



# On Praying

## **5 Days On “Rooted Love, Righteous Growth, and Godward Living”**

### **Day 1: Growing in Love**

**Reading:** *Philippians 1:3–11*

#### **Devotional:**

Paul’s prayer for the Philippians begins with a desire for love that grows — not just emotionally, but in knowledge and discernment. True Christian love matures as we better understand God’s heart and reflect His character. This kind of love is wise, sacrificial, and intentional.

Love that pleases God isn’t shallow or reactive; it’s rooted in truth and guided by spiritual wisdom. As you reflect on your own journey, think about moments where love has stretched you or deepened you. Spiritual growth often starts with loving better — more like Christ, with grace, patience, and courage.

#### **Reflection Question:**

How has my love for others matured in wisdom and depth? Where do I need God’s help to love more like Him?

#### **Action Step:**

Choose one person to intentionally love today — through encouragement, forgiveness, or generosity — and do it prayerfully, asking God to guide your actions.

#### **Quote:**

*“Knowledge without love is harsh; love without knowledge is weak. But love rooted in truth reflects the fullness of Christ.”*

— **John Stott**

## Day 2: Pursuing Excellence

Reading: *Colossians 3:12–17*

### Devotional:

Paul invites us to “approve what is excellent,” choosing what reflects the character of Christ over what is merely convenient or common. Excellence in the Christian life means embodying compassion, kindness, humility, and patience — not perfection, but consistent surrender.

In a culture that often rewards shortcuts and minimal effort, God calls us to something greater — a life that honors Him with every detail. Excellence is found in the way we speak to others, show up to work, and serve our communities. When done in love, even ordinary acts can become sacred offerings.

### Reflection Question:

Am I settling for what is “good enough,” or striving to reflect Christ’s excellence in my actions and choices?

### Action Step:

Pick one area of your life (work, family, rest, or service) and take one step today toward honoring God with excellence in it.

### Quote:

*“Excellence is not being the best; it is being your best, offered to God for His glory.”*

— Oswald Chambers

## Day 3: Purity and Blamelessness

Reading: *1 Peter 1:13–16*

### Devotional:

“Be holy as I am holy.” This call isn’t about outward performance but inner alignment. God invites us to walk in purity, not through fear, but as a grateful response to grace. Holiness means letting our hearts be set apart for Him in every area of life.

This isn’t about rigid moralism but about relationship — living in the light of God’s holiness and love. When we understand that we’ve been set apart by His mercy, we begin to desire purity that comes from the inside out. Holiness becomes not a duty, but a joyful devotion to the One who rescued us.

### Reflection Question:

Are there areas of my life where I’m compromising rather than walking in holiness?

### Action Step:

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one area of hidden compromise. Confess it, receive grace, and choose one small step toward obedience.

**Quote:**

*"Holiness is not the way to Christ. Christ is the way to holiness."*

— **Adrian Rogers**

## **Day 4: Bearing Fruit of Righteousness**

**Reading:** *Galatians 5:22–26*

**Devotional:**

The fruit of righteousness — love, joy, peace, and more — isn't something we manufacture; it flows from abiding in Christ. The Spirit's work is gradual but powerful, shaping us into people who reflect God's beauty in a broken world.

Just like fruit takes time to grow, so does spiritual maturity. Don't be discouraged by slow progress. The key is staying connected to the Vine — Jesus. The more we allow His Spirit to lead us, the more these virtues emerge naturally. The goal isn't self-improvement, but Spirit-empowered transformation that quietly bears witness to a watching world.

**Reflection Question:**

Which fruit of the Spirit is God cultivating in me? Which one am I resisting?

**Action Step:**

Spend time in prayer today, specifically asking God to grow one fruit (like patience or self-control) in a current challenge you're facing.

**Quote:**

*"The fruit of the Spirit grows best in the soil of daily surrender."*

— **Dallas Willard**

## **Day 5: Living for God's Glory**

**Reading:** *1 Corinthians 10:23–33*

**Devotional:**

Paul reminds us that everything we do — even eating and drinking — can reflect the glory of God. A life lived for God's glory is not self-centered, but God-centered. Our choices, words, and attitudes become worship when motivated by love for Him.

This means that everyday life becomes holy ground. Whether you're working at a desk, caring for children, serving at church, or resting at home, all of it can become a beautiful offering. When we live to reflect God's goodness, others take notice. And when our lives point to Him, we fulfill our highest purpose.

**Reflection Question:**

Do I view my daily routines and decisions as opportunities to glorify God?

**Action Step:**

Pause before three decisions today (big or small) and ask: "Will this glorify God or just gratify me?" Choose the God-honoring path.

**Quote:**

*"The glory of God is a human being fully alive — fully surrendered to the purposes of Christ."*  
— Irenaeus (paraphrased)