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WEEK 2

PRAYER IS ABOUT REMEMBERING WHO GOD IS AND WHO WE ARE.

**And we are confident
that he hears us
whenever we ask
for anything that
pleases him.**

1 JOHN 5:14 NLT

DAY 1

PRAY // Are your prayers more than just a list of requests? Asking God for the things we need isn't a bad thing, but we should also talk to Him about more than just what we want. Jesus told us to pray for God's desires to be done in the world, pray for help navigating temptations in life, and even pray for our enemies. When we pray this way, God hears us and even *uses* us to accomplish His purposes in the world. Today, pray for more than what you want *from* God. Ask God to show you how He *wants* to use you to positively impact the world.



**The Lord is close to
all who call on him,
yes, to all who call
on him in truth.**

PSALM 145:18 NLT

DAY 2

PRAY // It's normal for us to call on God when we go through something difficult. BUT, what if we spent time calling out to God in the *best* times of our lives, too? The truth is, God wants to be close to us in our trials *AND* triumphs in life. If life is good right now, don't overlook your opportunity to call out to God and grow closer to Him. Let Him know that you want to be close to Him in good times and in bad. Today, take a few minutes to talk to God about something *good* in your life.



**Search for the Lord
and for his strength;
continually seek him.**

1 CHRONICLES 16:11 NLT

DAY 3

HEAR // Prayer puts us in direct contact with the source of all strength. When we pray, we're actually having a conversation with the greatest power in the universe. Because we can't see Him, it's sometimes easy to forget how strong, powerful, and helpful God is. But the truth is, when you pray, you're speaking directly with the One who created distant stars, raging seas, and breathtaking mountains. This week, begin to approach God by acknowledging how great He is. Thank Him for allowing you to approach Him whenever you want. Remember that He has all the strength and power you need for any circumstance you face.



**I am praying to you
because I know you
will answer, O God.
Bend down and
listen as I pray.**

PSALM 17:6 NLT

DAY 4

TALK // Do you ever feel like your prayers are just bouncing off the ceiling? Sometimes, when God doesn't answer in the way we hoped or anticipated, it feels like prayer doesn't work. This feeling is normal, but Scripture constantly reminds us that God *does* answer our prayers. Maybe sometimes God just doesn't answer the way we *think* He should. When we feel this way, it's important that we process our feelings with someone else. Today, talk to someone you trust about your unanswered prayers. Other people can encourage you to keep praying and help you understand how God might be speaking to you through it.



**"In those days when
you pray, I will listen.
If you look for me
wholeheartedly, you
will find me."**

JEREMIAH 29:12-13 NLT

DAY 5

LIVE // Do you know that you don't have to pray with your "eyes closed and head bowed"? You can pray while you're on a jog if you'd like. Or while you're driving to pick up your younger brother from practice. In fact, sometimes prayer is simply looking for God in the world around you. It's gazing at the mountains and thanking God for His greatness. Or it's taking a deep breath and expressing gratitude for endless oxygen. God is present all around us. This week, *look* for God in new ways. When you find reminders of His presence, pause and talk to Him, either silently or out loud (whichever makes sense depending on where you are).

