local Church! Forgive me for my negligence. Help me to develop a ‘Holy Habit’ of committed Church attendance! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Just as a business can only be effective through faithfulness, and hard work, so a Church can only be built by faithfulness in Church attendance and hard work in outreach and visitation. I will be committed to my local Church!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I am often spiritually hungry and in need of soul-nourishment. I thank You for the ‘table’ full of spiritual food – the local Church. Whenever the ‘meal’ is being served, let my God-incited hunger drive me to the table where I shall relish the Word of life with other family members! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is a sign of spiritual health for me to eat spiritual food with other family members at the table (the local Church services); it is a sign of spiritual sickness to ‘lay in bed’ and expect others to come and ‘spoon-feed’ me (in the isolation of my own solitude away from other ‘family members’)!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, how can I be healed and how can I help others in the development of a vital faith, especially in light of the soon coming of Jesus? In many ways, not the least of which is faithful attendance at Church! Without the protection which the local Church affords, I am vulnerable to the terrible attacks of Satan. Thank You for this effective ‘means of grace’! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** As birds flock together, fish swim together, cattle graze together, bees swarm together, so Christians are meant to worship together!

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*CHAPTER 32. BELIEVER'S LOVE-DRIVEN LIFE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I am beginning to see that holiness is not some eerie experience reserved for a few remote saints. Holiness in my life is best seen by my supreme love for You, and by my unselfish care for others. Holiness is the passion of my life, for love is the greatest need of my life. Help me to grow in love! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To the extent that I am actively practicing love, to that same extent am I genuinely experiencing God's sanctifying power in my life!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “I am seeing that I am made by Love and for loving. If I don't love, I perish, perhaps only gradually but surely and ultimately! Enable me to love with your kind of love – the love that loves into the loveless, that cares for the careless, that lifts up the fallen, that soothes the sorrowing, and that heals the hurting. In Jesus' loving name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My motions today will be the motions of love, because I am motivated by nothing less than the love of God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Jesus, Thou are the Way – the divine resource to enable me to love You with all my soul (volitional response). Thou art the Truth – the divine resource to enable me to love You with all my mind (intellectual response). Thou art the Life – the divine resource to enable me to love you with all my heart (Affectional response). What Thou hast commanded from me – total love – Thou hast totally provided – divine resources. Praise You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is the reservoir of divine love; I am the channel of divine love; the world is the recipient of divine love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art; I am made by love and for loving. Thou Giver of all perfect gifts, give me the choicest of all gifts – the Gift of thy blessed Holy Spirit, whose power to shed abroad thy love in my heart is limitless! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God is always Giver, and I am always receiver. I will allow the Holy Spirit to 'fill my cup' to overflowing with His divine love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, enable me to grow daily in my capacity to love You truly, in order that I may grow in my ability to discern truth accurately. Then I shall live in the depths of understanding and wisdom! Thank You! In Jesus' wonderful name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The growth of love is revealed in the believer's ability to increasingly discern and to discriminate in the practical affairs of life. I will open my life to God's love today!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to change my religious creeds into practical deeds; to transform my religious words into powerful actions; to translate my good impressions into good expressions. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Goodness of Love is seen in love’s accomplishments of internal cleansing and outward fruit-bearing. I will open my life to both!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, deliver me from painful introversion and hurtful introspection. Enable me to be humble in my evaluations of myself; compassionate in my service to others; and bold in my witness for Christ. Through your Spirit-imparted love, help me to be spiritually integrated, physically healthy, and mentally balanced. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Love enables me to have humility without humiliation, and to have self-esteem without pride!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me not to cherish exaggerated ideas of myself or of my own importance, but instead to have a sane estimate of my capabilities, by the light of the faith that You have given to me. (Romans 12:3) In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “Humility is not an abject, groveling, self-despising spirit; it is but a right estimate of ourselves as God sees us.” (Tyrone Edwards)

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, in the name of ‘justice’ I have sometimes acted harshly toward others, and in the name of ‘good humor’ I have sometimes treated others insensitively. Forgive me for my graceless behavior. Amen”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s imparted love in my life will enable me to live an unselfconscious life, with my attention fixed on Christ’s holiness and my energies invested in caring for others!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, let me never forget that love is meant to ‘go down’ into the valley of human needs to heal the sick, to visit the lonely, to comfort the sorrowing, to recover the wandering ones. Expand my capacity to love with your kind of love. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Love never fails – regardless of the degree of visible or immediate results from loving – for ‘God is love’!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O Father, make me a man of love! Hate paralyzes, but love liberates. Hate gradually corrodes away the personality of a human being, but love enhances and beautifies the life. Give me power to return good for evil, to love even my ‘enemies’. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “I will not allow any man to make me lower than myself by hating him.” (Booker Washington)

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, cleanse me at the deepest depth of my human nature, enable me genuinely to rejoice with those who rejoice, and empathetically to weep with those who weep. Never allow my heart to become calloused, and guard my heart against the perverse inward pleasure that some take when others around them falter and fail. Make me a ‘man after your own heart’! In Jesus’ powerful name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Holy Spirit will enable me to disdain only what God disdains, and to delight in only what God delights in!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “God, don’t let me go through life begrudging others of their happiness and success, and at the same time losing my own joy and contentment. Deliver me from my mad pursuit for success and recognition, based on a competition with others. Help me to be neither the object nor the subject of jealousy, but to live at peace with all men. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Outdoing one another in showing love and in demonstrating generosity is the only kind of competition that is acceptable and worthy!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, when life’s experiences bring doubts to my mind and sorrow to my heart, teach me to trust You. Always help me to remember that You are a God of perfect wisdom, love and power. You know what is best for me. You want to give what is best, and You can give me the best! Knowing who You are enables me to accept life’s challenges, not with dumb resignation, but with triumphant victory! Thank You! Thank You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** God’s unconditional love will someday answer all my unsolved questions; then my question marks will be turned into exclamation marks!

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*CHAPTER 33. BELIEVER'S OVERFLOWING JOY!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, the joy You give me is unspeakable and full of glory! Because Thou art its source, my joy is completely independent of circumstances, it is constant, it is deep. What joy to know that all my sins are cast behind your back, never to be remembered against me again! In thy presence is joy forevermore! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will not seek joy. I will seek God, and in seeking God, I will discover joy!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, that You are working in me and I am working with You to accomplish your life-time goal for me – Christlikeness in character – is a source of joy to me! What You begin, You always finish. What You purpose, You always perfect. Thank You for the joy of the perfecting process! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Lord’s discipline, life’s trials, personal confession – these are all working for my good and for God’s glory. This gives me joy!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, thank You for being such a gracious God, a God whose joy is our joy, whose purpose is our salvation, whose heavenly home is our inheritance! Praise and thanksgiving forever! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “Fear not little flock, it is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom of Heaven” – these words make me burst with gratitude for the God that I serve!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, knowing You truly is to possess within me a spring of living water, bubbling up with the joy of the Lord! Help me never to seek happiness but instead to seek holiness, and in experiencing your holiness to find that I am permeated with happiness. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will minister today out of the overflow of my life – The Overflow Of Joy!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me not to be afraid of life with its stringent demands and responsibilities. Help me to fall in love with life with its pains and pleasures alike, because I have fallen deeply in love with You. Make my joy complete because I am completely committed to You! In Jesus’ name! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Following Christ is not a ‘joy ride’, but it is a ‘joy road’. Hallelujah!

*CHAPTER 34. BELIEVER'S ABIDING PEACE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, all attempts to find peace through human efforts have left the human heart restless. I see that peace is more than a right set of external circumstances. Lasting and true peace is an internal condition of the human heart, given as a gift from God upon entering into a new relationship with Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** In troubling circumstances I need not be troubled, for God's peace is not fragile, it is tough and enduring!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Peace, ‘in spite of’ when it cannot be ‘because of’ circumstances! That is the kind of peace I want in my heart, dear Father. Help me to stay my mind on You in order that You may keep me in perfect peace! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I cannot ‘make’ the peace of God rule in my heart, but I can ‘let’ the peace of God rule in my heart. My surrender to God shall result in my serenity from God! Glory!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, enable me to be an ambassador for peace, your instrument of peaceful relationships between fellow human beings. Let my greetings be peaceful greetings; my words be soothing words, my actions be reconciling actions, my prayers be world-changing prayers! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Upwardly I enjoy peace with God. Inwardly I enjoy the peace of God. I will, therefore, outwardly allow peace to flow from my life for God!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O father, I am restless until I rest in Thee, and yet I cannot rest in You without coming to your Son, whose blood alone can affect a reconciliation between You and me. The blood of your Son is able to cleanse me at the deepest level of my sins, and to speak peace to my troubled soul. Hallelujah! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “I see the new creation rise; I hear the speaking blood. It speaks! Polluted nature dies – sinks ‘Neath the crimson flood.” (The Cleansing Wave)

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Greater love hath no one than this – that the sinless One would lay down His life for the sinful ones. O Christ, your sacrificial life and substitutionary death provide not only inspiration for change, but power for moral transformation of my life. Your blood speaks peace to my sinful heart, and draws me to make peace with my fellowmen. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The love of the invisible Christ will motivate me to express love to His visible creation!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, You have destroyed the barriers which separate me from You. Now help me to tear down the ‘fences’ that separate me from my fellowmen. Make me a peacemaker – a ‘bridge-builder’, not a ‘fence-constructor’! In Jesus’ peaceful name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY;** I will major on those things that bring me closer to my fellowmen. I will minimize those controversial issues that lead to division and misunderstanding with my fellowmen!

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Heavenly Father, You are the ‘Author of life’ with all of its rich variety. Help me to accept my uniqueness, and enable me to use my unique personality and gifts to contribute to the growth and edification of your Church and of your wonderful world. In Jesus’ uniting name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I have a distinct contribution to make to my world, because I am a unique creature, created for a specific purpose. I will use my gifts, not to compete or to compare, but to complement and to serve the Body of Christ!

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*CHAPTER 35. BELIEVER'S ENDURING PATIENCE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Dear Lord, help me to believe in people, looking beyond what they are to what they can become in Christ! As You have suffered long with me, help me to be longsuffering with others. Help me to breathe faith into the faithless, and love into the loveless. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Because God has never given up on me, I must never give up on anyone else!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I confess that I desire to be known as a fruitful, successful worker in your spiritual vineyard. Cleanse me from my inordinate desires to be ‘successful’, and help me instead to be faithful to your divine call to love people, regardless of the visible results of such loving. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Love never fails, so when I truly love people ‘in the Spirit’, I am always successful, regardless of the tangible results of such loving!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Help me to weep over the erring ones, to lift up the fallen, to tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save! Help me to bear with the insults of the ungrateful and to love the loveless for Jesus’ sake. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** When my patience grows thin with people, I will take a closer look at the eyes of Jesus!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I see now that patience is a divine enablement, not a human attainment, and yet I realize that I must cooperate with You in cultivating your spiritual grace in my life. Help me to surrender to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to control my life. Then I – even I – will be able to work with people without despair, to experience love without resentment, and to suffer without complaint. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The fruit of patience is the fruit of holy love, produced by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I will not try harder to be patient, but I will trust more in the Holy Spirit who will produce patience in me!

*CHAPTER 36. BELIEVER'S TENDER KINDNESS!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Spirit of the Living God, I ask You to daily cultivate in me your noble fruit of kindness. Help me to be concerned with the feelings of others, and reach out a helping hand to meet the practical needs of others. Deliver me from mere sentimentality, and enable me to be concrete in expressions of love. In the compassionate name of Jesus, I make these requests. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Christianity that does not work itself out in deeds is like a bell that is never rung and like a song that is never sung!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me never to impose my own convictions, notions, or expectations upon others, but instead, help me to accept each person as a unique creation, with unique contributions to make in your wonderful world! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Christ’s yoke is my yearning, for I am only happy when I am wearing His yoke!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, never allow me to mistake harshness for justice, or sentimentality for kindness. Help me to be kind to sinners without compromising truth, and to be instructive to the complacent without sacrificing kindness. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will seek to be kind without being morally soft, and disciplined without being morally rigid.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, just as your kindness led me to repentance, use my Spirit-inspired kindness to lead the careless to You. Make kindness robust and enduring, expressed with no appetite for praise and gratitude from men, but with a desire to reveal the kind heart of God to all! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will seek to treat all persons in the way God treats me – Kindly And Mercifully!

*CHAPTER 37. BELIEVER'S MORAL INDIGNATION!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to cultivate every fruit of the Spirit in a balanced way. The goodness of kindness tempers justice with mercy and does not allow the goodness of righteousness, which seeks to destroy sinful practice, to destroy sinful men in the process! Cultivate both the fruit of tender kindness and the fruit of tough righteousness in my life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The balanced cultivation of moral goodness with tender kindness will enable me to champion holy causes with a holy spirit!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Heavenly Father, fill me with so much love for You that I will become unselfconscious in my concerns for others, and uncalculating in my work for You. Let my labors be the labors of love, not the labors of duty! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** “Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all!”

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, never allow your warm love in my heart to be chilled by the rigor and coldness of my moral codes. While upholding strict moral principles, keep me tender and responsive to people who are morally broken by sin. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** It is my desire to shed a sympathizing tear for sinners without holding any sympathy in my heart for sin!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, show me where You want me to become involved in applying the healing salve of the Gospel to the gaping wounds of social hurts; Give me knowledge to know, courage to fight, patience to endure, and love to suffer – all for the purpose of fulfilling your redemptive purposes for your world. In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will allow the Holy Spirit to awaken my conscience to the needs of suffering persons around me today!

*CHAPTER 38. BELIEVER'S TENACIOUS FAITHFULNESS!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “O God, don’t allow me to prostitute my divinely-given call on the altar of worldly success. Close my ears to the world’s call to power, prestige, wealth, and fame, and open my ears to the voice of the Spirit, who is calling me to follow in the footsteps of the Master, whose glory followed His suffering. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will repudiate the world’s standards of success and accept God’s standards for success – faithfulness and obedience!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me not to grow weary in my labors of love, not to lose heart when my little world of achievement begins to crumble around me. Help me to keep running the race of life and fighting the fight of Faith, even when my efforts seem fruitless of results. Keep my eyes on the ‘finish line’ and let me see the prize of God that awaits the faithful of all ages. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** To ‘keep on keeping on’ for Jesus when circumstances tell me to ‘throw in the towel’ is a great evidence of loyalty and a great demonstration of love!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “With the increase of years, let my love for You grow, dear Lord. Don’t allow me to grow bitter when bitter circumstances descend upon me, but let me grow sweeter in my spirit. Don’t allow me to abandon my walk of faith when people become faithless to me, but let me become ever more loyal to You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** When the storms of life assail, I will tighten my squeeze on God’s strong hands!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, search my motives today. Have I followed You to see how much I can receive from You, or to see how much I can give to You? Do I follow You as closely when You call me to suffer, as when you promote me to success in the eyes of my fellowmen? In sunshine and in darkness alike, I want to follow You! I commit myself to be a stormy-weather follower of You! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Steadfastness and loyalty always have their rewards, if not immediately in life, always and ultimately in eternity!


**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, help me to so live every day of my life that it can someday be said of me, ‘He was a very active, faithful member and sacrificed greatly for the work of God. He loved the means of grace and often, even in the last months of his life, walked with trembling steps to the house of God’. Amen”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The best gift I can give my grandchildren is a godly heritage of faithfulness and fidelity to my God and my Church.



**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, when trouble or persecution arises, help me to be faithful and loyal to You! When the world ‘kicks’ me, let it kick me forward into a closer walk with You. May the fire of persecution result in consuming the dross and refining the gold of my life. My problems are your opportunities of grace! Thank You. Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** When it is hardest to follow Jesus, I will follow hard after Him!



*CHAPTER 39. BELIEVER'S GENTLE FORBEARANCE!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, make me a Spirit-controlled person, one who is gentle, keeping his anger under control. I confess that my natural reaction to mistreatment is retaliation. I surrender myself and my passions and instincts to your control, asking You to cleanse me from carnal anger and to rechannel all my anger to constructive purposes. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** My God-created emotion of anger must be cleansed and controlled by the Spirit for redemptive ends today!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, forgive me for thinking that meekness is weakness, that gentleness is cowardice. Help me ever to remember that might is not right, but that the gentle spirit of Christlikeness is always right! I confess my hypocritical role-playing. I have often appeared peaceful on the outside while suppressing my rage of anger on the inside. Purify my inward spirit that my outward behavior may manifest a genuine gentleness. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The strength of gentleness is stronger than the might of violence!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, control my spirit in its expression of anger. Give me moral discernment to know those evil actions of sinful men against others which should incite my anger to defend the defenseless, and those vindictive actions of sinful men against me which should incite my compassion to return good for evil. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** The Holy Spirit will make me calm in His calmness in the face of unjust evil against me, and angry in His anger in the face of unjust evil against others!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, give me courage to face newly revealed truth, humility to receive it into my thinking, and strength to apply it in my daily relationships. Give me an open mind, a teachable spirit, and a determined will to do your will. Help me to walk in the light as You are in the light! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will allow the Holy Spirit to take away the scales of prejudice from my spiritual eyes in order that I may clearly see reality!

*CHAPTER 40. BELIEVER'S MASTERFUL SELF-CONTROL!*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Heavenly Father, You have created me with strong desires. Help me to control these desires, channeling them for creative and redemptive purposes. Master, I want you to master my desires and bring them into conformity to the will and ways of Christ! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** A mastered man is a masterful man – if his Master is Christ!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Father, I acknowledge that I cannot ‘play with fire’ and not expect to be burned. I cannot engage in lustful thinking and not expect to become lustful in action. Help me to guard my affections, for my affections guide my life. Make me pure in thy purity, and holy in thy holiness. In the Holy Name of Jesus! Amen!”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will focus my attention on the Holy One, in order that I might become a man of holiness!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, let me never despise the sex urge, for this powerful creative urge is your beautiful gift to me. My beautiful Creator, I ask You to master this urge within me, lest it end up mastering me. Help me never to abuse this sacred gift, but to use it for your glory and for my good. In Jesus’ precious name. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** I will enjoy sex intensely because I will use it at the right time, at the right place, with the right person – all in the context of my marriage!

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** “Father, I surrender my acquisitive urge to You. Help me to learn the secret of enjoying without coveting material things. Help me to develop the ‘Art of Using’ – using things for God’s glory and for man’s good, without exploiting the resources of your world. Amen.”

**AFFIRMATION FOR THE DAY:** Wastefulness of extravagance will have no place in my Christian practices of stewardship!

