

April 28, 2026



worldwide
day of prayer

**Rejoice,
pray,
and
give thanks**

10 Day Devotion

— campus crusade for christ international —

Introduction

Please take 15 to 30 unhurried minutes daily for the 10 days before the Day of Prayer. As you meditate on the Bible passages and your heart, try to be open and honest before the Lord about your feelings, hopes and maybe disappointments. We pray that this special time refreshes your relationship with God, brings you His comfort, whatever challenges you face, breathes in your life new energy and excitement about a wonderful privilege to be His children and His ambassadors to this world. His burden is light. His will is good. His care is constant. May joy, prayer and thanksgiving grow in your heart as we look forward to this wonderful global prayer with our missionaries all over the world.

Welcome to a 10-day journey for spiritual encouragement, strengthening of faith, and preparation of our hearts for the World Day of Prayer.



The theme 'Rejoice, pray and give thanks' of the upcoming World Day of Prayer is taken from Paul's first epistle.

The Apostle addresses a church he had barely managed to establish before enraged Jews interrupted his mission and forced him to flee first to Berea, then to Athens (Acts 17:1-15). Like many of us, the believers in Thessalonica - a major trading center of the region - faced pressure from pagan culture. Idolatry, moral corruption, societal divisions and hostility, idleness, and the desire to live at others' expense - all this is so similar to today's world. For those who had sincerely turned to God in this church, it was not easy to continue holding firmly to God in such an environment. Relationships with unbelievers either hid temptations or threatened their work, business, or family well-being. The Apostle understood this perfectly. With fatherly care, he addresses these Christians with words of comfort and instruction that are still so relevant.

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Ten days of listening, praying and meditating

Day 1

Amazing Salvation

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-5)

Questions for Reflection:

- Paul typically begins his epistles with thanksgiving for the church. Is being grateful reflected in our life?
- Thank the Lord for what He has already accomplished and continues to accomplish in your life.
- What manifestation of God's power would you desire in your life?
How can you participate more in this work of God rather than trying to take it upon yourself?

Additional Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-5; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Timothy 1:8-10



Day 2

Unchanging Joy

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1 Thessalonians 1:6–7)

Questions for Reflection:

- How do you live out the joy of the Spirit?
- What trials have you faced recently? What has God taught you through them? Which of these lessons can help you to learn to rejoice in sufferings, like the Thessalonians?
- Pray that you may be an example of faith and encouragement.

Additional Reading: James 1:2-4; Acts 5:40-42; Matthew 5:11-12

Day 3

Patient Hope

9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:9–10)

Questions for Reflection:

- Reflect on the difference between serving the living God and serving these idols.
- How much does the hope of the Son's coming comfort and encourage you?
- Recall and thank God for recent experiences of people to become free.

Additional Reading: Acts 17:13-34 (Paul's sermon shortly after fleeing Thessalonica)

Day 4

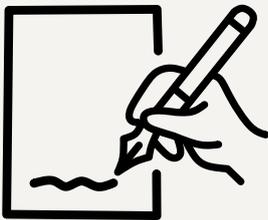
Effective Word

13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Questions for Reflection:

- How does God's Word change your life, despite cultural and other barriers?
- How does the Word influence and help you form strategy and make decisions?
- Is the value and trust in the Word reflected in your life? What would you like to change in this area? Pray that your life may be even more based on the truths of the Word.

Additional Reading: Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 8:15; Isaiah 55:11



Day 5

Insightful Prayer

9 For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, 10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? 11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (1 Thessalonians 3:9–13)

Questions for Reflection:

- What compelled Paul to pray so fervently, "night and day"? Following the apostle's example, what needs do you want to pray for?

Amid conflicts and divisions in the society, love is a bright testimony.
- Who has been drawn closer to God through seeing God's love through you? Thank Him for this and pray that His love may shine even brighter.
- This apostolic prayer reveals the purpose of the entire epistle. Paul exhorts believers to grow in love for one another and for all so they may be blameless when Christ returns. Why is sanctification so important for Christian life?

Additional Reading: John 13:35; Colossians 1:9-12

Day 6

God's Will

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification... (1 Thessalonians 4:3a)

Questions for Reflection:

- Which areas need sanctification?
- What temptations do you struggle with yourself? Pray that God helps you be faithful to Him in all areas and continue the path of sanctification.
- Pray for sanctification as a lifestyle. Confess and ask for God's power to continue this path.

Additional Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-23

Day 7

Best Comfort

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep... 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18)

Questions for Reflection:

- Personal tragedies can shake Christians' faith greatly. Bitterness of loss and resentment toward God paralyze spiritual life and ministry. How does Paul encourage believers? How does this help us in coping with personal grief?
- What views on death are common among your culture? How can you tactfully point to the Gospel's hope in response to these views? Thank God for this hope in Him.
- Who specifically needs such comfort? Pray for wisdom and opportunity to witness to people about hope that extends beyond their earthly lives.

Additional Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50–52; 2 Corinthians 1:4

Day 8

Spiritual Vigilance

2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4–6)

Questions for Reflection:

- Thank God for not being in darkness anymore.
- What kind of being awake does Paul speak of? What are the dangers of not being attentive?
- How can we stay awake, attentive and encourage others to do the same?

Additional Reading: Matthew 26:41; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 4:2; 1 Peter 4:7

Day 9

Transformed Relationships

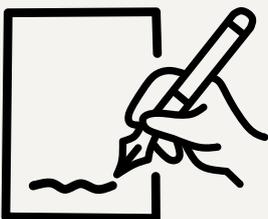
12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. (1 Thessalonians 5:12–15)

Questions for Reflection:

In a society where strength, influence, money, and status mattered most, it was easy to take the diligent labor of servants for granted and consider status higher than the authority of spiritual leaders. How is respect for leaders manifested in your life? How can you better reflect this value in word and deed?

How should love be manifested in serving different groups of people? How can this passage help you choose the right approach? Pray that God guides you through an individual approach to people's needs and circumstances.

Additional Reading: Hebrews 13:17; Romans 15:1-2



Day 10

God's Faithfulness

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)

Questions for Reflection:

- How does God's faithfulness sustain you long-term?
- How does the assurance "He will do it" change expectations?
- Thank God for His faithfulness, promises, and instructions. Ask God to help you to rely on His power and not your own.

Additional Reading: Jude 24-25

