

# NLIF PRAYER WEEK

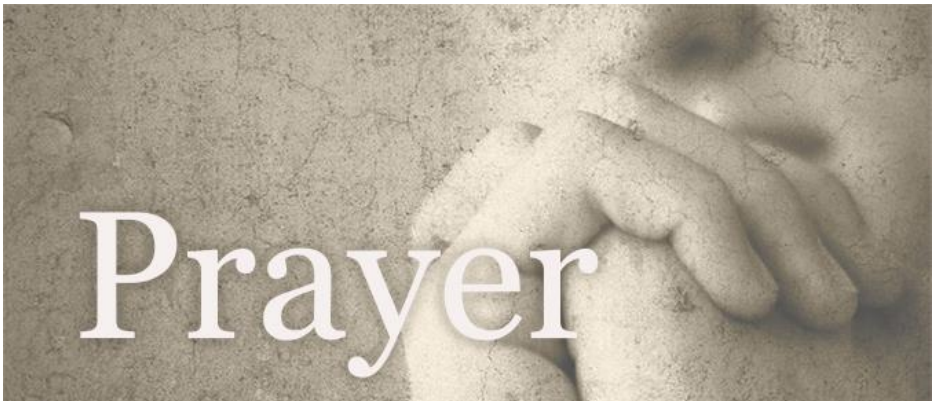
October 28 to November 2, 2019

## Daily Prayer Guide

What are the desires of your heart for your personal life, your family, your friendships and relationships, your work, your church, and your ministry? What do you believe God's will is in each of these arenas? How is God moving you in your attitudes and prayers? You are invited to join this prayer week. Let's together go deeper in our prayer life.



## “Going Deeper in Our Prayer Life”



### *Spiritual discipline of thoughtful prayer*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-7)

Monday, October 28

## Personal concerns

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.” (1 Samuel 1:10-11)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Pray for your relationship with God and personal growth. How would you like to grow as a person? What are the deepest desires of your heart? How is the Spirit prompting you to pray?

Tuesday, October 29

## Family

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. . . <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Eph. 5:25-28, 33; 6:1-4)

Pray for your marriage or significant other (if applicable) and for your family (parents, siblings, children, extended family). What kind of relationship(s) would you like to have with your loved ones and family? What do you want to be able to give to each one?

Wednesday, October 30

## Friendship/Relationships

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matt. 22:39-40)

Pray for your friendships and other significant relationships. What kind of person do you want to be for others? What would be the ideal relationship with each of these people, knowing that each relationship is unique? What would you most like to offer each one? What do you think God wants for each one?

Thursday, October 31

## **Work**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. (1 Tim. 2:1)

Pray for your work—those you work with, the quality of your work, your contribution. How do you hope to grow as a worker, professional and/or contributor? How could your company, school, ministry, etc. better serve Christ's purposes?

Friday, November 1

## Church

For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:14-19)

Pray for your church—for the pastor, the leaders, and all those who are serving and ministering. Pray for the ministries of the church. How does God want you to serve and further the mission of the church? What are the particular needs that you could pray for?

Saturday, November 2

## Ministry

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)

Pray for your personal ministry. What mission has God given you? What are the desires of your heart and the leading of the Spirit for your ministries? What would you most like to see God do in you and through you as you serve Christ and minister to others?