

DAY 5: Prayer for Knowing God's Will

Scripture: Colossians 1:9–14

- 1. Read:** Absorb Paul's continuous, unceasing prayer for the Colossian church.
- 2. Observe:** Watch the beautiful chain reaction: Knowing God's will leads to walking worthy, which leads to fruitfulness, which leads to radical endurance.
- 3. Understand:** Let's look at a healthier way to search for direction:
 - Knowledge of His Will: It helps to realize God's will is less about a physical destination (the perfect job, house, or city) and far more about our ongoing spiritual transformation.
 - Walking Worthy & Pleasing Him: When we focus entirely on honoring God in the current step we are taking today, the next step has a way of naturally illuminating.
 - Great Endurance & Patience with Joy: God gives us His supernatural might not just so we can survive tough seasons, but so we can walk through them with genuine joy.
- 4. Pray:** Ask to be filled to the brim with the knowledge of His will through the framework below.
- 5. Live:** Whatever decision you are currently stressing over, let's try shifting our focus today. Instead of begging God for a long-term "roadmap," let's ask for the grace to walk in a manner worthy of Him right now.

Fill-in-the-Blank Prayer Template:

"God, I ask that You fill _____ (myself / name of a loved one) with the exact knowledge of Your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. I pray this so that _____ (I / they) may live a life worthy of You, Lord, pleasing You in every single way. Let _____ (me / them) bear fruit in every good work and grow steadily in the knowledge of who You are. Strengthen _____ (me / them) with all power according to Your glorious might, so that _____ (I / they) may have great endurance, patience, and joyful thanksgiving today. Amen."

DAY 6: Prayer for Hope, Joy, and Peace

Scripture: Romans 15:5–6 & 15:13

- 1. Read:** Read both selections from Paul's deep theological masterpiece.
- 2. Observe:** Notice who our ultimate source of unity and hope is. Pay attention to what happens to our fear when the Holy Spirit fills our lives.
- 3. Understand:** What does it take to maintain an unshakeable soul?
 - Spirit of Unity: Having a mind and voice focused on glorifying God, which helps eliminate division and interpersonal drama in our everyday relationships.
 - The God of Hope: Hope isn't just a positive feeling we have to manufacture on a good day. Hope is a Person.
 - Overflow by Supernatural Power: True peace and joy are not the absolute absence of trouble; they are found in the overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit evicting fear from our hearts.
- 4. Pray:** Pray that the God of hope will fill you using the framework below.
- 5. Live:** Where have you accidentally allowed daily chaos, fear, or a stressful news cycle to replace your biblical hope? Let's identify that specific area and speak God's peace over it right now.

Fill-in-the-Blank Prayer Template:

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant _____ (myself / name of family member / my church) the spirit of unity as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one mind and one voice we may glorify You. I specifically pray that You, the God of hope, will fill _____ (myself / name of a loved one) with all joy and peace as _____ (I / they) trust in You. Cause _____ (my / their) heart to overflow with absolute hope by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, driving out all fear concerning _____ (insert a current worry or situation). Amen."