

Day 1: The Father's Heart

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us to approach God as "Father"—a radical concept that speaks to God's deep love and desire for intimacy with us. Today, reflect on how you view God. Do you see Him as a distant deity or a loving Father? Consider how your earthly relationships might influence your perception of God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the Father's heart of love to you in a fresh way. As you go through your day, look for small evidences of God's fatherly care in your life.

Day 2: Bold and Persistent Prayer

Reading: Luke 18:1-8

The parable of the persistent widow encourages us to pray boldly and consistently. God isn't bothered by our requests—he delights in our coming to him. What areas of your life have you been hesitant to bring before God? What needs or desires have you given up praying for? Today, approach God's throne with "shameless boldness," knowing he loves to hear from you. Keep a prayer journal to record your requests and how God responds over time.

Day 3: Thy Kingdom Come

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to align our hearts with God's kingdom purposes. Often, our prayers can become self-focused, but Jesus invites us into a bigger story. How might your prayers change if you focused first on God's name being hallowed and his kingdom coming? Today, before presenting your personal requests, spend time praising God and praying for his will to be done in your family, community, and world. Look for ways you can be an answer to the prayer "Thy kingdom come" in your spheres of influence.

Day 4: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Reading: John 14:15-27

Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit—God's very presence living within us. This is the ultimate answer to our prayers and deepest needs. Have you been seeking God's presence, or have you been seeking to receive presents (gifts or rewards) from him? Today, invite the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh. Ask for his guidance, comfort, and power

throughout your day. Pay attention to his gentle promptings and be quick to obey. Thank God for this incredible gift of his indwelling presence.

Day 5: Trusting the Father's Goodness

Reading: Matthew 7:7-11

Jesus assures us of the Father's goodness and desire to give good gifts to his children. Yet sometimes we struggle to trust when our prayers seem unanswered. Reflect on times when God hasn't given you what you wanted—can you see now how he was protecting or redirecting you? If not, that's okay, but I have found that many times what I perceived as God's lack of provision was actually his protection. Today, choose to trust God's heart even when you don't understand what he is doing. Surrender your will to his, knowing that he sees the bigger picture and always acts out of love. Ask for grace to say, "Thy will be done" and mean it.