

RAISE THE MARK

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Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant. May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us, that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers. And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day requires, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no one else. Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

—1 KINGS 8:56-61

- Meditate on the promises of God. Turn to one of your favorite promises in Scripture and be prepared to read them to others.
- Reflect on the goodness of God. Be prepared to share with others evidence from your life that He is with you and that He hasn't left you or forsaken you.
- Pray that God would constantly maintain the causes of His people, as each day requires.
- Pray that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God.
- Pray for a specific country of the world that the Lord brings to your mind. Pray that many in our body will go to www.gmi.org to pray daily for different places in the world every day.
- Pray for the elders and leaders of "Watermark World Wide" as they continue to labor together to discern next steps for how the Spirit wants to use our local body in other geographies and cultures.
- Pray that individuals visiting with us during the "Skeptics" series would be moved to respond to the Person of Christ. Pray that everyone would continue to use the invite cards and email to reach out to those opposed to the faith or skeptical about radical obedience. Pray specifically and by name for those you are inviting. Pray for divine 'coincidences' to meet and invite others.
- Pray that 'regular attenders' would be moved to become members and active participants in the body of Christ.
- Pray that all current members of this body would increasingly "let their hearts be wholly devoted to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments."
- Confess specific areas where your life is not rightly described as "wholly devoted". Ask for and receive His forgiveness. Ask the Spirit to convict you of areas that you need to share with others for prayer.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

- Pray that the admonishments and commands in the following verses would be fleshed out within this body of Christ. Pray that we would live out these verses as individuals who are "devoted to prayer," committed to "conducting ourselves with wisdom toward outsiders" and "making the most of every opportunity with our speech always being full of grace."

JOSHUA 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

PSALM 1:1-6

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season. Its leaf does not wither and in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

PROVERBS 4:23

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

JOHN 14:21

He who has My commandments and keeps (meditates on or keeps thinking about) them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.

JOHN 15:4-5

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

ROMANS 6:11

Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

GALATIANS 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

GALATIANS 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

EPHESIANS 4:1-3

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

EPHESIANS 4:20-24

But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

EPHESIANS 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

EPHESIANS 5:8

... for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

EPHESIANS 6:18

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

PHILIPPIANS 2:5

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

COLOSSIANS 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

... pray without ceasing

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

Do not quench the Spirit

HEBREWS 12:2

... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 PETER 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time

1 JOHN 1:7

... but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

