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# GREETINGS

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we start a new year, it's important to remember the foundation of our joy and peace: Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we will spend 21 days focused on Jesus. In doing so, we will rely on the spiritual disciplines of:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Bible intake
- Journaling

As our guiding Scripture, we will use Matthew 17:19-21:

Then, the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting. (Matthew 17:19-21)

To develop a strong faith capable of overcoming challenging circumstances in life, we can learn from the example of Jesus. Through prayer and fasting, we can apply miracle-working faith, capable of casting out troublesome circumstances – sin, emotional trauma, overwhelming debt, substance abuse, sickness, pain, lack of forgiveness, and anger – as Jesus did. By seeking His guidance and relying on His power, we can overcome every obstacle in 2024.

As part of our daily devotional, we will focus on the names of Jesus. I encourage you to study and reflect on each name to draw closer to Jesus this year.

There is victory in **Jesus**.

Amazed by His Grace, Dr. T.L. Carmichael, Sr.

# INSTRUCTIONS

### 21-Day Fasting and Prayer Guide

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Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024, and ending Monday, January 22, 2024, please join us in the following:

- Set aside time each day to learn about the names of Jesus.
- Journal your thoughts, pray for others, and share God's word.
- Attend our weekly Bible study broadcast on <u>Facebook</u> every Wednesday at 7 pm by going to <u>https://www.facebook.com/Carmichaelministries</u>
- Connect to our Saturday morning prayer call from 7 7:15 am. To join the call, dial (667) 770-1476, then put in code 739376#
- Join one of our Sunday morning Navigational classes starting at 9:15 am at the Knightdale campus.
- Go on a 21-day fast of your choice. Consult with your doctor before beginning any fast.
- Use the Moment to Reflect journal pages throughout the fast.

Print this journal and put the pages in your favorite three-ring binder. Or, use this journal on your iPad or with other note-taking applications.

# JESUS

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** The name Jesus is derived from the Hebrew name Joshua, meaning "the LORD is salvation." Joshua demonstrated courageous leadership in the Old Testament by leading the Israelites into Canaan. Jesus, on the other hand, saved humanity through a significant personal battle, paving the way for people to enter God's promised land of divine presence.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, the name above all names, I am grateful that You came to save not only Israel but all those who seek Your help. I ask for Your forgiveness if I have used Your name in vain or treated it lightly. Jesus, I pray for Your guidance and assistance in living a life that brings honor to Your name. Amen.



#### DAY TWO

### THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; (John 11:25)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Death is a common fear for those who don't believe in God. The uncertainty of what lies beyond death can be overwhelming. However, Jesus conquered death by willingly sacrificing His own life. He didn't simply put an end to death but instead overcame it. As Scripture reminds us, "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:54). Through His resurrection, Jesus promises new life to those who put their faith in Him.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, as I address You as the Resurrection and the Life, I acknowledge the brokenness and sin surrounding our world. Yet, I find hope in Your sovereignty and eagerly anticipate the day when death, sorrow, and grief are no more. I am grateful for the pathway to God that You have provided. I humbly ask for Your forgiveness for not fully utilizing my time, talents, and treasures to testify of You. I pray for the zeal and dedication to serve You wholeheartedly, spreading the knowledge of Your name as the Resurrection and the Life to others. Amen.

MY THOUGHTS

### DAY THREE

## KING OF THE JEWS

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:2)

**TODAY'S FOCUS**: The wise men embarked on a quest to find Jesus when He was born, specifically seeking the one known as the King of the Jews. However, this title, King of the Jews, stirred up hatred and envy in King Herod. It's important to note that no earthly king could ever rival Jesus. Remarkably, Jesus isn't just the King of the Jews but of all humanity. He initially arrived as a humble King but will return as a warrior King to assert His rightful claim. John enlightens us with a vivid description of this profound truth in the book of Revelation: "On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev 19:16).

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I humbly offer my praise to You as the King, not only of the Jewish people but also of all humanity. I acknowledge that there are times when I fail to honor You as my King. Please extend Your forgiving grace to me. I deeply love You and express my gratitude for including Gentiles in Your plan of Salvation. Instill in me a genuine love for Israel, mirroring the affection You have for them. May we all unite in worshiping You. Amen.

### DAY FOUR

### IMMANUEL

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus' birth and life teach us a profound truth: God desires intimate closeness with His people. When He created humans, He breathed His own life into us, shaping us in His image so we could have a deep connection with Him. The name Immanuel, which means "God with us." Reflecting on this, we are in awe of how God humbled Himself, assuming human form and becoming one of us. It is remarkable that God made a way to be close to us.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, I am grateful for your presence and the opportunity to draw near to you. Please forgive me for the times I have overlooked this privilege. Your name, Immanuel, signifies that you are close to me. I pray that you would help me understand the heart of God the Father in a more profound way. May I fully grasp the significance of Your name, Immanuel, so I do not take your closeness for granted. Amen.

### DAY FIVE

## HOLY ONE OF GOD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Now, there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" (Mark 1:23-24)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus' name, the Holy One of God, carries immense authority and is feared by demons. This powerful name holds dominion over death, hell, and the evil forces that engage in spiritual warfare. We must learn to tap into this name's protection. We can live victoriously by acknowledging and embracing the full impact of Jesus' name, the Holy One of God.

**TODAY'S PRAYER**: Dear Jesus, I am grateful for your role as my deliverer. Whenever I feel bound by Satan's influence, I have faith in your ability to set me free through your name, Holy One of God. I humbly ask for your forgiveness for the sins that have bound me. I declare my release, empowered by the blood and name of the Holy One of God. Use me, Jesus, to help others know who You are. Amen.



# LAMB OF GOD

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** In the Bible, sacrificial lambs were important in bearing the burden of sins. This act symbolically transferred the guilt from the sinner to the innocent lamb, declaring the person innocent while the animal was punished for sin, which was death. However, the arrival of Jesus Christ, known as the Lamb of God, fulfilled and exceeded the sacrificial system. Through His sacrificial death on the cross, He provided atonement for all of humanity's sins, which can be received through faith in Him. It is crucial to understand that God does not overlook our sins but acknowledges them and offers a solution through His own Son. This profound truth allows us to establish a meaningful relationship with God, all because of the Lamb of God.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, I express my deep love and gratitude towards you as the Lamb of God who takes away the world's sins. In this moment, I confess my sins to You and receive the precious gift of forgiveness that only You can provide. I humbly ask for guidance on how to honor Your name as the Lamb of God. Show me the path to take that allows me to use my time, talents, and resources in ways that bring glory to Your name. Amen.



### DAY SEVEN

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus illuminates our lives with His brilliance. He reveals our sins, reminds us of our need for redemption, and guides us toward everlasting life. As the Light of the World, Jesus awakens our souls to see the beauty surrounding us and God's works. We can be lights in the darkness, sharing the hope that Jesus brings. Let us remember Jesus, the Light of the World, and how He desires to use each of us to spread His light and bring hope to others.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, I am forever grateful for the grace and brilliance You bring as the Light of the World. You not only reveal my sins but also the beauty that surrounds me. Through you, I have the opportunity for everlasting life. I humbly pray that You use me to help those separated from You find their way out of darkness and into your loving embrace. May I always remember that you, Jesus, the Light of the World, desire to use me as a vessel of your light, bringing hope to those in need. Amen.

# PRINCE OF PEACE

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** For unto us, a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus graciously restored peace wherever He traveled during His time on earth. He lovingly calmed storms, compassionately healed the sick, miraculously raised the dead, and forgave sinners. As the Prince of Peace, Jesus brings us eternal peace with God. Even though the world may be engulfed in anxiety and worry, we can find solace in the assurance that Jesus is diligently restoring all things, and we have the privilege of joining Him in spreading peace to a wounded world, anticipating the arrival of His peaceful kingdom in the future.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, I am grateful for your presence as the Prince of Peace. Your peace reigns during crises and emergencies, safeguarding my heart and mind. I humbly ask for your forgiveness for the times I have allowed fear to take control. I am sorry for the moments when I resisted the peace that You offer. Lord Jesus, your title as the Prince of Peace holds incredible power. Please show me how to protect my emotions and abide in a constant state of peace. Help me fully embrace the blessing of your peace so that others may witness it and seek the unfathomable peace that only You can provide. Amen.

Y THOUGHTS

### DAY NINE

### BREAD OF LIFE

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Jesus replied, "I am the Bread of Life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. Those believing in me will never thirst. (John 6:35)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** In ancient times, bread was a staple food, representing nourishment and provision. Likewise, Jesus plays a crucial role in our spiritual nourishment. He embodies life itself and offers fulfillment beyond measure. By identifying Jesus as the Bread of Life, we discover He fulfills our deepest longings and desires. As the psalmist affirms in Psalm 16:11, through divine presence, we gain a path to life, complete joy, and everlasting pleasures at His right hand. Embrace Jesus, the ultimate source of satisfaction and fulfillment.

**TODAY'S PRAYER**: Dear Jesus, You are everything I have ever desired and more. You are the life-sustaining source, nourishing all souls. I humbly acknowledge and appreciate Your provision. Please forgive me for indulging in empty philosophies taught by the world. I now understand the error of seeking wisdom from the world instead of seeking You. As the Bread of Life, fill me with the spiritual nourishment necessary for my growth in our journey together. Teach me the discipline of seeking Your Word and purpose for my existence. Amen

### DAY TEN

### MESSIAH

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. (Daniel 9:25-26)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** The Old Testament prophets foretold the coming of Jesus as the Messiah. Israel anticipated His arrival, and in the New Testament, Andrew informed his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah, which means Christ" (John 1:41). As the Messiah, Jesus brought joy to the world then and continues to do so now. The arrival of the Messiah fulfilled God's promise of redemption for all of humanity.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Jesus, you revealed Yourself as the Messiah to the woman at the well who expressed her anticipation for Your coming. (John 4:25) I humbly admit that there are times when I fail to recognize You as the Messiah. Please forgive me, Jesus. I sincerely want to deepen my understanding of You as the Messiah. I ask for Your help developing the spiritual disciplines that help me learn more about You daily. As I gain a better understanding, help me proclaim Your name to those who have not yet come to know You. Amen

Y THOUGHTS

### DAY ELEVEN

## Shiloh

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. (Genesis 49:10)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jacob shares a prophetic message with his son Judah where he declares, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the people." Shiloh, which refers to Jesus, means"He whose right it is" or "Whom it belongs." Through this name, Shiloh, we understand Jesus as ruler over everything.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, Your name Shiloh holds the meaning of "He whose right it is." It reminds me that everything belongs to You as the Messiah and great King. Lord Jesus, please forgive me for the times when I've tried to move forward without You. Help me always remember that true peace is found in You. Jesus, please set me free from anything that tries to hold me back. Grant me the peace and comfort I need to navigate through each day. I earnestly seek Your perfect peace as You, Shiloh, reign over everything. Amen.

# TRUE VINE

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**: I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. (John 15:1)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** In the book of Isaiah, Israel is the vineyard of the Lord Almighty, with the people of Judah representing the vines. The Lord expected them to follow righteous paths, but sadly, they turned to violent and wicked acts instead. (Isaiah 5:7) In contrast, Jesus, the True Vine, exemplifies faithfulness, fulfilling all the Father asks. Without Him, we are prone to succumb to sinful tendencies. However, by remaining connected to Jesus, the True Vine, we receive the sustenance and nourishment needed to lead fruitful lives.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, I humbly come before You, recognizing that You are the true vine. Through You, I can experience the profound joy of the Father's love and Your love. Your Word in John 15:9 reminds me that just as the Father loved You, You have also loved me. I am in awe of Your love. Please forgive me for the times when I have failed to love others in a way that brings glory to Your name. I earnestly seek Your wisdom and guidance to learn how to love better. Teach me how to abide in You, for in You is where true life and fruitfulness are found. Amen.

#### DAY THIRTEEN

## GOOD SHEPHERD

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** In John 10, Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd." Through this name, Jesus cares deeply for us. He watches over us, providing guidance and protection. Jesus laid down His life for us, a profound act of sacrifice and love. As His followers, we can find comfort in knowing Jesus carries us in His arms. As it is written in Isaiah 40:11, "Llike a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His boson; He will gently lead the nursing ewes." Be comforted by the reassuring presence of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, You are my Good Shepherd, and I am forever grateful for Your humility and sacrifice. You willingly left Your rightful throne to guide, nurture, and protect me. I bow before You, acknowledging that I often stray from Your path. Please forgive my disobedience and grant me the wisdom to heed Your voice. I humbly ask for Your guidance as my Good Shepherd.

# MAN OF SORROWS

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53:3)

**TODAY'S FOCUS**: Isaiah 53 is a prophecy that foretells the Messiah's sufferings. In Isaiah 53:3, Jesus is referred to as a Man of sorrows. It is important to note that while this name implies sadness, Jesus was not perpetually sad. There were moments when Jesus exuded great joy, as seen in Luke 10:21. However, Jesus had an intimate understanding of sorrow and grief. He experienced all of the sorrows in both body and soul and bore the burdens of man's struggle to obey. Despite all the sorrows He felt, Jesus loved the Father deeply, and His sacrificial act opened the door to salvation for all of us.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, I acknowledge the profound sorrow that surpassed the physical torment You endured during the beatings and crucifixion. I humbly ask for Your forgiveness for not expressing gratitude for the emotional, spiritual, and physical suffering You willingly faced to ensure that I would never be disconnected from God once I placed my faith in You for salvation. Thank You, Jesus, for being a Man of sorrows, and for carrying the weight of the world's sins. I seek Your guidance in leading others to You. Amen.

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# LORD OF LORDS

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**: For in due season, Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only Almighty God, the King of kings and Lord of lords. (1 Timothy 6:15)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus holds a unique and unparalleled position as the ultimate Lord. His lordship surpasses any other lords or kings in existence. It is important to acknowledge Jesus' rightful place as Lord and willingly submit to His sovereign rule. While Jesus possesses the power and authority to accomplish His purposes, He does not force His lordship upon us. As the Lord of Lords, Jesus has the strength to overcome all opposition against Him and His followers. We align ourselves with His victorious reign by placing our faith in Him.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I acknowledge and honor Your Lordship over everything. You reign supreme, with authority and power that transcends all. I humbly seek Your mercy for my shortcomings in recognizing Your rule over everything. I ask for Your forgiveness for not acknowledging all You have accomplished in my life. I am grateful for the victories You have won in my life and throughout creation. May Your calling and choosing of me fill me with confidence and boldness. Amen.

M<sub>Y THOUGHTS</sub>

# DAY SIXTEEN

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Jesus told him, "I am the Way—yes, and the Truth and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me. (John 14:6)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus is the embodiment of God's truth. Every word He utters carries the utmost truth, and His life exemplifies an unwavering commitment to truth. However, the enemy seeks to deceive us, whispering lies that tempt us into believing we can act without consequences or doubt God's goodness. Jesus, on the other hand, remains rooted in the reality of truth. He extends an invitation to experience the freedom that accompanies living in truth, as He proclaims, "and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32). Jesus, the embodiment of Truth, brings us true freedom.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, I acknowledge that You are truth. In a world that promotes multiple versions of truth, I recognize that there is only one ultimate truth, and that truth is You. I ask for forgiveness for seeking answers from sources other than You. Please help me remember that You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life and that the only way to reach the Father is through You. Through You, I can find sanctification. As it is written in John 17:17, "Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth." I pray for a stronger and closer connection with You, abiding in Your presence. Amen.

My THOUGHTS

#### DAY SEVENTEEN

## LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**: But one of the twenty-four Elders said to me, "Stop crying, for look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, and proved himself worthy to open the scroll and to break its seven seals." (Revelation 5:5)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus embodies humility and servanthood, but don't mistake His humility for weakness. Throughout His life, Jesus showed immense strength by exercising restraint despite having the power to overcome His adversaries. From His humble birth to His sacrificial death, Jesus displayed His fierce nature. Like a lion, His power causes His enemies to scatter. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible contains numerous stories and references that depict Jesus as the Lion of Judah, symbolizing His ultimate reign. Jesus is the victorious Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, I acknowledge your authority as the mighty Lion from the Tribe of Judah. As the root of David, You can open the book and its seven seals. I find comfort in knowing that the same power that will establish Your reign during the millennium is available to me in every situation. I humbly seek your forgiveness for relying on my strength to confront spiritual battles. I am grateful that I do not fight in spiritual warfare to gain victory, but instead, I fight from a position of victory as you have already secured it for me. Amen.



### DAY EIGHTEEN

### DAYSPRING

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us. (Luke 1:78)

**TODAY'S FOCUS**: The glory of God departed from the Temple, and the voice of the prophets ceased in Israel for an extended period. However, God did not forget His people; the day finally arrived when He spoke through Zacharias. He prophesied about the long-awaited Messiah and the revelation of God's glory in Jesus Christ, the Dayspring from on high. He is the source of life, hope, peace, and love. As believers who have received salvation by grace through faith, we are responsible for reflecting Christ's light to everyone we encounter. In a world immersed in darkness, we must share the gospel's good news so that others can find salvation through Jesus.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, Your Word tells me that Zacharias prophesied about the revelation of Your glory in Jesus Christ, the Dayspring from on high. Jesus is the source of life, hope, peace, and love. As a believer, I am grateful for salvation through Your grace. I recognize that I am responsible for reflecting Christ's light to everyone I meet. In a world immersed in darkness, I fervently pray for the opportunity to share the good news of the gospel so that others may find salvation through Jesus. Amen.



#### DAY NINETEEN

### WORD OF GOD

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** The opening verse of John's Gospel provides powerful insights into the divine nature of the Word. John declares that even before the world existed, the Word existed and coexisted with God. Further reference to "the beginning" can be found in Genesis 1:1, when God created the heavens and the earth. Through this profound statement in John 1:1, we are introduced to one of the fundamental pillars of our faith, the doctrine of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, You are the eternal Word. Before all creation, You already existed as the Word. You were with God, and You were God. Jesus, I acknowledge the power that resides in Your Word. Please forgive me for my lack of discipline in studying, meditating on, and unleashing the power of You and Your Word in my life. Help me show greater reverence and honor to Your Word. Instill in me a continuous longing to meditate on Your Word and remain in You as the living Word of God. Amen.

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#### DAY TWENTY

## LORD OF GLORY

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Our words are wise because they are from God, telling of God's wise plan to bring us into the glories of heaven. This plan was hidden in former times, though it was made for our benefit before the world began. But the great men of the world have not understood it; if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of Glory. (1 Corinthians 2:7-8)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus is recognized as the Lord of Glory, which means the "glorious Lord" or the "Messiah." Unfortunately, some people failed to see His role as the Lord of Glory. According to 1 Corinthians 2:8, if these individuals had truly understood Jesus' character, recognized the wisdom behind His plan, and understood His work, they would not have put Him to death.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Jesus, I humbly exalt You as the Lord of Glory. You reign in absolute glory, showing the highest expression of all glory. I acknowledge that I may unintentionally give glory to other things instead of You. Please forgive me for allowing anything to overshadow Your glory. Thank You for Your gracious gift of glory. Your radiant glory illuminates my path. Your glorious presence shields me from the darkness. Your glory fills my heart with joy. Jesus, guide me in reflecting Your glorious presence to others.

Y THOUGHTS

#### DAY TWENTY ONE

### ALPHA AND OMEGA

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. This name tells us that He existed before all things and will continue to exist beyond all things. In ancient Greek, Alpha represents the first letter of the alphabet, and Omega represents the last. With this in mind, Jesus is the 'A to Z,' the Beginning and the End. Because Jesus is the Beginning and the End, He holds authority over everything in between. Jesus has a clear plan for history and guides the path of human events towards His intended fulfillment. Our lives are not subject to blind fate or meaningless randomness. Instead, Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, shapes human history, including our lives.

**TODAY'S PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Your name signifies your eternal existence that predates all things and will continue beyond time. Just as the Greek alphabet's Alpha and Omega represent the first and last letters, You declare Yourself to be the complete and comprehensive provider of everything. I acknowledge Your divine authority over all that lies in between, and I trust in Your perfect plan for history and the guidance You provide in my life. May I find comfort and assurance in knowing that my existence is not subject to blind fate or chaos but shaped by Your loving hand. Amen.

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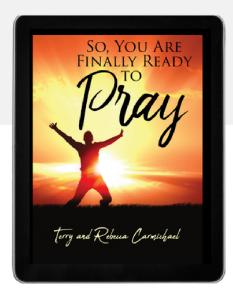
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Additional Resources

# KEEP GROWING

If you want to build a stronger prayer life, pick up a copy of, So, You're Finally Ready to Pray. Written by Dr. T.L. Carmichael, Sr., and First Lady Rebecca Carmichael, you will discover mercy and grace through the power of prayer.



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